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Editorial.

THE new Board of Editors commence with this number the twenty-third volume of the ERA. The ERA has always maintained a high position as a college weekly and it now devolves upon the present Board to sustain this reputation. The editors assume their duties with the determination to make the columns of the ERA attractive both to the students and the Alumni of the University, to give their patrons each week a correct and accurate *resumé* of all matters pertaining to the University, and to cover a broad field of general college news. Although full of hope for the future success of the ERA, the Board realize that it is only through indefatigable toil that these pages can be filled with interesting matter. It has been deemed advisable to place a finer quality of paper in the interior of the ERA, retaining the same cover. This not only insures better printing, but, it is hoped, will make a more attractive publication.

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WHILE the ERA will strive to give all the current topics of interest concerning the University, it will make an assiduous en-

deavor to devote some space each week to literary and scientific matter, and also pay special attention to the review of new books. A weekly paper has an opportunity to present something of more permanent value than the ordinary news of the week, and this opportunity the ERA hopes to improve. At the close of the college year the Board chooses two men from the class of '93 and one from the class of '92 as ERA editors for the ensuing year. The places, as formerly, will be open to competition, and the editors wish to urge upon the competitors the fact that the choice will be based not on inches alone, but on the literary merit of the work.

* * *

THE ERA takes this opportunity to heartily congratulate the members of the Freshman and 'Varsity crews on the admirable manner in which they brought Cornell to the front in last spring's races. We have reason to feel proud not of the victories alone, but that nothing occurred, when the crews went out of training, which could in any way reflect upon the reputation of the men or that of the University. The sacrifice which our oarsmen are obliged to make during the year in order that they may pull in our regular races, can hardly be appreciated by those who are not athletes. The excellent condition of the men last spring was entirely due to constant training under the guidance of their coach, and to him belongs the honor of producing the best trained crew of the season. It was clearly demonstrated that the winning stroke was the "Courtney stroke." Many friends of Cornell were very enthusiastic over her success in boating, but no one was more happy than our worthy coach, Charles E. Courtney of Union Springs.

* * *

AN unusual interest in foot-ball has appeared this season in all the larger colleges and universities. The game is unmistakably

increasing in popularity, and during the coming year the teams will be composed of the best athletic material. The late date at which the University opens gives us an opportunity to see how foot-ball affairs are being arranged in other institutions. There is every evidence that Cornell will be able to sustain the enviable record of last year but it is evident that there must be thorough and conscientious work done by those who will make up the 'Varsity team, in order that we may not fall behind our rivals. Our crew men of the last two years have attested well the fact that regular training tells the tale. It is evident that we have some valuable material in the Freshman class and no opportunity to develop it should be lost. Not everything, however, depends upon those who compose the team; it rests with the student body to determine our success in athletics. Every one rejoices in our victories and should consider it obligatory to lend aid and support to all our athletic ventures.

* * *

THE Intercollegiate Football Association will be composed this year of Princeton, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, and Wesleyan, Harvard withdrawing. The trouble between Princeton and Harvard, which caused the latter to withdraw, has not been settled and bitter feeling still exists. Yale and Princeton will try for the championship of the league. Harvard intends to meet Yale or arrange a game with Princeton if her team should win. Every effort is being exerted at Harvard to place a winning team upon the field, and the prospects are that a stronger one than ever will be obtained. Princeton loses from the team of last year five of the most valuable men, but not daunted in the least she is doing her best to properly fill those places. Yale seems to have a slight advantage in obtaining new men, and has not suffered such a diminution of last year's team. Williams, Lafayette, Rochester and Syracuse are developing some good material for foot-ball. The strength of the Rochester team we will soon have an opportunity to test.

CORNELL ON THE THAMES, JUNE, 1890.

Cornell University, holding the best record for the time of any American college, improves it still further by successful competition with Yale and other colleges at New London, and makes herself the champion college of the American continent. Whereupon, she sings from Emerson's Ode to Beauty:

I hear the lofty peans
Of the masters of the shell,
Who heard the starry music,
And recount the numbers well
Olympian bards who sung
Divine Ideas below,
Which always find us young,
And always keep us so.

THE RACES.

The success achieved by our Freshman and 'Varsity crews, last June, was heralded abroad by the press, and gladdened the heart of every friend of Cornell. No one failed to read a detailed account of the races, but we cannot refrain from briefly reviewing the well-earned victories.

On June 24th, the date of the triangular eight-oared race, the friends of Yale, Columbia and Cornell filled New London to overflowing. The Cornell Freshmen were considered sure winners, but they, on the other hand, were not so confident since in case of a head wind they would be at a great disadvantage, both as to the superior weight of the Yale crew and the heavy 'Varsity shell which they were obliged to use. As a result, very little betting was done. At 6.30 o'clock the Thames tide was running ebb, and the wind was against the tide. Cornell appeared first upon the course, and at 6.40 Columbia rowed to her position at the westernmost stake-boats. Yale took the easternmost boat and Cornell the middle.

About 7 o'clock Referee Trimble gave the signal to start; at the very first stroke Cornell forged ahead, followed closely by Yale, with Columbia in the rear. The crews instantly settled down to hard work, Cornell rowing forty-two strokes to the minute, Yale thirty-seven, and Columbia thirty-nine. The wind had now gone down, and everything favored Cornell. One-quarter of a mile our Freshmen lead Yale by three-quarters of a length, and was gaining two feet at every stroke. From now on Cornell took things easy, their rival being far behind. The Yale men were rowing hard, but in bad form, while the oar-blades of the Cornell shell were striking the water with perfect regularity. Cornell made the first mile

in 5 m. 35 s. ; Yale, 5 m. 50 s., with Columbia a length behind. When the mile-and-a-half was reached Yale spurred, raising the stroke from thirty-four to thirty-six a minute.

Courtney happened to be near the course at this point, and shouted to the boys, "Pick her up now!" and pick her up they did with a will. Witherbee raised the stroke to forty-one, and the shell darted down the course. At this moment No. 4 in Yale's boat caught a crab, and threw the rest into confusion; before they could collect themselves again Cornell had put three lengths of clear water between their boat and Yale's, and left Yale and Columbia fighting for second place. The finish line was close at hand, and in 11 m. 16¼ s. the first Freshmen crew sent out from the University in fourteen years sped across, leading Yale three lengths, with Columbia third.

The race between the 'Varsity crews of Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania occurred on the evening of June 26th. The time for the start was 6.30 o'clock, and when that hour came everything seemed favorable; the water was smooth, and a slight breeze was blowing down the river. The entire course was lined with steamers, launches and row-boats; an observation train also afforded a good opportunity to see the race. At 6.58 o'clock the crews came into line. Considerable trouble was occasioned by the Cornell stake-boat dragging its anchor. After some time had been spent in arranging satisfactorily the stake-boats, Referee Brooks asked, "Are you ready?" "No!" yelled Coxswain Emerick. The Pennsylvania crew thought that he said "Go!" and away they went. Another start was made, and at the end of seven strokes No. 3 of the Pennsylvania boat slipped his seat, and once more the crew went back. Finally, at 7.33, the Referee gave the word "Go!" Pennsylvania got off first, rowing thirty-nine strokes to the minute, Cornell following with the same stroke. When the half-mile was reached our crew passed their rival, and shot ahead at every stroke.

Cornell entered upon the second mile leading Pennsylvania by two lengths. The ebb tide was now stronger and the crews made excellent time. When the two mile flag was reached, Dole's oar blade struck a wave made by a passing yacht; the oar flew from his grasp and hit him squarely in the chest. He fell backward upon Upton, who rowed one stroke directly over him and at the next stroke pushed Dole into position. He instantly seized the oar and rowed on as usual, the men in the bow being totally ignorant of the occur-

rence. Down the course went our crew with marvelous rapidity and crossed the line in just 14m. 43s. after the start, with her rival six lengths behind.

Congratulations flowed in from every quarter, and the Cornellians in town were wild with excitement. The Yale record was beaten by 42s, the Yale Freshmen vanquished, and nothing more remained to be done. The crews reached Ithaca the next Saturday evening, and the townspeople *en masse* came out to welcome the boys. The crews were drawn in open hacks through the streets to Dewitt Park, where several addresses were made. They then entered the Clinton House with a large number of their friends and enjoyed an excellent banquet given by the proprietors of the House. At eleven o'clock the town was quiet again and the oarsmen were allowed to retire.

ERRATA.

THE HAZE OF AUTUMN.

The Autumn haze, of which the poets write,
Hangs o'er the land imparting great delight;
'Tis welcomed by all men, what'er their lot,
Save callow Freshmen, then—they like it not.

—October Harper's.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

On Thursday at twelve o'clock the University gathered at the Armory to listen to the President's annual address. President Adams prefaced his address by remarking that old students would find nothing new in his speech, for he should direct his attention to new students, who needed to hear much the same things each year. This class he exhorted to acquire firmness of purpose, a scholarly habit, and habits of precision and solitary study. The dangers of society life, resulting from dawdling in reception rooms, and from lack of discipline among the members were pointed out and students warned against them.

The President laid the utmost stress upon the formation of character, as a matter of supreme importance, setting forth the method of the University in permitting freedom of will among its students, but surrounding them as far as possible by good influences. Upon the subject of order the students were commended for their generally excellent conduct, but President Adams was outspoken against the occasional spasmodic outbursts among underclassmen.

MARRIAGES IN THE FACULTY.

During the summer an unusually large number of professors and instructors were married. Lack of space forbids more extended notice than the following brief notes.

On July 10th last, President Adams was married in Paddington Chapel, London, to Mrs. Mary Mathews Barnes of Brooklyn, widow of the late A. S. Barnes, publisher of New York. The ceremony was private, invitations being extended only to a few special friends. President and Mrs. Adams visited Andrew Carnegie at Cluny Castle, in Scotland. They returned to America about Sept. 1st.

The marriage of ex-President Andrew D. White to Miss Helen Magill, daughter of ex-President now Professor Edward H. Magill of Swarthmore College, took place at the family residence, at Swarthmore, Pa., on Sept. 9th. The marriage was performed according to the quiet and impressive ceremony of the Society of Friends, of which denomination Miss Magill was a member, her grandmother having been a celebrated preacher. The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception, which was attended by guests from abroad as well as from Swarthmore.

Dr. A. C. White, Assistant Librarian, was married to Miss Minnie Langworthy of Utica, N. Y.

Mr. Frank M. Bronson, instructor in Greek and Latin, was married at Fall River, Mass., to Miss Annie G. West of Newport, R. I.

Mr. H. E. Mills, now assistant professor of History in Vassar, was married July 30, to Mary Louise Sansbury of Palmyra, N. Y.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics James McMahon was married to Catharine Adelaide Crane, sister of Prof. Crane, in Sage Chapel, June 26.

On August 28, in Sage Chapel, Prof. A. W. Smith was married to Miss Roberts, daughter of Prof. Roberts.

THE C. U. C. A. RECEPTION.

Last evening occurred the annual reception of the Christian Association to the Freshman class. This being the only opportunity, in our social *regime*, for all members of the class to meet together, a large number accepted the invitation. From the other classes, too, a goodly number met to renew old acquaintances and to form new ones.

Members of the reception committee welcomed the students at the main entrance and adorned them with the Cornell colors. At eight o'clock the assembly gathered in the

auditorium. Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. S. Fiske. Acting President Heustis made the opening address, extending, in behalf of the Association, a warm welcome to the students' home.

President Adams earnestly seconded Mr. Heustis's words of welcome. He showed that the doors of the Association building were open to *all*, and urged the students to avail themselves of the opportunities thus offered. The spirit of the Association was announced in his closing words: "Welcome, welcome, welcome to Barnes Hall."

After President Adams' address, the assembly again met down stairs for an informal reception. There were lemonade stands in the several rooms, and the time passed pleasantly and all too quickly away.

To Mr. Barton, the chairman of the social committee, and the other members of the committee, many thanks are due for making this one of the pleasant affairs of the University year.

Sage Chapel.

The University is fortunate in securing as the first preacher for the college year the Rev. A. M. Fairbairn, principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, England. Mansfield College was opened in 1889 for the purpose of affording Non-Conformists in England all the opportunities hitherto afforded by the colleges under the influence of the Church of England. Dr. Fairbairn was selected as, perhaps, the foremost representative of his denomination for the principalship, or as we should say, the presidency of this college. Dr. Fairbairn was educated in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Berlin, and by his writings has attracted the universal attention of Biblical scholars in England. He published a volume entitled "Studies in the Philosophy of Religion and History," in 1876; a little later, a volume entitled "Religion in the History and Life of To-Day;" in 1881, a volume entitled "Studies in the Life of Christ;" and in 1889, "The New Sacerdotalism and the New Puritanism." As an eloquent preacher, Dr. Fairbairn has acquired considerable reputation at Oxford and everywhere in Great Britain. He has a reputation for brilliant exposition.

SCHOOL OF LAW.

The School of Law has grown notwithstanding the increase in the tuition. Already there are 112 registered, divided as follows: fifty-five Juniors, forty-eight Seniors, and nine Post Graduates. This is an increase of seven or eight over last year, which was not expected, for it was generally thought that the law school would suffer most from the higher tuition, this department being only in its infancy.

NEW STUDENTS.

ARTS.

Leah E. Lindsey	Lockport
Amelia Shapleigh	Cambridge, Mass.
E. P. Reynolds	Alton
H. W. Knox	Knoxboro
C. A. Wheelock	Moscow
E. E. Bogart	Owego
Dwight R. Collin	Ithaca
E. W. Mayo	Springville
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G. L. McAllister	Rondout
B. C. Fuller	Unadilla
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Joseph Howarth	Waterloo
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Margaret R. Maynard	Canton, Ill.
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Marguerite T. Lee	Brooklyn
Charlotte W. Brown	Brooklyn
Clara E. Schronton	Brockport
Emma S. Miller	Columbus, Pa.
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FACULTY CHANGES.

Most of the changes in the officers of instruction and administration were noted last June at Commencement time, but the following is a resumé of them.

Professors Laughlin, Political Economy, Jacoby, Civil Engineering, Carpenter, Sibley, and Hart, English, with Instructors Baillot, Botsford, von Klenze, Hopkins, Fish and Marsters are new men. Professors Corson, English, Schurman, Philosophy, and Oliver, Mathematics, have returned from their furloughs. Professors Hodder and E. E. Hale and Instructors Snow and Woodruff are studying abroad. Mr. Steadman is at Washington on government service in Entomology, Mr. Manning and Mr. H. E. Mills, have accepted professorships elsewhere. Professor Griffin, retaining his classes in German, is Registrar with Mr. O. L. Elliott as assistant. Mr. A. H. Grant is preaching at Freeville and taking lectures in the University.

—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, writing of his recent election to a trusteeship at Cornell University, says: "I am proud to be connected with such a University as Cornell, and shall try to do my part, not only to maintain its present position, but to still further improve it."

THE CANE RUSH.

With Wednesday evening came the seemingly inevitable annual cane rush between the under-classmen.

The place selected for the rush was the old circus ground at the end of Tioga street, and just across the creek from the Athletic Grounds. There was considerable delay in getting the men placed, so that the moon was well up before the rush began.

At the shot of the pistol at least three hundred students threw themselves on or toward the cane, while Seniors and Juniors urged on their respective *protégés*. For an hour the men yelled, with no perceptible advantage on either side. Finally the cane was rushed up the slope in the direction of the creek, and on among the trees and underbrush which line the creek's bank, to the very edge of the pile dike. Over the dike, a distance of five or six feet, went the rushers tumbling or jumping pell mell. On through the creek they plunged, knee-deep in the water. The braver spirits followed on through the creek, while the more cautious sought a crossing by way of the Fall Creek bridge. On the west side of the Athletic Ground's fence, the battle raged more fiercely than ever. From that time on until nearly twelve the rush continued, with a gradually increasing advantage for '94. Finally, after all were nearly exhausted, the Juniors made their way out of the crowd with the cane. With no demonstration, the rushers dragged their weary lengths along toward home, a tired and motley crowd.

It is generally conceded that this rush was the longest, hardest and most closely contested of any in the upper-classmen's experience.

NOTICE.

Botany.—An examination for the removal of conditions in Botany, course 1, will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at 10 o'clock.

English Literature.—Professor Corson's lectures in English Literature will be given in the west dome lecture-room of Barnes Hall at 10 o'clock, on Wednesday to the seniors, on Friday to the Juniors.

Physiology.—Course 1 will be, as last year, a *one-hour course through the year*. The lectures and practicums will occur in alternate weeks. For lectures the class will form two sections, those whose names begin with letters A and L, will come on Saturday at 11 a. m.; the rest at 12. For practicums there will be several sections, to be arranged, Saturday forenoons and other afternoons. The first lecture will be on Saturday, Oct. 4. Reasons for attending the lectures at other than the assigned hour should be presented to Prof. Wilder or Instructor Fish in the upper anatomical laboratory before 10 a. m. on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Cornelliana.

—NOTICE.—A copy of the first issue of the Era is sent to every student in the University and to each alumnus. Those who do not wish to subscribe should return the copy to the post office at once, marked refused, or the receiver's name will be placed upon the regular subscription list.

—Professor Bristol is now Secretary of the Faculty.

—The *Magazine* will appear about the 15th of this month.

—There are quite a number of ladies in Junior elocution this year.

—The '94 yell is Whoo! Rah! Roar! Whoo! Rah! Roar! C. U.! C. U.! '94.

—University sermons in the Chapel will be given at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

—Prof. W. G. Hale is Vice-President of the American Philological Association.

—Ex-President White was elected President of the American Social Science Association at Saratoga.

—A large class greeted Prof. Hart at eleven o'clock Thursday to take the course in Junior Rhetoric.

—The Class in Senior Oratory will meet in the Botanical Lecture Room, on Monday evening at 7:30.

—'94 has some good base ball material in Doud and Place of the Cortland Normal nine of last year.

—Next week the ERA will print an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the ERA Crew Fund.

—The appearance of the campus is very much improved by the removal of the old Civil Engineering building.

—The new Chemical building is occupied, but the laboratories will not have their apparatus ready for use until next week.

—Dr. Hitchcock has been elected to the Secretaryship of the American Association for the advancement of Physical Education.

—Mr. Turneure, who was elected to a Fellowship in Civil Engineering, has resigned. The vacancy will be filled next Friday.

—A reception to the Methodist students of the University will be given by the Aurora St. Methodist Church at the church parlors, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 7.

—There will be no match ball game this afternoon. Rochester and Hobart both telegraphed it was impossible for them to come.

—The boom which foot ball took last year does not seem to have decreased, if the large crowds on the campus afternoons are any sign.

—Mr. Hamilton, '92, of the ERA staff, has not returned this year. His absence and the illness of Mr. Fowler cripples the board for the time being.

—There will be a meeting of the Cornell Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in the Guild room of St. John's Parish House after service Sunday evening.

—The Cornell Agricultural Association invites all students interested in agriculture to come to their meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p. m., in the Agricultural Reading Room.

—The first foot ball game of the season was played Wednesday between the University of Pennsylvania and Swarthmore College. The U. of P. won by a score of 10 to 0.

—Mr. Fowler, Editor-in-Chief of the ERA, was taken sick and compelled to go home on Thursday. An abscess had formed inside his throat that required to be lanced, and he was suffering from nervous exhaustion.

—Of last year's crew, Osgood, Benedict, Hill, Marston, Dole, Wolfe and Emerick are back. Of the Freshman crew, Symonds, Kelley, Fowler, Baldwin, Young, Witherbee, Griffith, Brown and Allen have returned.

—On the Faculty Bulletin Board is posted a circular by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Association, offering a prize of \$80 for the best essay on "The Relation of the Temperance Question to Political Economy."

—The usual weekly class prayer meetings at Barnes Hall will be continued during the year. General prayer meetings every Tuesday, 1 to 1:20; '91 and '92 class prayer meetings, Wednesday, 1 to 1:20; '93 and '94, Thursday, 1 to 1:20.

—The ERA is in receipt of a copy of the memorial of John Ericsson, from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. For this we are indebted to Prof. Thurston, the chairman of the committee that prepared the memorial for presentation to Congress.

—Professor Laughlin, of the Department of History and Political Science, will deliver an inaugural lecture on Monday evening at 7:30 in Barnes Hall. His subject will be "The Place of Political Economy in Modern Education and Especially in Cornell University."

—The first regular meeting of the C. U. C. A. will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, immediately after the preaching service in the chapel, or about 4:30. This will be an interesting and important meeting, as the plan of Bible study, commenced last spring, will be more definitely arranged for.

Personals.

'86. P. C. Payne, Woodford Prize Orator, has been admitted to the bar.

'86. G. E. Fisher, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, recovered from his injuries in a railroad accident, and was married during the summer.

'87. F. V. Coville, formerly instructor here in Botany, is to be married to-night to Miss L. H. Boynton, '89, of Lockport.

'88. Lauman is spending a few days with friends in town.

'88. W. C. Fisher has accepted the chair of Political Economy in Brown University. Professor Fisher held the H. B. Lord scholarship while in the University and the President White fellowship the following year. His graduating thesis on "Some Trade Regulations before 1789," which was read at a meeting of the American Historical Association at Washington in December 1888 attracted widespread attention.

'88. Gilman, ex-editor-in-chief of the ERA, was married during the vacation to Miss Lena Mercerean of Union, N. Y. Mr. Gilman has accepted the Professorship of History and Political Science in the Orchard Lake Military Academy at Orchard Lake, Mich.

'89. McFarland, formerly at Columbia Law School, has entered the Senior Class at Cornell Law School.

'89. F. S. Fielder paid Ithaca a short visit not long ago.

'90. G. H. Thayer, Cornell's famous athlete, was married on September 11th, 1890, to Miss Alice Fuller, of Ithaca.

'90. Upton is in charge of the industrial department at Elmira State Reformatory.

'90. M. B. Slingerland takes the work of Mr. Stedman in the government experiment station in entomology, while Mr. McGillivray takes his work in the laboratory in the pay of the University.

Department News.

'90. J. W. Battin is in Omaha, Nebraska.

'90. Leland L. Landers is principal of the Union School at West Hebron N. Y.

'91. L. R. Anderson, President C. U. C. A., will be absent this year on account of poor health.

'92. F. Bowman and J. A. Wilcox enter the Law department this year.

'92. McKinley is principal at the Union School at Candor, N. Y.

'92. W. W. Williams is with the Groton Bridge Co. this year.

'93. Ladd is Professor of Latin and Greek in an academy in western New York.

Walter C. Bronson, who held a fellowship last year in English Literature and Rhetoric, has a position now in DePauw University.

Obituary.

We can now only mention the lamentable death of Mr. G. A. Ruyter, of the class of 1888, and an instructor in the University. Next week a more extended notice will appear in these columns.

Robert E. Rutherford, Cornell '87, died of typhoid fever, at the residence of his uncle near Binghamton, N. Y., Sept. 19. Mr. Rutherford was one of the Commencement speakers in '87, and since his graduation has devoted himself to the study of law at Binghamton. He expected to be admitted to the bar at the next session of court. His death is peculiarly sad, as he is the last of his family, his father, mother, and sister, together with himself, having died within about two years.

Literary Notes.

Messrs. D. C. Heath & Co., the publishers of Professor Corson's "Introduction to the Study of Shakespeare," have issued a brochure of selections from the numerous notices and reviews which the work has called forth. The most notable are those from "Modern Language Notes," "The Nation," New York; the London "Tablet," the London "Spectator," the London "Literary World," and the "Christian Union," New York.

A strongly favorable article on the work, appears in the last received number (13th of September) of the *Deutsche Literaturzeitung*, published in Berlin.

Professor Corson's "Introduction to the Study of the Poetical and Prose Works of John Milton," which he has now in preparation, will be ready for the publisher in December. This will be followed by an "Introduction to the Study of Chaucer as a Poet," which will supplement various text-books more especially devoted to his English.

ROMANCE LANGUAGES.—Before the close of the last college year, Mr. Langdon was called to an associate professorship at Brown University. The action of the Faculty in reducing the number of hours of First Year French from five to three enabled the department to continue with three instructors instead of four. Early in July, however, Mr. Manning was appointed professor of Modern Languages in De Pauw University, and shortly after occurred the lamentable death of Mr. Ruyter. These vacancies have been filled by the appointment of Messrs. Von Klenze and Baillot.

The former was born in French Switzerland and spent his early life in Italy and Germany. His family having removed to this country, Mr. Von Klenze prepared for Harvard, where he graduated (A. B.) in 1886, and afterwards taught acceptably a year in Chicago. In 1887 he studied at the Universities of Berlin and Marburg, at which latter place he recently took the degree of Ph.D. From his early training Mr. Von Klenze is exceptionally proficient in French, Italian and German, and has had the best education this country can afford.

Mr. Baillot is a native of France and received his education at the Lycée, taking the degree of B.S. from the University of France. Several years of his school life were spent in England, where he afterwards taught. He came to this country to take charge of the French department in the well-known Charlier Institute of New York, and after its suspension, Mr. Baillot removed to Buffalo, where he has since taught.

Mr. Von Klenze will take the class in Italian, and Prof. Crane the class in Spanish; otherwise no changes have been made in the courses. Mr. Lapham will take the work previously done by Mr. Langdon.

SIBLEY COLLEGE.—Owing to the large amount of work to be done during the summer, and the delay in the arrival of the shafting, the shops are not yet in working order, but will be very shortly. The machine shop now occupies one room and comprises the space formerly occupied by the machine shop and the bench and turning room of the wood-working department. In the second story is a well-lighted room extending through the whole length of the building. This is devoted to wood working. Each floor is supplied with offices and tool and stock rooms. Express President White says we have now the finest shops of any school in the world.—Machine design has been made a special department, with Professor Smith at the head of it.—Mr. H. S. Williams is now Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering.—Professor Carpenter, of U. of M., has been placed in charge of the department of Mechanical Engineering.—The shops have been enlarged and raised one story. A new building, with locker rooms, offices, etc., has been erected for the use of the foundry and blacksmith shops. The equipment of these will be complete in every particular.—The former blacksmith shop and foundry have had the floors raised and the separating walls removed. It will be now used as a dynamo and motor room. The machines are driven by an Ide straight-line engine. This room will contain a large new switch board with a capacity of 200 single wire connections. The instruments for handling and measuring heavy currents will be located in

Franklin Hall Annex, which was formerly occupied by the department of Pharmacy.—Among the recent additions to the equipment of the mechanical laboratory is a new Kiehle testing machine of 100,000 lbs. capacity. The department has been presented with the large 40-light alternating arc Westinghouse machine which was used in the thesis study of Wallace and Tobey of '90. This will be used to light the campus.—Sir Benjamin Baker, the designer and the superintendent of construction of the great bridge over the Forth, has recently sent to Dr. Thurston a beautiful album of photographs, taken at various stages of its progress and from different points of view. It makes a very valuable as well as interesting collection, and has been handed over to the College of Civil Engineering, for which department Dr. Thurston intended it, when asking Sir Benjamin to prepare it, on his visit to Europe last summer. The volume is full-bound in morocco, with gilt edges, and contains an autograph letter from the engineer who presents it to his old friend and colleague—a letter which lends increased value to this contribution to the already extensive collections of the department to which it is given.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL ECONOMY.—The professorship of Political Economy and Finance will be held this year by Professor James L. Laughlin. Professor Laughlin graduated from Harvard in the class of '73, and for five years was instructor in Political Economy at Harvard, later being appointed assistant professor. For the last two years he has been engaged in business in Philadelphia. He has also been the author of a number of valuable words on economic subjects. Aside from the usual courses in Political Economy, course 20, as laid down in the Announcement, will be of exceeding value and interest. Economic affairs are becoming more and more important, and every student in the University should, if possible, take courses of this character. Course 21, History of Tariff Legislation of the United States, speaks for itself. This is a one hour course and is, fortunately, open to all students.

new chemical hall is being constructed, which will be among the finest in the country.

BROWN.—The Freshman class numbers 112. The new gymnasium, on which work has been begun, will be completed, it is expected, within a year. Everywhere can be seen the wise management and restless energy of President Andrews. He has followed his lecture on "The Idea of a Collegiate Education," which he delivered the first of the term before the students, by a general lecture to the Freshman class on "The Generic Ends of a Collegiate Education." These lectures, which are received with much interest, will be continued every Monday.

MISCELLANY.—The entering class at Amherst is not as large as usual. Dr. Gates, former President of Rutgers' College, has assumed the Presidency of Amherst. The two debating societies at Williams continue to flourish, despite the unusually large number of societies of an entirely different order. Syracuse University is prosperous and growing. A friend of the University, a lady, has just given \$10,000 for the establishment of seven scholarships of \$120 a year each—three in the College of Fine Arts, and four in the College of Liberal Arts. The year at Union opens propitiously. The Freshman class is about the same in numbers as last year, while several new students come from other colleges. A declining interest in athletics is noted at the University of Pennsylvania. New and more stringent rules at Lehigh, with regard to registration has caused several students to be dropped,—twenty seven Sophomores and several Juniors. Rutgers' College opened with eighty-four new students. The Rev. Dr. T. S. Doolittle has been made acting President, in place of ex-President Gates. This year girls have been admitted to the Grammar School. This is an experiment which will be watched with much interest by the friends of the College.

College News.

YALE.—The entering class is nearly as large as that of Harvard. It numbers 409, being the largest that has ever entered the University. Yale claims to be approaching Harvard in point of numbers, as she already excels the latter in athletics. Everything points toward an unusually prosperous year.

HARVARD.—The two hundred and fifty-fifth year of Harvard brings with it an unprecedented number of students in all departments, with brilliant prospects for scholarship and athletics. The entering class numbers over 400, an increase of 75 over the highest previous number. The new system of electives, which renders it possible for one to graduate in three years, seems to be received with favor by the student body, a large number availing themselves of the opportunity. Two weeks have been given for changes in registration, incident to the confusion caused by the new system.

PRINCETON.—Princeton, too, shows a large increase in the number entering,—upwards of 300. Several additions to college buildings and equipments have been made during the vacation. One new dormitory is nearly completed. Another is well under way. A

Among Our Exchanges.

LOVE AND DEATH.

[From the German.]

One stroked the hair, where yet the soft light played,
Saying, "I would have loved her had she stayed."

One turned with passionate sobbing to the wall:
"So long to love, and this the end of all!"

One bent and kissed the mute lips with a smile:
"Patience, sweet love, 'tis only for a while."

—*Harvard Monthly.*

AN IDYLL.

While strolling down the village street
I met a maid of face so sweet,
Whose dress was pretty and so neat,
I stopped: now wouldn't you?

With a gentle sigh did I entreat
That she to me a kiss would treat,
And thus my happiness complete.
She did: now wouldn't you?

But turning 'round, with glance discreet,
Saw I her dad, with club to beat,
And as I wished not thus to meet,
I ran: now wouldn't you?

—*Harvard Lampoon.*

"OLE CLOES."

I dink her gollege built fer me,
I vanders all about
I knocks kervite softly on der doors
To see if dey is out.

I dry der knob, and if unlocked,
I walks in yust to see
If any of dose gareless men
Has left some glose for me.

I gathers in vat ere I vind,
Olt trousers or dress cloes;
I hastends with dem down der stairs
Und kervick vor Gort street goes.

I always make it strict my rule
To zerch on all der shelves.
I believe dot "Brovidence helps dose
Who always helps demselves.

—*Yale Record.*

Book Reviews.

REFERENCE HAND BOOK OF ENGLISH HISTORY. By E. H. Gurney. Published by Ginn & Co. 85 cents.

This little book which contains much valuable information in a brief space is an invaluable aid to the teacher and student of English History. It contains the descent of Wm. the Conqueror from Rollo the Dane. The kings of England and their families from Wm. the Conqueror to the present time. The descent of the present reigning families with a list of the English nobility, councillors, statesmen and principal British writers with a summary of the principal events of English History with dates.

HISTORIETTES MODERNES PAR C. FONTAINE. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. 65 cents.

This is the second volume of the *Historiettes*, the first having appeared in Nov. '88 and has already passed through four editions. The book is made up of short tales which have been judiciously chosen and can't help but be of interest in themselves. The notes have been selected with care and are largely the English equivalent of the French idioms and explanatory of historical and geographical allusions.

HAND-BOOK OF LATIN WRITING. By Preble and Parker. (Revised Edition.) Ginn & Co., Boston.

This is a revised edition of the work first issued in 1884. It consists of three parts, the first of which is made up of introductory remarks on the writing of Latin. The second is composed of general suggestions upon the various phases of Latin writing. Especially good are the chapters devoted to "order of words" and "the subjunctive." The third part consists of graded exercises for translation into Latin. This edition is the outgrowth of practical experience in Latin writing and it cannot fail to commend itself to teachers and pupils on this subject.

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Editorial.

THE ERA is indebted to Professor H. S. White, the Dean of the Faculty, for the article from his pen in this issue on "Percy Field." This is the first complete sketch of the progress and completion of a work that should place Cornell in track and field athletics, where she has always been on the water, in the first rank. Every lover of athletics, nay, every lover of the University, will rejoice that the truly "long-felt want" of a well-equipped athletic field is at last met. To Mr. W. H. Sage and Mr. J. J. Hagerman the student body and the University owe a great debt of gratitude for their gifts, while to the careful oversight of Dr. Hitchcock and Professor White is due most hearty appreciation of the successful management of the funds entrusted to their care.

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THE annual address of President Adams did not fail to go straight to the heart of every thoughtful student. The advice that he gave was as valuable to the Senior as to the Freshman. Not only were the proper courses

of action laid down for those just entering upon a college career, but he forcibly presented to everyone the necessity of constantly developing those qualities that constitute true manhood, namely, resolution, precision, courteousness, and an upright character. In the course of a college life, owing to the various influences that beset the student, he often loses sight of the goal towards which he is striving, and a guiding hand is needed to lead him aright. If every college student would endeavor to develop in himself these qualities, of which the President makes special mention, the world would truly become better and wiser.

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THE new students in the University will number fully five hundred, of whom an unusual proportion have been admitted to advanced standing. The class of '94, however, will not register as many men as some previous classes, but it makes up in quality what it loses in quantity, a smaller percentage than usual being admitted with conditions. In view of this fact, the year gives promise of work of a high order. Students thus equipped by better preparation, and by previous experience in college, should make the record of the year a notable one. The slight decrease in the number of Freshmen has been caused both by increased tuition, and by higher standard of admission to the regular courses. However, it is fair to presume that the class of '94 will graduate as many students as any of the larger classes have done, whose members entered under circumstances entirely different.

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AT the beginning of the year each student who has any of that public spirit which is inseparable from true university life, must settle for himself what form of activity shall absorb his surplus time and interest. Opportunities in almost every conceivable direction will be found in already existing student or-

ganizations. Societies dealing with special branches of study, each occupying its own field of usefulness, will all attract students from the departments whose work they are designed to supplement. Of more importance are associations whose membership and support is drawn from the whole University. They represent and embody what may be called the "tone" of the University. When they flourish, or when they languish, their condition is a fair index of the breadth of intelligence of the student body. What we would urge upon the student, is, to devote himself as far as his studies will allow, to athletics, religious and social duties, and literary societies.

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THE ERA last week had a word to say about competition for election to its board of editors. At this early day it is desired that competitors may know the conditions of the contest, so some additional explanation is necessary. By the provisions of the ERA constitution, the retiring board is required each spring to choose three students—two from the then Sophomore class and one from the then Junior class—to serve on the board of editors for the following year. The selection is determined by two things: first, by the *merit* of contributions during the year; second, by the *amount* and *regularity* of the work. The contest this year is open to all members of '93 and '92. It is undoubtedly the temper of the present board to keep the election free from the influence of partisan bias, and candidates will be judged strictly according to their work. The ERA is many sided, so that peculiar fitness in any branch of writing for its columns will receive due credit, but contributors will do well to remember that original literary or general articles will win the largest measure of recognition.

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DURING the last few years it has become quite problematical how to arrange college courses so that the number of persons seeking a collegiate education might be increased and not diminished. In the advanced sheets of President Adams annual report we

notice a short discussion of this question in which he mentions two plans, one at Columbia and the other at Harvard, that are designed to remedy this difficulty. In Columbia it has been provided that students may begin their professional work at the end of the junior year, and receive credit for that work, both on their baccalaureate degree and on any higher degree they wish to obtain. The distinctive feature of this system appears to be a decided concentration of effort, and the development of the system has been watched with interest. The plan at Harvard proposes to allow the student to receive his degree whenever he has completed the required number of courses, which have been so reduced that the better students can obtain their degrees in three years. This method, so very striking in its nature, although offering some special advantages, does not appear as conducive to thorough work as the one at Columbia. President Adams considers these efforts on the part of Columbia and Harvard, to shorten the courses leading to advanced degrees, very significant, and that the part Cornell should take in this movement must receive careful attention.

CORNELL AND THE MONTPELLIER UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION.

[The following letter from Theodore Stanton, '76, received too late for insertion in the ERA last June, is printed now, inasmuch as the lapse of time since it was written cannot detract from its interest to Cornellians.—ED.]

To the Editor of the Cornell Era:

SIR:—The celebration of the six hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the University of Montpellier, France, has just come to an end. But my intention in addressing you is not to try and describe the brilliant and highly interesting *fêtes* which have been in progress in this charming old Mediterranean town during the past week. The daily papers have doubtless given you some account of them. I wish here to speak simply of the part which Cornell University took, or rather the part which she did *not* take, in these international academic festivities.

Professor Daniel C. Gilman, President of Johns Hopkins University, was the sole representative of American learning at a series of ceremonies in which participated delegates

from the universities of England, Ireland, Scotland, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria and Roumania; in which every faculty and learned body in France and Algeria were represented; which President Carnot and the Minister of Public Instruction came all the way from Paris to attend; in which the twelve hundred representatives of Montpellier, wearing their picturesque much-colored *bérets*, joined forces with the student delegates from every university of France and with nearly a hundred students from a score of foreign universities, bearing their banners and attired in the costume peculiar to each country.

Such, in a few words, was the *personnel* of the body of actors in a ceremony where the vast and important university system of America was represented by just one professor!

The figure cut by Cornell, for—although unrepresented officially, Cornell did, unfortunately, cut a figure—was a sorry one. Not less than three Cornell professors were requested to go to Montpellier, one at least received in addition a special invitation direct from the Montpellier faculty, and all three, I am told, informed the academic authorities here that they would be present. But none came!

When the Rector of the Montpellier University gave a grand reception to the foreign delegates, the names of these three Cornell professors were called out, but of course no response came. The next day, when President Carnot was introduced to each foreign delegate by the Rector, in the large drawing room of the Prefecture, the names of the same three Cornell professors were, with true French politeness, left on the list until the very last minute, and were then scratched out with a lead pencil just as the Rector advanced, paper in hand, to meet the President and to introduce to him separately each professor, who then shook hands with M. Carnot. Here again Dr. Gilman stood alone for Pan-America.

An hour later occurred *the* ceremony of the week. In the pretty park of the town, the Peyrou, situated on an elevated plateau with a view of the mountains and the sea on either hand, under an immense red awning, decked with the flags of all nations, gently flapping in a soft May breeze, were assembled high state dignitaries, with President Carnot at the head, two or three hundred French professors in gowns of every hue, about a hundred foreign professors, most of them also in gowns and caps of differing shape and color, another hundred of foreign student delegates, in their fantastic costumes and with their banners waving

above their heads, while, circling all, were massed the thousand or more undergraduates of Montpellier, their glossy silk *bérets* looking like a bed of bright flowers—such was the aspect of the Peyrou, the acropolis of Montpellier, when the Rector, the Minister of Public Instruction, M. Gaston Soissier, of the French Academy, and the spokesman of the foreign professors (a member of the Bologna University) delivered the addresses appropriate to the occasion.

Then came the most characteristic feature of the proceedings. The venerable Rector arose and began to read the list of foreign universities which had responded to the invitation of ancient Montpellier. Germany, for alphabetic reasons, came first, and Berlin, being the Capital of the Empire, led off. At the mention of the name of Berlin, the famous savant Helmholtz advanced, bowed to President Carnot, then bowed to the Rector and handed the latter an address in Latin, finely engrossed on parchment and bearing the seal and signatures of the officers of the Berlin University.

Almost every university in Europe was called in turn and in each case a begowned professor responded, saluted the President and Rector and laid an address on the broad table provided for this purpose, which was soon covered with volumes, rolls and portfolios, the addresses having been gotten up in these various forms.

When "Amérique" was called out in a loud tone by the Rector all eyes turned to see what "the sister republic," "the land of Lafayette and Washington" has sent to this "international *fête* of peace," as one of the orators aptly characterized it. Once more President Gilman advances, receives most cordial recognition from M. Carnot, who rises to greet him, turns toward the Rector and adds the homage of Johns Hopkins to that of the great European institutions.

Fortunately, this time Cornell's name was not mentioned. And yet it was precisely in this ceremony that Cornell University might have taken her place along side of the universities of Europe. If neither of her three delegates was able to be present, the address might have been sent direct to the University here, and it would have been officially presented on this occasion by one of the Montpellier professors. Several European universities, that failed to be represented by delegates, participated in this ceremony by means of an address. But perhaps the Cornell authorities sent no address. In that case, it is to be hoped that they will conform to Euro-

pean custom next time and at future anniversaries of this kind will associate Cornell's name with the great schools of the Old World and thus do in Europe as the Europeans do.

I must beg a little more of your space for a word on another point closely connected with what has just been said.

The student element is one of the most charming elements at these ceremonies. Throughout the recent celebration here the Rector, President Carnot and the foreign professors showed in every way their appreciation of the participation of the student contingent. Much of the sentiment and picturesqueness of these *fêtes* would have been wanting if it had not been for the presence of the students, and especially the foreign students. Here again neither Cornell nor the other universities of the United States did their duty.

In all the processions, America, on account of its first letter led; and fortunately the student body of the Great Republic was not left wholly unrepresented. Two special students of the viticulture course—Montpellier is one of the great wine centres of France—recent graduates of the California University and Lehigh University, and a third, a graduate of the Dental School of the University of Pennsylvania, the leading American dentist of Montpellier, appeared for the United States, the latter, an excellent fellow, by the way, carried the stars and stripes at the head of the foreign student delegations, another signal triumph of the American dentist in Europe. These young men did their best and thanks to their gentlemanly appearance and enthusiasm, the student body of America had its place along side of the young men of Oxford, Cambridge, St. Andrews, Edinburg, Upsala, St. Petersburg, Liege, Turin, Rome, and the universities of France and Switzerland.

One word in closing. Mr. Sollas, Professor of Geology at Dublin, tells us that his University is to celebrate a similar anniversary next year, if I am not mistaken. On that occasion let us hope that Cornell's Faculty be represented by delegates who will perform their duty, that a properly engrossed address will be sent and that the undergraduates will delegate a creditable body to join the young men who are sure to flock to the Irish capital, as they have just done to Montpellier, from every university centre of Europe.

THEODORE STANTON.

Montpellier, France.

—There are five hundred new students registered.

THE CORNELL CHIMES.

Each coming morn I list in vain
To hear the old bells ringing,
For jingling rhymes
Of college chimes
Are memories now of by-gone times :
A far off lingering refrain
Of song no bells are singing.

Each noon again I miss their cheer,
Their sunny message falling
With magic spell
On ears, where dwell
Faint echoes speaking of Cornell,
Of men and things now doubly dear,
Since lost beyond recalling.

But 'tis at eve, when sets the sun,
That most I miss their greeting :
Their silence speaks
Of months and weeks
Which fondly now my memory seeks,
Where bells and waters blend in one
O'er rocky gorges meeting.

COURTNEY LANGDON.

PERCY FIELD.

THE NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

At the Alumni dinner last Commencement day, President Adams made the announcement that a gift of four thousand dollars, for the completion of the new athletic field had been added to the preceding gift of three thousand dollars by the same generous donor, on condition that his name should not be mentioned, and that nothing should come into the papers about it. The specified gift was promptly made over to the trustees of the Athletic Association; but it was impossible to conceal from the public the name of the modest benefactor for athletic interests.

Now that the work is nearly completed, it is the object of this article to give a brief history of the athletic field, the existence of which has been made possible by the joint benefactions of Mr. William H. Sage and Mr. J. J. Hagerman.

Not quite two years ago the Trustees felt the necessity of better accommodations for the athletic interests of the University, which were making rapid encroachments upon the University campus. While they were casting around to find suitable quarters elsewhere, a field of about nine acres was offered to them through the generosity of Mr. William H. Sage, and shortly after, the gift of three thousand dollars

above mentioned was added to this donation for the purpose of putting the grounds into proper condition. This fund, placed in the hands of a committee composed of Mr. Sage, Dr. Hitchcock, and Professor White, was administered by them during the summer of 1889. About one thousand dollars were expended in clearing and partially grading the field, another thousand was devoted to the erection of a grand stand, and the remainder was expended in the construction of a fence, ticket office, a gate on the south side for hauling stone from the creek, and other necessary improvements. As the sum at the disposal of the committee proved insufficient, five or six hundred dollars were advanced by Mr. Sage in order to complete the work which had already been laid out, and a circular was sent to one thousand members of the Alumni, asking for additional contributions to complete the undertaking. In response to this appeal the sum of about one hundred dollars was raised. Meanwhile the Cornell Athletic Association was organized and incorporated with a constitution already described in the college periodicals. During the past summer the additional contribution which was so opportunely received has been administered by the same committee as before; although one member, Dr. Hitchcock, has given by far the largest share of personal attention to the work,—spending a very considerable portion of his summer leisure in the personal supervision of the undertaking.

The recent improvements are as follows: Additional spectators' seats have been erected on either side of the grand stand; the entire fence has received two coats of paint, as well as the grand stand with its additions; a quarter mile cinder track has been constructed, which, it is believed, will be found to be one of the best laid tracks in the country. It was completed under the personal direction of Mr. Thomas Butler, a well known English track builder, who is at present in charge of the Berkeley Oval, and has been eminently successful in overcoming the difficulties of grading and drainage there which had previously been considered almost insuperable. In connection with the quarter mile track a cinder straightaway has also been constructed. On the advice of Mr. Butler the track has been defined by a wooden border strip upon the inside,—a feature which is rendered necessary in order that records made upon the track may be accepted as authoritative and official. The track itself measures six inches more than a quarter of a mile at the regulation distance of eighteen inches from the inside edge. The

surface of the track is composed of a mixture of clay and cinders obtained at considerable expense from places somewhat distant from the field itself. The proper proportions of this mixture, which is almost a professional secret, were indicated by Mr. Butler. The interior of the track has been regraded and covered with loam and fertilizers, and the base ball diamond has been readjusted so as to lie at present precisely in the middle of the field. The second base is about twenty-one feet north of the centre of the parabola formed by the track. Experiments were made with ball and bat from which it was found that there was little danger of the longest hitter driving a ball upon the fly beyond the confines of the parabola; while it would be almost impossible to send a fair ball or an ordinary foul ball over the fence. It will be seen from this that the nine will not be incommoded by the juxtaposition of the track.

The foot ball grounds will also be laid out within the parabola, where there will be a generous margin on either side, and the entire game can be played without any inconvenience to the opposing teams from the adjacent track. From the grand stand may be obtained the best view both of base ball games, of foot ball matches, and track athletics, the finishes in which may all be made opposite the grand stand itself.

A water supply has also been obtained from an adjoining hill, where a straining box and a tank have been constructed. A line of pipe about a quarter of a mile in length, has been laid, coming down from a constant spring, and is distributed over the field by a circle of pipe entirely surrounding the track, with attachments for hose every hundred feet. From this line of pipe connections are also made so that water may be brought into the grand stand and into a pavilion which may be built hereafter, in which shower baths are to be placed. The pressure of the water is sufficiently strong to throw a fair stream for sprinkling, which can reach the roof of the grand stand. In addition, water will be supplied to the Association by an excellent driven well near the eastern line of the field, which has been put in condition by the attachment of a pump, in case the principal supply should fail.

At the northern end of the field a special practice ground for foot ball has been laid out in order that both base ball and foot ball may be played in the field without interfering with each other.

It has seemed of the highest importance that the Nine should be selected during the

fall term in order that they might exercise and be suitably trained during the winter and be ready at an early date for the spring campaign. This has hitherto been rendered impossible on account of the lack of accommodations. The base ball ground has been used in the fall by the foot ball team, and the Nine has therefore not been organized until the opening of the spring term. In this connection an additional advantage may be mentioned—that the field possesses a perfectly natural drainage, so that playing can not only be begun at a much earlier date in the spring, but the grounds may also be used much more speedily after even the heaviest showers.

A small refreshment stand has been erected amid the line of willows, where mild refreshments are to be dispensed.

A low rail shuts off the entire ground so that the contests may be held without interference from the crowding up of spectators. At the same time ample space is afforded for viewing the games either from the grand stand, from the standing ground for carriages at the west end, or at the track barrier itself.

For the sake of convenient future reference, the exact dimensions of the field are given, as follows: Area, 8.88 acres; length of north line, 400 ft. 7.4 in.; east line, 638 ft. 2.6 in.; southeast corner, 85 ft. 9.6 in. + 188 ft. 9.1 in.; south line, 679 ft. 1.7 in.; west line, 574 ft. 2.4 in. Home plate, 70 ft. from south border strip, and 277 ft. 4 in. from north border strip. Distance from north edge of track to north fence, 190 ft., more or less. Water pipe enters field at a point 175 ft. south of the N. E. corner, and 145 ft. from Johnson's connection; hence 110 ft. to the inside of track on a line with the centre of the grand stand. Total cost of field and equipment to date, about ten thousand dollars.

H. S. W.

PROFESSOR LAUGHLIN'S ADDRESS.

Although the weather was very inclement a large audience listened to Prof. Laughlin's inaugural address at Barnes Hall, last Monday evening. The subject treated was "The Place of Political Economy in Modern Education, and especially at Cornell."

Prof. Laughlin demonstrated clearly how the opinions of the people are formed, not by the concise and forcible logic of the political economist, but by the fallacious reasoning presented in the strongly partisan papers of the day, each one making an endeavor simply to deride its political opponents, and usually disregarding all true economic principles in so doing. The better class of publications con-

taining the writings of the best economists does not reach the masses, and supposing it did, the long scientific discussions would necessarily fail to produce the required effect. That Political Economy is dying out is a statement made only by those not correctly informed, for economic subjects are, in fact, coming more and more into prominence, and no well educated man is unacquainted with its scientific development. After comparing the present economic ideas with those of previous centuries, Prof. Laughlin pointed out the important part that Cornell now has an opportunity to take in advancing this science and in making the department of Political Economy the best in an American college. It occupies a position peculiarly adapted for this work, and can easily make its influence felt in the rapidly growing western states, at the same time acting in unison with the influences of the east. He urged the establishment of better opportunities for the study of economics at Cornell, and especially the founding of Fellowships and the acquisition of more complete library for the study of these subjects.

THE SIBLEY RECEPTION.

One of the most pleasant receptions ever tendered the students of the university, was given in Sibley College last evening by Professor and Mrs. Thurston, to the students of that department. The guests were received in Prof. Smith's lecture room, to the right of the entrance, which was very tastefully arranged. The museum directly across the hall served as refreshment room. On the second floor the lecture room of Prof. Thurston and Prof. Ryan's drawing room were charmingly decorated and prepared for dancing, the orchestra occupying a position in the hall between. In one corner of the drawing room, overspread by autumn leaves was the dance order, headed by the words, "'94, A Merry Greeting." By 9 o'clock the college building was filled with members of the Faculty and Sibley students. Dancing soon commenced, refreshments being served from 9.30 to 11.30 in the museum.

Among those present were President and Mrs. Adams, Judge Boardman, Prof. and Mrs. Smith, Prof. and Mrs. Ryan, Prof. and Mrs. Canaga, Prof. and Mrs. Griffin, Prof. and Mrs. Church, Prof. and Mrs. Comstock, Prof. and Mrs. Webb, Prof. and Mrs. White, Prof. and Mrs. Hathaway, Prof. Morris, Mr. Studley, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Towle, Mr. and Mrs. Pollay. The gentlemen acting as ushers were: Messrs. Barton, Marx, Perkins, Brooks, Clephane, Piffard, and Sheldon.

IN MEMORIAM.

Young as is the University she has already been called to mourn over the graves of many of her most promising children. To some it has been granted to die heroic deaths. Their young lives have gone out in a blaze of valor, and their names are set as priceless jewels in their Alma Mater's diadem. To others it has been given to live heroic lives, and their loving mother shall no less tenderly cherish their memories. Of these last was George Arlin Ruyter, whose untimely death we are here called upon to record.

Mr. Ruyter was born Oct. 5, 1862, at Bedford, province of Quebec, in the vicinity of which place he lived until he was thirteen, when he attended school for a year at Phillipsburg, a small town on Lake Champlain. The two following years, (1876-7) he studied at the Bedford Academy and taught there in 1878. In 1879 and 1880 he was the teacher of a district school in Highgate, Vt., and later, 1881 and part of 1882, of the Grammar School in North Grosvenor Dale, Conn. It was his intention to prepare himself for McGill University, but his plans were interrupted by the death of his mother, and for several years he was engaged in business. His bent, however, towards a life of letters was too strong to be overcome by any obstacles, and he prepared himself for Cornell University, which he entered as an optional student in September, 1884. How excellent his preparation was is shown by the fact that in the following year a University scholarship having been vacated it was awarded to him, he having now entered the course in Philosophy. The Greek in which he was deficient at first was not only made up to enable him to graduate in the course in Arts, but became the one of his favorite studies in which he displayed the greatest proficiency.

His attention was early directed to the Romance Languages and he took all the courses in advanced French, Spanish, and Italian offered by the department, and in addition, Old French and Provençal. The latter language with its intricate system of versification was especially attractive to him, and his graduation thesis was based upon the Provençal poem of "Flamanca." A remarkable translation of a song by Guillem de Saint Gregori was published in the *Cornell Magazine* for 1889, (vol. I, p. 19). Mr. Ruyter's poetic efforts were not confined to translations, and he gave promise of one day adding a new name to the roll of American poets. He was the poet of his class, and his production was of a high order and elicited the warmest praise from all who heard it.

Although of retiring disposition, Mr. Ruyter took his share in the athletic as well as in the literary interests of his class. He played baseball as well as he edited (for a brief time) the *Era* and *Cornellian*.

When he graduated in June, 1888, he was elected a fellow in modern languages, and the Faculty and Trustees wisely allowed him to spend his fellowship year abroad. He divided his time between Germany, Italy and France, and returned the following year well equipped for the instructorship to which he was appointed during his absence. His University work he did as he did everything, with perfect thoroughness and great literary finish.

An inherited weakness of the lungs showed itself last spring, and it was with difficulty he performed his classroom duties. The trouble did not, however, seem serious, and it was thought that a few weeks of rest in his native air would restore him to health. A few days after Commencement he left Ithaca for Bedford,

where he grew rapidly worse, and where, on the morning of July 22d he passed peacefully away to join the long line of those whom the poet calls "the inheritors of unfulfilled renown."

Mr. Ruyter's premature death is a grievous loss not only to his family and friends, but also to the University, which one day would have proudly claimed him as her own. He possessed the remarkable combination of exact and critical scholarship with broad literary culture. He had at his command the whole body of English poetry, and while he was traveling abroad he found time to read his Homer daily. Of him it might be said as of a certain mediæval prelate, "fervebat immodice studiis." He had all a true scholar's love of retirement and hatred of display; and though his learning was precise, he knew "that the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

May his memory be cherished by all Cornellians, and his example of modesty, fortitude, and industry be followed by all who love the fair name of their Alma Mater.

T. F. C.

Sage Chapel.

Sage Chapel will be occupied on Oct. 12 by the Rev. T. T. Munger, D.D., Congregationalist, of New Haven. Dr. Munger is an old favorite at Cornell and is known everywhere in the East as one of the best preachers in the denomination. He has been considered as the representative of a new theology and has written several books of great popularity, being also a very acceptable contributor to various popular monthlies and quarterlies. He was born in Bainbridge, N. Y., March 5th, 1830. In 1851 he graduated from Yale, and from the Theological Seminary in 1855. He was connected with various Congregational churches, both in the eastern states and on the Pacific slope, till 1885, since which time he has been in charge of the United Church in New Haven.

NOTICES.

Cornell Congress.—The Congress meets this evening in Deming Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Catholic Union.—The Catholic Union will meet in Barnes Hall. Sunday evening at 7:30. All are invited.

Lectures.—The first of Professor B. G. Smith's lectures on the "Career and Character of Paul" will be given in the West Dome of Barnes Hall, at 9:30 a. m. Sunday, Oct. 12. These are open to all.

Professor Corson's Readings in Barnes Hall.—Professor Corson will read, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, October 11th, in Barnes Hall, Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," beginning at half past seven o'clock. The Programme of the readings for the term will be ready for distribution the early part of next week.

Methodist Alliance.—Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, the first meeting for the year of the Methodist Alliance will be held in Barnes Hall. A paper will be presented by Miss Adsitt, a reading by Miss Bronson, Mr. Moody, '94, will give an exhibition of whistling, and there will be other musical selections. All are invited to attend.

FACULTY MEETING.

The most important business that came before the members of the Faculty at their meeting yesterday afternoon, was the report of the Committee on University Scholarships. On the recommendation of the Committee, the Faculty elected the following persons as the successful candidates:

H. M. Beach, E. E. Bogart, Noah Cummings, W. H. Dole, Marie Hoppe, J. K. Lathrop, R. A. Pearson, E. P. Reynolds, and A. T. Weber.

FOOT BALL NEWS.

INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOT BALL.

The advisory committee of the Intercollegiate Foot Ball Association, consisting of W. C. Camp of Yale, Dineau Edwards of Princeton, Frank D. Beatsys of Wesleyan and John C. Bell of Pennsylvania, met in the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Oct. 4. Lehigh applied for admission, but it was unanimously voted not to admit any additional teams. The committee formally awarded the foot ball championship to Princeton; and the following schedule was prepared:

November 1. Yale and Wesleyan at New Haven, with Coffin as referee; November 15, Yale and the University of Pennsylvania at New Haven, with George as referee; November 15, Princeton and Wesleyan at Brooklyn, with Gill of Yale as referee; November 8, Princeton and Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, with Woodruff of Yale as referee; November 26, Wesleyan and Pennsylvania at Brooklyn, with Camp of Yale as referee; November 27, Yale and Princeton, place and referee to be decided later. Umpires will be appointed October 18.

The Cornell team has not been selected yet, and such men as Davis, Wood, Carolan, and Bohn may crowd some for positions, but at present the strongest candidates for the respective positions probably are: Right End Rush, Floy, '91; Right Tackle, Baldwin, '92; Right Guard, Hill, '93; Center Rush, Galbraith, P. G.; Left Guard, Griffith, '92; Left Tackle, Johnson, '93; Left End Rush, Shephard, '91; Right Half Back, Osgood, '92; Left Half Back, Hernandez, '94; Quarter Back, Yawger, '91; Full Back, McCormick, '92.

Cornelliana.

—Sage Chapel services at 11 a.m. and 3.30 p. m.

—Game will be called at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

—Ex-President White is expected to return next month.

—Mr. Nelligan is training the men at Percy Field for the Fall Meet.

—It is impossible, as yet, for the Registrar to make any estimate concerning the number of students in the various courses, but next week an accurate estimate may be expected.

—McCormick, L. S., had his ankle sprained while playing foot ball last Wednesday.

—Professor Laughlin delivered the first of his lectures on History of Tariff Legislation to a full section, Wednesday.

—A '92 Election Committee has been appointed, composed of Michaelson, Walker, Tourtellot, Corey and Lathrop.

—Lieutenant Tutherly has appointed Mr. F. A. Barton, '91, as Major during the temporary organization of the Battalion.

—The total registration as near as can be estimated is 1270. Of this number 416 are in the Sibley courses, and 116 in the Law School.

—The ERA has as yet been unable to obtain a detailed statement with regard to the crew fund, but it has been promised for next week.

—Petitions are being circulated among upper classmen asking that tuition for the remaining years of their course be put back to \$75.

—To-day's football game promises to be very interesting, and as this is the first opportunity to see our team play, every student should attend.

—Harvey, '93, who was injured at foot-ball before Registration Day, is able to attend to his University duties, although he still uses crutches.

—There will be a business meeting of the Orchestral Club at the United States Express office for the purpose of reorganization, this (Saturday) evening.

—Mr. C. J. Levy, of the ERA, was obliged to leave college the first part of the week on account of illness. He expects to be able to return next week.

—A meeting is called for this morning for all interested in navy matters to meet at the new boat house. Courtney is to be on hand and lay out work for the crews.

—No greater evidence of the excellence of Cornell's course in Civil Engineering is needed than the statement in another column of the crowded condition of the department.

—Clark University at Worcester, Mass., is the only college in the United States that adopts the old time custom of holding commencement at the beginning of the year.

—The meeting of Professor Tyler's Junior Seminary was postponed until next Monday evening October 13, in order that the members might attend Professor Laughlin's address.

—The Presbyterian Church and Young People's Society will give a reception to the Presbyterian students of the University, at the lecture room of the church, Friday evening October, 17, 1890.

—The chairman of '90's Finance Committee announces \$140 balance, after paying all debts and that the same has been turned over to the Memorial Committee, to fill out the amount it required.

—The "Cold Day" Company will play a return engagement of one night only, Thursday of next week, in Wilgus Opera House. The play is a musical extravaganza, introducing clever specialties.

—The first number of the *Cornell Magazine* will appear about October 15. The *Magazine* promises to be a publication of exceeding interest to every student in the University and to the Alumni as well.

—Fowler, '91, editor-in-chief of the ERA, has returned to the University. He has so far recovered from the effects of the operation on his throat as to be able to resume both his University and his editorial duties.

—The hour for the meeting of C. U. Ethical Club has been changed to 9.30 a.m. The Club holds its sessions in Barnes Hall on Sundays. To-morrow the report of the committee on plan of work will be acted upon. All are invited.

—All who desire to become members of the Glee Club for the present year are requested to call on Professor Dann at 12 North Aurora street, Saturday afternoon, to have their voices tried. First tenors are especially requested to be present.

—The Sophomores held a class meeting on Wednesday, which was largely attended. O. Shautz, S. L. Adams, S. G. Becket, T. W. Woodbridge and E. M. McGonigal were appointed as a committee to conduct the election for class officers.

—The Battalion this year is nearly as large as that of last year. As organized now, it consists of four Sophomore, and six Freshmen companies. The usual pretexts for getting excused from drill fail this fall, and all who are able must take it.

—The damage done by the "rush," was at first supposed to be considerable, but some of the larger claims having been disallowed, the expense on the contesting classes will not be heavy. Most of the amount will be towards repairing the Athletic Field fence.

—At the special business meeting of the C. U. C. A. held at Barnes Hall last Wednesday evening, the resignation of President S. R. Anderson was accepted and H. Floy, '91, was elected in his place. Mr. Floy is a graduate of Wesleyan University in the classical course and is here pursuing a course in engineering.

—In Sophomore English this year the class is to be given the practice of writing short "editorials," on subjects that are given out. The first list of subjects is, The Cane Rush, C. U. C. A. Reception, Library Building and Registration Day. This is excellent practice for those who are ambitious to be connected with the college papers.

—The Scholarships have been awarded, note of which is made in another column, and many an anxious aspirant is set at rest. Those who were not successful in the examinations should by no means feel discouraged but realize that if they improve the opportunities offered here for good scholarship, they will yet receive reward for their labor.

—Professor Fuertes' generous offer, to give \$50 to the person writing the best essay on the operation of the privileges of citizenship, was heartily accepted by the History and Political Science Association. The Executive Committee were instructed to confer with Professor Fuertes in regard to the exact wording of the subject and the terms on which the essays are to be submitted.

—This afternoon will occur the foot ball game of Rochester vs. Cornell. The members of our team will occupy the following positions: Shepard, left end; Johnson, left tackle; Davis, left guard; Galbraith, center; Griffith, right guard; Baldwin, right tackle; Floy, right end; Yawger, (Capt.) quarter back; Hernandez, right half back; Osgood, left half back; Bacon, full back.

Personals.

'87-'89. The marriage of Mr. F. V. Coville to Miss Elizabeth W. Boynton occurred at Lockport, on Saturday last. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. W. D. Wilson of Syracuse, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Cornell. There were present the following members of the Faculty: Prof. William R. Dudley, Prof. George L. Burr, Prof. Smith and wife; and from the University and its Alumni: Misses Ball, Robbins, Shapleigh,

Vedder, Gleason, Porter, Barrett, Edwards, Messrs. Curtis, Stockbridge, Dix, Shapleigh, and Coville. Mr. and Mrs. Coville left immediately for the Fulton Chain of Lakes in the Adirondacks, where they will spend the next few weeks.

'88. J. H. Edwards has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Berlin Bridge works, East Berlin, Conn.

'88. Lewis A. Beardsley is Professor of Greek and English Literature in the Central State Normal School, at Lock Haven, Ia.

'88. Miss Jessie Beardsley is teaching German in the High School, at Rockford, Ill.

'89. A. M. Curtis is Principal of Liberty Union School, Liberty, N. Y.

'90. C. T. Brace is teaching at Garden City, Long Island.

'90. Griffin has gone to Yale Theological Seminary.

'90. C. C. Jackson is visiting his brother in Colorado Springs.

'90. C. J. Shearn is at present connected with the New York *Times*.

'90. J. W. Cowles has a position with the Thomson-Houston Electric Light Co. at Lynn, Mass.

Marion Colt, formerly '91, is studying art in Chicago.

'91. G. C. Robertson is teaching Mathematics and Science, at Bellville Academy, Jefferson Co., and will not return this year.

'91. G. A. Kirkland finds his health will not permit him to resume work in the University this year, and will remain at home.

'91. Beardsley had a position in the office of the City Engineer of Binghamton, N. Y., during the summer.

Obituary.

EDWARD S. ESTY.

In the death of the Hon. Edward S. Esty, Ithaca has lost one of its best known and highly respected citizens.

He was born in Ithaca in 1824 and has always lived here, and the work he has done both as the representative of his district in the State Senate, and as President of the Board of Education will remain a living testimonial of his ability and public spirit.

His son, Clarence H. Esty, Cornell '76, will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends among the alumni of the University.

ASSOCIATIONS.

—The Natural History Society held its first meeting last Thursday evening. Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

—The new officers of the History and Political Science Association are: Pres., V. M. Coffin; 1st Vice-Pres., Edward Cornell; 2nd Vice-Pres., S. M. Patteson; Sec. and Treas., C. A. Duniway; Executive Com., Pres. and Sec. ex-officio, Prof. Laughlin, Earl Barnes, and W. P. Baker.

—Professor Collin's address last Wednesday evening, before the History and Political Science Association was listened to by a large audience. Prof. Collin explained why he considered the old form of ballots as best calculated to secure independent voting. He then traced the agitation of the question of ballot reform from its beginning in the spring of 1887, to its culmination in the passage of the Saxton Bill and The Corrupt Practices Act in 1890, but expressed the belief that bribery would not wholly cease until a better public sentiment on this question prevailed.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

—Membership dues may be paid now to any one of the following men: F. A. Barton, I. J. Kerr, '91; C. C. Huestis, L. D. Baldwin, '92; W. L. Bray, '93; ——— '94. Dues may be paid at any time at the office in Barnes Hall to Galbreath or Hoyt, or in their absence, observe the notice posted at the desk.

—On Sunday afternoon at close of chapel service will be the general meeting. The weekly prayer meetings from 1 to 1:20 as usual, i. e. the general meetings for men and women separately on Tuesday, on Wednesday meetings of '91 and '92, and on Thursday the meetings of '93 and '94, and on Friday the Law Department. Friday afternoon at 5:30 comes the regular workers' meeting.

—The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting Wednesday evening: *Resolved*, That while deeply regretting the misfortune which calls from us our honored President, Mr. Anderson, we desire to tender to him our sincere thanks for his able and devoted efforts in behalf of Christian work at Cornell; and *Resolved* further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Anderson with our warmest hopes for his speedy recovery to health.

Department News.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.—Professor Laughlin declares the primary object of course 20 to be discipline in economic thinking. The first half of the year will be devoted to difficult questions, "something to try our brains on," as the Professor puts it; the latter half to "elementary investigation." Each student will be required to hand in a thesis about January, on some topic in theory, and these will be made the basis of the remaining work of the year—the theses will be used to point out errors as well as excellencies. At present the class will study J. S. Mill's Theory of Wages.

CIVIL ENGINEERING.—Work has been going on in the laboratories all summer. At present the quarters are altogether too small. While all who come are accommodated, the smallness of the rooms is a great inconvenience to the professors and prevents, to some extent, suitable decorum in the class-room. When

the building was constructed, it was thought that it would be large enough for the department for many years to come, but one year has been sufficient to demonstrate the fallacy of this idea.—The number of situations open to graduates is continually on the increase. At the close of last year there were 23 positions unfilled for which "Cornell men" were wanted, and since then 10 more have been received. Many of these positions were very remunerative.—The most important change in the corps of teachers is the departure of Professor Marx. Professor Jacoby has been engaged in his place, and it is believed that the department will not suffer by the change.

Literary Notes.

The July number of the Papers of the American Historical Association contains Professor Burr's article on "The Literature of Witchcraft." This is the paper which he read before the Historical Association in Washington last winter.

Outing for October contains an interesting article on Wrestling, by Professor E. A. Hitchcock, Jr. The article is illustrated by ancient cuts on wrestling as well as views taken in the Cornell Gymnasium. The November number will contain an illustrated article by Walter Camp, on the Foot-ball Season of 1890-91.

College News.

HARVARD.—A game of foot-ball between Harvard and Phillips Exeter last week, resulted in a score of 41 for Harvard; Exeter, 0. The *Crimson* complains of Harvard's loose playing, and the tendency of the men to get "off side," and thus lose ground. Harvard also played Dartmouth last Monday. Score, Harvard 43; Dartmouth 0. . . Eighty-four men assembled in response to a call for candidates for the Freshman crew.

YALE.—R. P. Huntington, the Yale tennis champion, received quite a serious injury while riding across country Monday. He will be unable to play in the inter-collegiate tournament, and Yale's chances will be seriously diminished. . . Capt. Rhodes of the Yale eleven, and Capt. Poe of the Princeton, have been in New York together, looking over the grounds at Brotherhood Park. The manager of the grounds has promised to sod them well, and it is probable that the Yale-Princeton game will be played there. . . During the summer several changes have been made at Yale. The old Cabinet Building, which contained the reading-room, has been torn down. Three large elm trees on the campus have been cut down to make room for the erection of a new dormitory. Considerable progress has been made in the building of the new gymnasium, which is to be one of the finest college gymnasiums in the United States.

HERE AND THERE.—Last Tuesday evening the Y. M. C. A. at Brown gave a reception to the Freshman class, at the house of President Andrews. . . Ohio has formed an inter-collegiate press association. . . The administration of Rev. J. H. Seelye as President of Amherst College, closes this fall. Dr. Merrill Edwards, of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., will be the new president. This is a source of regret to Oberlin, which had extended him the same honor. . .

With the incoming year, Wells College, Aurora, starts on a new career of greatly enlarged possibilities. The new building, spacious and complete, will be one of the most thoroughly adapted and scientifically arranged educational buildings in the country. With its front of 140 feet, two wings of 160 feet each, and great Norman tower, it is imposing in effect. . . The fund of \$100,000 which is being raised to enable the trustees of the Johns Hopkins University to hasten the opening of the new medical school, and insure therein an equal opportunity for women, is receiving notable additions from Boston. A committee of Boston ladies has been formed to arouse interest in the matter and to receive subscriptions. . . Dartmouth has a student from Vicksburg, Miss., who, being almost totally blind, is obliged to use text-books with raised letters, or to have his lessons read to him.

Among Our Exchanges.

The High School Drift, published at Salamanca, N. Y., is a newsy eight-page monthly, which shows considerable talent for amateur journalism.

The Brunonian begins the year with its usual amount of news, literary productions, and verse—serious and light. The *Brunonian* is not easily matched in college journalism. The page of "Brown Verse" is always sparkling and readable. Here are a few clippings selected almost at random:

A VOICE.

I heard a voice at dead of night,
When all the world was still,
A sad voice calling for the right
That caused my soul to thrill.

The phantom past came rushing back,
Revealing words and scars,
And memory dragged along its track
A train of loaded cars.

'Twas not a voice of love that long
Had lingered on my mind,
'Twas not a sweet and lovely song
That left its trace behind.

It brought me back my boyhood years
So suddenly and quick,
My chum was shouting in my ears,
"For heaven's sake, 'Don't kick.'"

A FALLEN IDOL.

I dashed cold water in her face,
Because the girl had fainted,
And found, alas, in woman's case,
She's not as she is painted.

THE HERO.

But little he knew of Latin or Greek,
Mathematics were quite out of reach.
The sciences, too, were a stumbling block,
He was awkward and halting in speech.
His eye had a lifeless and lustreless look,
But his muscles were solid as steel.
The envy of men, by the ladies adored,
To young and to old, the ideal.

He was wine and was dined from morning till night,
The glory and pride of the town.
On the college eleven at foot-ball he played,
The half-back who never said "down."

THE DIFFERENCE.

What's in a name? the poet asks.

I'd add in this relation:

There's penury and affluence,
In one abbreviation.

For, in my seedy student days,

Whene're I had a letter,

'Twas sure to be a bill addressed,

To "Jonas Snelling, Dr."

But now I drive a dashing pair,

I own a handsome dwelling,

And letters come with checks addressed

To "Dr. Jonas Snelling."

Book Reviews.

DEUTSCHE LITERATURGESCHICHTE. By C. Wenckebach. D. C. Heath & Co.

This is the first book in the series, and embraces the period from the beginning of German literature to 1100 A. D. The second volume will cover the period between 1100 and 1624, and the third from 1624 to the present. This series is designed for advanced students in universities, colleges and academies, who purpose to make a thorough and scientific study of the history of German Literature through the medium of the German language. Special attention has been made to the historical development of the people, thus enabling the student to gain a comprehensive and sympathetic appreciation of the spirit of the middle ages.

The selections from the literature of that period are printed in the old High German and in the new High German, on opposite pages, thus giving an admirable opportunity for a comparative study of the development of the language.

A COMPENDIOUS FRENCH GRAMMAR. By A. Hjalmar Edgren. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

The book is divided into two parts, each forming an independent whole. The first part is devoted to an elementary outline of the essentials of French pronunciation and accidence, with some syntactical directions and accompanying exercises. This part is intended to enable the student to begin the reading of French as early as possible. The second part is intended for a more critical study of the language after reading has begun. This part contains a methodical presentation of French Grammar with historical introductions, versifications, and a sketch of the relations of French and Anglo-French words. The illustrative sentences are numerous and the exercises well arranged. The treatment of the subjunctive is an admirable one. The classification is based upon the psychological distinction due to the nature of the subjunctive. This book cannot fail to commend itself to teachers and pupils alike.

SIDNEY'S THE DEFENSE OF POESY. Edited by H. B. Cook. Ginn & Co., Boston. Mailing price, 90c.

ELEMENTS OF THE DIFFERENTIAL AND INTEGRAL CALCULUS. By Arthur S. Hardy. Ginn & Co., Boston. Mailing price, \$1.60.

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Editorial.

EVERY change in the courses of study in any of the leading colleges is closely watched by all friends of advanced education, and the report on the plan proposed by the faculty of Harvard to lessen the requirements for graduation has received special attention. The change apparently indicated a lowering of the standard of scholarship at Harvard and finally in those institutions also that would compete with Harvard for students who desire to obtain diplomas by doing the required work in about three years. The committee appointed sometime ago by the overseers of Harvard to investigate the proposal recommended its rejection. The argument founded on the assertion that the students wishing to add a professional to a liberal arts course now finish their studies too late did not have any weight with the committee. Examination showed that the average age of those who matriculate

at Harvard is not higher than it was ten years ago, and very little higher than twenty-five years ago. The committee offers no obstacles to such changes as will shorten the course without reducing the study necessary to a degree, and it suggests a combination or adjustment of the arts course with the medical course, which effects a saving of time. Any proposed plan to evidently reduce the requirements for a degree in order to allow the student a year's start in his professional work does not meet with approval anywhere.

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THE Military Department, under the management of Lieut. Tutherly, has become well organized and more than usual interest is manifested in the work. The Lieutenant is pursuing more than ever the system of individual competition, introduced last year. For this purpose he has anticipated the new army tactics soon to be adopted by Congress, in appointing a Colonel, Lieut. Colonel, and three Majors. As a result of this appointment the Lieutenant will be able to have brigade drill, to have men who can confer with him on all matters pertaining to the department and to obtain impartial decisions on the competitive drill. Since promotion depends on the individual work done and competitive drill determines the company that will be exempt from drill at the next meeting of the battalion, better results in this department cannot fail to follow. No man will be passed up until he has completed one term in the University and by constant attendance and proficiency in drill has given proof of an amount of work equivalent to the two years required here. Lieutenant Tutherly has so well arranged the department work that a large number of Seniors are taking the drill this year, and a majority of them are technical students who receive no credit for their time.

ALTHOUGH a great calm broods on the sea of class spirit, no one can foretell the force of the contending winds that soon will be blowing over its troubled surface. Let no one be deceived into the belief that the present quietness is to be permanent. A further display of exhilaration of spirits on the part of underclassmen is as certain as the coming of the seasons. The energy let loose by the recent cane rush has caused an exhaustion that is merely temporary. All that can be hoped for is to regulate the outbreak so as not to overwhelm the classes in its turmoil. Let class contests be entered into with enthusiasm and vim, but the good name of the University, as well as a healthy self-respect, demands that order be maintained. Cornell has suffered at times from the thoughtlessness of its students, but it is hoped that they will now realize the full measure of their responsibility in preserving her good name.

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IT is with pleasure that we learn of the honor conferred upon a loyal Cornellian, member of the class of '72, John Dewitt Warner. Having entered the political arena, he is now a candidate of the County Democracy for Congress from New York City, and since his nomination is endorsed by Tammany his success is assured. There does not surround Mr. Warner that questionable political atmosphere, which brings reproach upon prominent leaders in each political party, but he is everywhere known as a man of genuine integrity. We need to-day public men of just this character, whose influence will be to elevate the tone of our political world, and who, not bound fast by partisanship, can always be found on the side of honor and justice.

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THE recent action of Brown University respecting the new appropriation from the government, is receiving nothing but favorable comment. The University was soon to be the recipient of \$25,000 annually for the support of its agricultural department, if its trustees had not waived all claim to the appropriation,

which has now been given by the governor of Rhode Island to the new state and agricultural school at Kingston. A further action on the part of the trustees has been directed toward allowing the University to return to the state the agricultural college grant of 1862, that the income of the grant may be turned over to the farmer's institution. It has been the earnest endeavor of President Andrews to bring about this result, and his desire to carry out such honorable principles will not cause Brown University to fall in the estimation of its supporters or the public generally.

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THE reception given to the students of Sibley College last week by Professor and Mrs. Thurston characterizes a very agreeable and beneficial element in college life. The undergraduate at Cornell has every opportunity to become acquainted with the members of the Faculty, outside of the class-room, inasmuch as every social event in college meets with their approval and kind assistance. This social influence is a distinguishing feature of this University and one which every student learns to appreciate. It is this that softens the daily routine of college work, and always makes the memory of Cornell so dear to every one who has left the institution.

THE OXALIS.

Mother Nature's youngest baby,
Rosy little child,

Up at day-break, bright and early,
On the grassy wild.

Laughing softly with the sun-beams,
Hiding, when they frown,
In the long grass, where the drone dreams
Till the sun goes down.

All day long its little petals
Redden in the sun,
Till the restful evening settles
And the day is done.

Then it closes leaves and petals
As round the shadows creep,
Till again the morning hours
Wake it from its sleep.

W. C. L. JR.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Editors Cornell Era :

When I accepted the position of Graduate Treasurer of the Athletic interests at Cornell it was with the understanding that I should publish from time to time statements showing the receipts and expenditures of each Association and for this purpose I request sufficient space in your paper, believing that the statements will be of sufficient interest to the student body and of importance to the managers of the different associations to justify their publication by you. The experience of the past six months has clearly demonstrated (to me at least) that the present financial system of the Athletic Associations is in many respects extremely *faulty* and I trust that steps will immediately be taken to remedy the defects, otherwise I should prefer to have some other graduate act in my position. Trusting that the publication of these statements will not crowd out more valuable matter I am,

Sincerely Yours,
R. H. TREMAN,
Graduate Treas.

Statement of receipts, expenditures and balance due on new University Boat House, Oct. 16th, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

C. S. Francis	\$25 00
E. C. Nichols	250 00
Hon. J. J. Hagerman	300 00
Hon. Frank Hiscock	500 00
H. R. Ickelheimer '89	50 00
Cascadilla Pharmacy	5 00
White & Burdick	10 00
G. W. Frost	5 00
D. F. Finch	15 00
E. Larkin	5 00
W. C. Kerr	25 00
Mr. Westinghouse	50 00
E. D. Evans	5 00
C. W. Blackmer	10 00
M. Casey	25 00
Dans & Quinn	5 00
J. H. Collins	10 00
Theo. Zink	15 00
Ben Rich	25 00
Geo. Griffin	25 00
Andrus & Church	15 00
C. F. Hottes	5 00
Geo. Grant	3 00
Cash	2 00
Tompkins House	25 00
A. H. Platts & Co.,	5 00
Schuyler Grant	5 00
R. C. Christiance	5 00
P. F. Sisson	10 00
R. A. Heggie & Bro.	5 00
H. H. Angell	5 00
John H. McCormick	5 00
Clinton House	25 00

Ed Ryan—Cash	1 00
W. S. Stevens, for class '90 sub.	140 00
C. R. Sherwood	5 00
Perry & Co.	5 00
Ithaca Hotel	25 00
O. L. Stewart	10 00
Amt. from Class Subscription '90	349 00
F. S. Cook	5 00
H. C. Taylor and Interest	101 25
J. W. Battin, Class '90 (bal. of \$500)	11 00

\$2127 25

EXPENDITURES.

Cash Book	\$ 25
L. D. Bacon, driving spiles	91 07
Van Houter, lumber for Boat House	1 79
E. Hitchcock, Jr., Sundries	7 50
“ “ “ Type Writing	2 40
C. Ingersoll, Bill June 10th	5 50
C. W. Sullivan, on contract	1000 00
Insurance Boat House	20 00
Weather Vane	10 00
Insurance (S. Grant)	30 00
C. W. Sullivan, on contract	900 00
50 Street Car Tickets for Prof. Osborne	2 00
J. D. Eagles, in full blue prints	1 50

\$2072 01

SUMMARY.

Receipts	\$2127 25
Expenditures	2072 01

Balance on hand \$ 55 24

Statement of account with O. W. Sullivan, contractor, Cornell Navy Boat House:

To amount of contract	\$2,378 00
“ extra on floor	\$40.00
“ “ dormers	15.00
“ “ raising pole	5.00
“ “ pulley and cord95
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	\$ 60 95

\$2,438 95

Cr. Checks from Treas. on contract 1,900 00

Balance due on boat house, \$ 538 95

SUMMARY.

Balance due on boat house as above	\$538 95
Less amt. in hands of Treasurer	55 24

Total amt. due October 16th \$483 71

Statement of Treasurer's receipts, expenditures and balance on hand of the "Athletic Grounds."

RECEIPTS.

Rochester Game	\$20 35
Hobart “	12 23
Madison University Game	10 55
Clinton Institute “	10 41
Lafayette Game	19 61
Michigan “	15 79
Cortland “	11 17
Ithaca-Groton Game	3 65
Star League “	5 40
Ithaca-Ithaca “ Y. M. C. A.	5 92
Ithaca “	65
Geo. Parks Percentage July 4th games	18 00
Ithaca Y. M. C. A.	

\$133 93

EXPENDITURES.

Ingersoll, drawing dirt on Grounds	2 50
J. J. Burns, services " " 1 week	9 00
Andrus & Church, Cash Book	90
J. J. Burns, Pr. B. B. acct.	5 00
Bill of Sundries	12 47
J. Burns, to date	22 00
J. J. Burns, labor	9 00
Services (attending gate)	75
J. J. Burns	18 00
Taxes, W. H. Wilson	8 89
J. J. Burns, services to date	15 00
S. E. Chipman, Furniture	6 25
Services (attending gate)	1 00
Cash (Game)	1 00
J. J. Burns	7 10
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	\$118 86

SUMMARY.

Receipts	\$133 93
Expenditures	118 86
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Balance on hand in Treasurer's hands	\$ 15 07

R. H. TREMAN, Treas.

[The above communication from the Treasurer of our Athletic Association should conclusively prove that a decided change in the management of the finances of the Association is demanded. As viewed from the Treasurer's standpoint the Board of Directors should have every question concerning Athletics presented at regular meetings by the various managers, and there acted upon. Also an auditing committee should be particular in reviewing the manager's accounts before they are turned over to the Treasurer. In short the Association ought to give as careful attention to all athletic business as would any corporate body. All moneys should pass through the Treasurer's hands, and no bills should be paid except by him, otherwise there is no proper check upon the expenditures of any manager. By the present system the only safeguard against dishonesty is the honesty of the managers—a state of affairs that should be as distasteful to the managers as it may prove unsatisfactory to the contributors.—Eds.]

THE MONTPELLIER CELEBRATION.

[Prof. W. T. Hewett, Chairman of the Committee which drafted the resolution sent to the University of Montpellier, sends to the ERA the enclosed statement, which presents the position of the University in a new light as regards the celebration at Montpellier.]

To the Editor of the Era :

Mr. Stanton's interesting account of the festival of this ancient seat of learning, in the ERA leaves the impression of a lack of interest

or recognition, on the part of this University in not being represented on that occasion. He would have been glad to see representatives of his Alma Mater presenting their homage to one of the earliest and most famous universities of the Middle Ages. Every member of this University sympathizes with the feeling of this well-known Alumnus, and it was hoped that some of the delegates appointed would be so situated as to be present.

The invitation to participate in this scholastic *fête* was not issued until late, and it was impossible for any member of the Faculty to leave his work at that time. There were three professors in various parts of Europe for study and they were appointed as delegates to Montpellier.

President Adams acknowledged officially the invitation sent to him, and a Committee of the Faculty drew up an address of felicitation for that occasion. This address was adopted by the Faculty, engrossed upon parchment, and forwarded, registered, to the Rector of the University. It was sent direct to the Rector, as in the limited time at our disposal it was impossible to communicate with our delegates and ascertain who could be present. They were notified of their appointment, and that their commission as delegates had been forwarded to the Rector of the University of Montpellier.

The professors who had been designated to represent the University were in various parts of Europe, one in Germany and another in Italy, each with limited time, pursuing the main object of his trip. It was impossible, without sacrificing in part the purpose of their stay abroad, to rearrange the plans of their journey so as to be present in Montpellier at the time appointed for the celebration.

Every effort was therefore made by the University to be represented, and a formal acknowledgement of the invitation was made by both the President and Faculty.

The desirability of universities of this new world, joining in these academic festivals of the Old, cannot be questioned. Besides recognizing our indebtedness to scholars of the past, relationships of great value are established and the work of this University becomes known abroad.

W. T. HEWETT.

—The ERA is once more compelled to announce its inability to print a statement of the crew fund. The Treasurer of the Athletic Association has been unable to render a full report, and it has been thought best not to publish anything less than a complete statement.

A CONSTANT HEART.

Let him who will sing Beauty's praise,
 In honeyed word and heated phrase
 Her virtues tell ;
 But thou, my muse, thy accents raise
 To sing that star of quenchless rays,—
 A constant heart !

Ah well may Beauty please us when
 Fond Peace to Mirth looks love again,
 And all is bright ;
 But when dull Care and Sorrow blend
 T'oppress my soul, oh give me then
 A constant heart !

When summer skies and smiling seas
 Bring gladness to my hours of ease,
 Let Beauty smile :
 With sadder days my soul there'll seize
 A longing nought but thou'lt appease,
 A constant heart !

How soon upon Time's wide'ning sea
 Do Beauty's charms take wings and flee,
 By Care o'ercome !
 'Mid billows of adversity,
 Then brighter still thy beams will be,
 O constant heart !

When dark and drear my life-road seems,
 And Hope withholds her precious gleams
 I sadly muse,
 Then like the smiles of angels beams
 A vision bright that comes in my dreams,
 Of a constant heart !

Then sing I not vain Beauty's praise,—
 A thing that fades with summer days
 And soon is gone ;
 But through life's dubious gloomy maze
 Be thou my star of quenchless rays
 O constant heart !

F. CLAY.

THE NEW BOAT HOUSE.

Nothing in the history of athletics at Cornell has given better evidence of a progressive spirit on the part of the students and friends of the University than the subscription list circulated last spring, and headed by the class of '90, to raise a sufficient sum for the erection of a new boat house. Long have we felt the need of better accommodations, but with content has the old structure been used while every effort was put forth to produce a crew which would be an honor to Cornell. In this our endeavors were not in vain, and the most sanguine expectations surpassed, since not a 'Varsity crew only, but a Freshman crew also has

made our boating record the envy of every American college. These successes could not be crowned in a more fitting manner than by the completion of these new quarters for the Cornell navy. This is a change most immediately appreciated by those who have trained for our crews and are actively engaged in our boating interests ; to these men the new boat house is a most decided boon. That everyone may know what sort of a structure this is, a short description may not be out of place.

The situation of the house, about one-quarter of a mile above the old quarters, is on land owned by the D. L. & W. R. R., which corporation gave the use of the property, it being one of their principles not to dispose of any of their real estate. During the summer the house was constructed according to plans prepared by Prof. Osborne of the department of Architecture. The inside dimensions of the building are 80x40 feet, including the runway, an inclined platform leading down to the water's edge. A float 60 feet long and about 8 feet wide will be connected with the runway by a narrow platform, so hinged that the float may adjust itself to the varying height of the water. The building, constructed entirely of wood, is two stories high ; the ground floor is devoted to the shells, oars and all necessary appurtenances of a crew's head quarters. The large room at the front of the house communicates with the bath and dressing rooms in the rear, and with the locker and crew rooms above. Four double boat-racks extend the entire length of the first floor and they will afford accommodation for the college shells for years to come. There are two entrances at the rear, one for the members of the crews leading to the dressing rooms, and the other for visitors, which leads to the floor above. This stairway opens through a small room, where places are provided for wraps, umbrellas, et cetera, into the general reception room that occupies nearly the whole of the second floor ; it is high and well lighted by gable windows on either side and by a large glass front. This room may be used for navy balls such as were formerly held, and it is not impossible that these may become fixtures, as are the military hops. In front of the reception room is a covered veranda twelve feet wide extending across the front of the building. This will be the vantage point of interest since from this spot a crew can be seen for a mile up and down the inlet. As the boat house is plainly visible from the campus an innovation that will be of advantage to all can be introduced by displaying a flag from the flagstaff on the build-

ing to give notice when the launch will follow the crew, a long walk, possibly terminated by disappointment, thus being averted.

The final effect of the building cannot be produced until it is entirely finished off. It was so designed that it could be made ready for occupancy this fall, and the plans of Prof. Osborne carried out in detail as soon as sufficient funds accrue to the Cornell Navy. The comfort and convenience of this new house for Courtney's "pupils" is best realized by those who have endured the old, and although it can hardly be said that the era of Cornell's supremacy on the water will date from this event in its boating history, it will certainly aid greatly in maintaining and continuing our successes.

L. W. E.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

Much speculation has been indulged in regarding the probable effect of this year's increase in tuition upon the number of students. The ERA this week presents the following figures of attendance at the present time, compiled from advance proof sheets of the alphabetical list soon to be issued. First are given the numbers, by courses, and years, of undergraduates:

Arts, first year 40, second 45, third 27, fourth 18, total 130; Architecture, first 21, second 15, third 6, fourth 5, total 47; Philosophy, first 28, second 12, third 19, fourth 13, total 72; Letters, first 23, second 32, third 22, fourth 21, total 98; Science, first 6, second 22, third 14, fourth 11, total 53; Agriculture, first 12, second 10, third 8, fourth 8, total 38; Mechanical Engineering, first 93, second 67, third 39, fourth 16, total 215; Civil Engineering, first 48, second 39, third 33, fourth 20, total 140; Electrical Engineering, first 74, second 65, third 35, fourth 24, total 198; Chemistry, first 4, second 6, third 4, fourth 3, total 17; Optional, first 27, second 17, third 17, fourth 4, total 65; Medical Preparatory, first 6, second 4, total 10.

By courtesy of the Registrar the ERA is enabled to give corrected figures for the graduate and special students, and for the classes by years, as follows: Freshmen 376, Sophomores 337, Juniors 240, Seniors 155, Graduates 77, Specials 33. Law School registration is 118, and the total for the University is 1336.

A study of the results shows that the general courses of Arts, Philosophy, Letters, and Science are just holding their own. For, although in the Freshman year of each of these courses, except Philosophy, there has been a

considerable falling off, the higher classes have increased sufficiently to balance the loss. Technical departments all show a decided growth, that of the chemical engineering being especially great. It should be said that these figures are subject to correction, as changes and additions are still being made in registration, but they are valuable in showing that the increase in tuition has checked growth in general courses without affecting technical departments.

Sage Chapel.

The Venerable Alex. McKay-Smith, D. D., Archdeacon of the city of New York, will preach at Sage Chapel, Sunday next, Bishop Potter not being able to come on account of a meeting of the House of Bishops. As Archdeacon he has charge, under his Bishop, of the missionary work of his Church in the city of New York. He is a man of splendid executive ability, and added to this he has the rare gift of being a fine preacher. Recently he has been connected with the Revs. R. Heber Newton and Howard Crosby in the work of the People's Municipal League, a work that will commend itself to all lovers of clean, pure government. We are sure that those who hear the Archdeacon will not come away disappointed.

THE BANJO AND GUITAR CLUB.

Some twenty-five men met at the Alpha Delta Phi House on Thursday evening, to compete for the vacancies in the University Banjo and Guitar Club for the coming year. From this number, seven have been chosen to make up a provisional club as has been the custom heretofore, and from these the final club will be chosen very shortly. The following is a list of the new men selected to complete the provisional club:

Mr. Cowperthwaite,	Banjo.
" Sanger,	Banjo.
" Snyder,	Guitar.
" White,	Guitar.
" Gill,	Mandolin.
" Miller,	Mandolin.
" Phillips,	Banjo.

The competition was the most spirited and the largest in numbers that has ever been held here, and augurs well for the Club's future. At a business meeting of the old club, held after the competition, Mr. Hamilton was re-elected Leader for the ensuing year, and Mr. Gilbert was elected Musical Director.

THE CORNELL MAGAZINE.

The complaint has often been made that there is too little literary spirit among the undergraduates of Cornell University. If this be so, (and we regretfully admit that ground still seemingly exists for the complaint) it is compensated for, in a great degree, by the energy and activity shown by our graduates in the literary field. While the ERA, whose scope, indeed, is somewhat broader than that of the *Magazine*, tries in vain to raise the emulative spirit among the embryo Macauleys and Tennysons of the University, the *Magazine* never fails to present an attractive list of short stories, interesting essays, and lively verse, contributed in part, to be sure, by undergraduates, but largely from the pens of graduate students, some of whom have already risen high in the world of letters, while others write merely for their own recreation, and to show their abiding interest in all that pertains to their Alma Mater.

The year certainly opens brightly for the Cornell *Magazine*, for a more attractive number than that for the month of October, would be hard to find, that is, speaking of it as a whole. In "Here and There in the Library," one misses the quaintly easy, rambling style of E. E. Hale, Jr., and although Mr. Austin's able paper goes as far as is possible toward recompensating us for the loss, it is nevertheless a sad one both for the *Magazine* and its readers.

The first of the articles for this month is entitled "An Ascent of Vesuvius," and is an attractive bit of personal experience, written by Professor J. F. Kemp. The quotations are particularly apt.

One of the best, if not quite the best article in the number is "Saints and Humorists," by Mr. C. H. Hull, formerly Cornell's Assistant Librarian, and now studying in Göttingen. Mr. Hull naïvely proceeds to prove that the first fall of man was not without its benefits, inasmuch as had we continued perfect, that is to say, saints, we should have been without any sense of humor whatever, which would certainly have been a great deprivation to a nation like the Americans. Mr. Hull's argument that women are saints and therefore lack the sense of humor, (or that they lack the sense of humor and are therefore saints) is worthy of attention.

"The Devil's Sonata," by Mr. Wm. H. Hudson, formerly Mr. Herbert Spencer's private secretary and now connected with the White Library, is a short story of an unusually high grade for a college magazine. The good short story is one of the most taking

forms of contribution to college periodicals, and also one of the most difficult to obtain.

Mr. A. A. Bird contrives to set forth some new facts in a very attractive manner on the somewhat hackneyed subject of "College Life One Hundred Years Ago."

Next follows a page of very pretty verse by A. H., and with the "Imp of Lincoln Cathedral," a very clever arrangement of an old legend, by Miss Mary Louise Robbins, and "Here and There in the Library," by Mr. Austin, the initial number of the Cornell Magazine for 1890 closes.

The ERA offers its congratulations for a most successful beginning, and feels sure that the high standard thus set will be kept up through the year.

PROFESSOR CORSON'S READINGS.

An unusually large and appreciative audience greeted Prof. Corson on the occasion of his first reading in Barnes Hall last Saturday night. At eight o'clock the west lecture room was filled, and so many were standing in the hall-way, that it was found necessary to go into the main audience room. Prof. Corson read in his own inimitable way, selections from *The Merchant of Venice*, closing a reading of one hour and a half with the trial scene, and when he announced that owing to the hour he would not read parts of the fifth act, many would gladly have said "go on." The generosity of Prof. Corson in giving these readings will certainly be appreciated by those who have taken his courses, or have had the privilege of hearing him read before. Others will need to attend but once to understand the value of these unusually interesting interpretations of some of the best pieces in our literature. This (Saturday) evening the selections will be from Bryant.

A RETRACTION.

Editors of the Era:

GENTLEMEN:—

In my verses entitled "In Cascadilla," on page 154 of the '91 *Cornellian*, the words and actions attributed to a certain professor were wholly imaginary, and "poetic license" was exceeded in writing and printing them.

THE WRITER OF "IN CASCADILLA."

The above communication dissipates the seeming injustice done Dr. Wilder by the verses mentioned in the letter.

—There is in contemplation by the Navy management, a fall regatta between the 'Varsity and Freshman crews, to be followed by an opening ball in the new boat house.

THREE NEW PRIZES.

A friend of the English Literature Department, has just offered, through Professor Corson, three prizes, one of \$50, one of \$30, and one of \$20, for the best essays on some subject, to be assigned by the Professor, connected with the work of the department.

All Junior, Senior, and special students regularly connected with the department, and taking either the Junior or Senior course in English Literature, or the Seminary work, can compete for these prizes. But one subject will be assigned, and the prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third best essays offered.

The essays must be written with a typewriter, must be sent to Professor Corson on or before the first of May, 1891, and each must be under a pseudonym, and accompanied with the name of its author in a sealed envelope. The subject will be announced in a few days.

CORNELL'S FIRST FOOTBALL GAME.

CORNELL '98 : ROCHESTER O.

Cornell played her first match football game last Saturday with Rochester University, the following constituting the team: Left end, Shepard; Left Tackle, Johnson; Left Guard, Davis, '91; Centre, Galbraith; Right Guard, Griffith; Right Tackle, Baldwin, '92; Right End, Floy; Quarter-back Yawger; Right Half-back, Hernandez; Left Half-back, Osgood; Full-back, Bacon. The game was played on the campus, the Athletic Grounds not being in a suitable condition. Mr. Bohn, of Cornell, acted as Referee, and Messrs. Knight and Adams, of Rochester, as umpires.

The Rochesters were, on the whole, lighter than the Cornell men and could not hold our rush line. In a little more than a minute after the game was called, Baldwin, Cornell, carried the ball over Rochester's goal-line. It soon became evident that it was merely a question as to whether or not Rochester would score.

At the end of the first half, the score was 68-0 in favor of Cornell. Baldwin and Yawger played hard ball. The new half-back Hernandez, guarded and ran well, while Osgood added new laurels to his fame as a long distance runner. Bacon proved a success as full-back.

The second 30 minute half was characterized by loose playing on the part of Cornell, and corresponding harder work by Rochester. The game was called with Cornell crowding the goal-line close, and a score of 98-0.

Cornelliana.

—Sidewalks have been laid to the Sibley shops.

—Competitive drills have been again instituted in the battalion.

—Noyes, '92, has resigned the Pipe Custodianship to which he was elected.

—Professor Corson will give the second of his series of readings at Barnes Hall to-night.

—The Presbyterian Union will give an entertainment in Barnes Hall, next Friday evening.

—A practice game of football between '93, and '94, will take place this afternoon on the campus.

—The permanent officers of the battalion have been appointed. F. A. Barton, '91, is Colonel.

—Levy '91 has returned to the University, making the ERA board complete for the first time this year.

—The reception by the three upper classes of Sage College to the lady members of the Freshman class was given at Barnes Hall last Wednesday.

—The members of the Glee Club have been announced. The Club has again secured the services of Professor Dann, and will begin practice at once.

—The chairmen of the various committees of the C. U. C. A. will hold a "Chairman's Chat," this evening at the close of Professor Corson's reading.

—The Senior class in the Law School have elected the following officers: Pres., C. Parrshall; Vice Pres., I. Hubbs; Sec., J. W. Lowenthal; Treas., W. P. Cooke.

—R. J. Kellogg will speak at a meeting of the district Y. M. C. A. at Oneonta, October, 18th. His subject is "How Can Town Associations Aid College Work."

—Prof. Burr is pursuing a different plan this year in regard to his quizzes. Instead of oral ones as formerly, the first fifteen minutes of each hour are devoted to a written quiz.

—The contest between '93 and '94 at the fall meet will count as one of the contests for class supremacy. The other two will be decided upon when '94 issues its challenge.

—There is universal regret that no football game is to be played to-day. The manager did everything in his power to secure a game, but after five failures, gave up in despair.

—At the meeting of the freshman class held Friday, the constitution reported by the committee on permanent organization was adopted with a few unimportant changes. An election committee of five was appointed.

—The *Scientific American* for Oct. 11, takes up the first page with views of Sibley College and the residence of Dr. Thurston, while a whole page is used to trace the growth of the department during the past five years.

—The following gentlemen will constitute the Military Hop Committee for the year: Lieut. Col. Rouillon, Major Tarbell, Major Sanger, Capt. Danforth, Capt. Alexander, Lieut. Everett, and Lieut. Goldsborough.

—The Juniors in Civil Engineering will continue to-day the work in surveying begun two weeks ago. They will take the D. L. & W. R. R. to Caroline, and from there proceed with their work in the direction of Danby.

—The Bible Study classes of the C. U. C. A. are still open. About 125 have joined these classes thus far, a large gain over last year; but the officers of the Association are very desirous of making this number much larger.

—To the Dramatic Club of last year belongs the credit of having been the first organization in the country to produce the comedietta "Sunset," by Jerome K. Jerome, the very successful and latest English playright. This little play is now enjoying a well-merited success at New Garden Theatre in New York.

—At a meeting of the senior class on Thursday, a constitution was adopted. The committees according to the provisions of the constitution are: Committee to receive nominations: W. P. Baker, C. H. Bierbaum, and F. O. Bissell. Election committee: C. M. Smith, R. O. Moody, I. J. Kerr, W. L. Esterly, and E. C. Hoggett.

—The following officers were elected by the Junior Class at their election Wednesday: Pres., R. L. Warner; Vice-Pres., G. A. Wardlaw; Treas., C. H. Werner; Sec., R. C. Beebe; Cor. Sec., Miss F. E. H. Flint; Ath. Dir., E. G. Horton; Football Dir., W. G. Atwood; Baseball Dir., H. D. Howe; Navy Dir., Jos. Wolfe; Pipe Custodian, G. W. Noyes.

—R. S. Miller, Jr., Cornell '88, who for two years was General Secretary of the C. U. C. A. will be in Ithaca from October, 23-28. Mr. Miller has been traveling in the Maritime Provinces of Canada and is at present visiting the colleges of this state. After leaving Ithaca Mr. Miller will go to Chicago and thence to

San Francisco, whence he will sail for Japan to continue his work among Japanese colleges.

—Last Saturday the sub-freshmen at Cascadilla School organized an Athletic Association, including one of their instructors in the executive committee. Every day they practice football in a lot behind Heustis street. We would like to see one of the lower classes play them some games (football, or baseball, or both), to encourage them, and also to thus have some freshmen ready for our teams next year.

—Next Saturday, Oct. 25th, the Athletic Club will hold its first Fall Meet at Percy Field, when all the usual events will be contested. To add to the interest in the occasion, the management has arranged that the meet be one of the three events in the underclass contests, by taking account of the relative places of competitors from '93 and '94. Gold medals will be given to winners of first places and silver medals to seconds.

—The Sophmores held their election Friday. One hundred and seventy votes were cast by gentlemen and twenty-eight from Sage. The following are the chosen men with the votes polled: President, S. L. Adams, 123; Vice-President, G. V. Fowler, 56; Treasurer, W. S. Gilbert, 99; Corresponding Secretary, Miss C. D. Vedder, 143; Recording Secretary, F. C. Pond, 117; Athletic Director, T. W. Hill, 157; Baseball Director, A. B. Priest, 110; Football, Hernandez, 158; Navy, E. D. Hadden, 156. The Sage vote was, Adams, 19; Fowler, 26; Gilbert, 27; Miss Vedder, 25; Pond, 26; Hill, 27; Priest, 25; Hernandez, 27; Hadden, 27.

Personals.

'73. Orville A. Derby is Chief of the Geological Commission of the Province of San Paulo, Brazil. He was instructor in Geology in Cornell for two years and accompanied Prof. Hart on his expedition. He is on a visit to this country, and will return to Brazil next month.

'74. A. J. Lamoureux is the publisher of the *Rio News*, a successful political paper published in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, in English.

'75. Dr. Eugene R. Corson, son of Professor Corson, had an article in the *New York Medical Times*, for September, on Count Tolstoi's *Kreutzer Sonata*, as a study in sexual psychology and pathology.

'86. W. Darlington writes the Director to inform him of his location at Butte City, Montana, as a member of the Montana Supply Co. He has been with mining companies about Butte City, but is now in business in the supply trade.

'87. L. S. Keating is Secretary and Treasurer of the American Gear and Spring Co., of Buffalo, N. Y.

'87. Arthur H. Grant, for the past two years Registrar, was ordained and installed as pastor of the Unitarian Church at Freeville, Oct. 9. Among the eminent divines present at the installation ceremonies were Rev. W. C. Gannett of Rochester, Rev. T. K. Beecher of Elmira, Rev. D. W. Morehouse of New York, and Rev. J. T. Dutton of Ithaca.

'88. George B. Penny is manager of the renting department of Rexford and Bellamy's Real Estate and Loan Agency, Chicago, Ill.

'88. Miss Ida V. Brett was married to Rev. R. Herbert Gesner, at St. Peter's Church, Albany, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Gesner are now residing at Tower, Minn.

Literary Notes.

The October number of the *Andover Review* contains an article by President Andrews, of Brown University, on *The Social Body*. This article will be especially interesting to students taking Professor Tuttle's course on the *History of Political Institutions* as it discusses the State as an organism and the so-called natural rights.

NOTICE.

Freshman Rhetoric.—Students who have passed up the text-book work must write the first essay upon the same subjects, and with the same conditions, as regular members of the class. They must hand in their essays at No. 1 White Hall, Oct. 27, at the same time filling out a blank giving unoccupied hours. Time for reading essays with the Instructor will then be posted at No. 1, White Hall, Nov. 1. Subjects for essays in *Freshman Rhetoric* are posted on the Faculty bulletin-board, middle entrance, Morrill Hall.

Department News.

PHYSICS.—Changes involved in taking possession of the old chemical quarters are not yet completed, but sufficient progress has been made to permit of the opening of the new laboratories. The features of the re-arrangement will be (1) A complete suite of rooms exclusively for junior work, in the east end of Franklin Hall. These comprise, general laboratory, (old quantitative laboratory) reading room, library and instructor's office (Dr. Caldwell's old private laboratory) heat laboratory, dark rooms for photometry and spectroscopic work, galvanometer rooms, etc., (Messrs. Merritt and Saunders in charge). (2) A new

dynamo room for experimental work, under charge of Prof. Moler and Mr. Shepardson, which will contain all dynamos not used in the lighting service of the University. These will be driven by steam and water. The room occupies the entire floor space of the former foundry and blacksmith shops, 70x40. It will scarcely be recognized as the same place since refitting. (3) The old chemical annex will be used for galvanometer rooms for the work in applied electricity, also for storage batteries, voltameter work, the study of electric meters and the arc light. (4) Headquarters for advanced work will be in the East end of Franklin Hall with special rooms on the first floor and basement, also on the south side of the upper floor. The new arrangement will greatly facilitate original work. (5) The subject of photography in its application to physical research will receive special attention, to which end the photographic laboratory has been greatly enlarged. There are now seven dark rooms for manipulation of sensitive plates, and an advanced course in photography running through the year has been announced. Last spring a series of papers were presented at the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, three of which dealt with the application of a new and very fruitful method of studying alternate current phenomena, devised by Prof. Ryan and Mr. Merritt. All these papers have attracted unusual attention abroad and have been reprinted in full with their numerous illustrations by every leading electrical journal in Europe.—The registration in the department is greater than in any previous year, and the number of college graduates who have come to study electrical engineering at Cornell is larger than ever before.

College News.

BROWN.—Here is the way they do things at Brown: A mass meeting of the students held by the Baseball Association Saturday morning, October 4. President Taft called the meeting to order and the records were read by Secretary Bowen, and approved. Manager Fanding stated that the purpose of the meeting was to raise money by subscription for the support of the baseball team for the coming year. As regards going into a league he would not recommend it unless Amherst, Williams and Dartmouth desired it, but that, league or no league, Brown was going to play ball this year as never before. Subscriptions were then called for and in a short time \$300 was pledged, five dollars apiece all round in "blocks of ten." At this point President Andrews entered the room in response to an invitation to be present and address the students on behalf of baseball interests. After the prolonged applause had died out he made a rousing speech in favor of heartily supporting the baseball management. "The two things we need most in order to be successful," said the president, "are money and enthusiasm. I do not ask any one to impoverish himself, to give to this or any other object the money which he really needs for his own health and comfort or to pay his honest debts, but I do strongly urge such of you as can afford it to give to our ball team your financial support. Then I would also urge upon you the value of enthusiasm; not the enthusiasm which prompts a muscular man to go untrained upon the field, to play brilliantly for an inning or two and then give out as has been too often the case in past

years; not the enthusiasm for society or friends which makes anything but merit the basis in selecting the team; but the enthusiastic devotion to the best interests of the college, which ignores faction and which leads a man to give up many of the enervating pleasures of society that he may the better train himself to endure to the end. Gentlemen, I subscribe fifty dollars to your fund this year, and I wish you all success." A number of subscriptions were then received swelling the amount pledged to \$430, and the meeting adjourned.

MISCELLANY—Captain Gill, of last year's football team at Yale, has been training the Dartmouth eleven. . . The new Freshman class at Lafayette have effectually discouraged hazing by the lively reception given a band of Sophomore hazers. The Sophomores, bombarding a Freshman's room, were met by the inmates with ball-bat blows. The result was the Sophs picked up the wounded and retired. One of the latter is not yet able to report for duty. . . The "rush" between the Sophs and Freshmen at Yale was won by the Freshmen. The "rush" was the precursor of the customary wrestling match between these two classes. In this match prowess was evenly distributed so that it cannot be said that either side won a very decisive victory. The match was witnessed by a large crowd.

Among Our Exchanges.

The Princeton "Tiger," which for the past two years has been suppressed by the Faculty, has again "bobbed up serenely," having agreed not to crack any more jokes on the Faculty.

AND THEY TURNED THE HOSE ON HIM.

The church was burning. Flames of fire
Fanned by the East-wind's fiendish ire
From door and window broke,
And, as he watched the curling wreaths
Mount up to heaven from spire and eaves,
He murmured "Holy smoke."
—Brunonian.

A FACE.

'T was but a passing face I saw,
A face upon the street;
But it will haunt me evermore,
So white and sad and sweet.

I would not drive it if I could
From out my lonely heart;
For though I know not whose it is,
It teaches well its part.

It tells of care and trouble borne
With meek and lowly grace;
And patience given from above,
Is stamped upon that face.

And when I quite impatient grow,
With life's hard work and care,
That face returns to me again,
And the lesson written there.

'T was but a passing face I saw,
A face upon the street;
But it will haunt me evermore,
So white and sad and sweet.

—Dartmouth Lit.

AMOR BREVIS.

Down a country byway walking,
To myself quite idly talking,
Saw I there a maiden, rocking
In a hammock soft and slow,
Sylphlike form and curves enchanting,
Round white arm uplifted slanting,
Slender foot her slipper planting
On the soft green turf below.

'Tis some ancient classic vision!
Goddess, nymph, from realms Elysian.
Summoned by some great magician
To this busy earth awhile,
Face intelligence proclaiming,
But was checked my heart's inflaming
On the rich red lips exclaiming,
"Like ice cream? Well I should smile."
—The Dartmouth.

I'd been waiting to tell her all summer,
That for her above all did I care,
I'd been longing to win it right from her
That ours was to be "an affair."

I had passed as an athlete from college,
Grown loquacious on base ball technique.
Till her interest in that sort of knowledge
Made me dare in enigmas to speak.

So after explaining, with intrigue,
Which I now think she quite understood,
I whispered, "Let us form a life league"
But she said she preferred "brotherhood."
—Trinity Tablet.

Amusements.

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Editorial.

BY its suggesting reform in the system of financial management for athletic interests, the ERA has unwittingly "raised a tremendous row." Mr. Shearn, ex-Commodore of the Navy, after reading last week's ERA, hastily telegraphed to our daily contemporary a letter, complaining of injustice done him by our graduate treasurer in failing to print a statement of the crew fund, and insinuating that Mr. Treman was moved to this action by personal considerations. Further, our ex-commodore is lead to pronounce the management of the ERA crew fund for last year a "flat failure." When the heat of the moment shall have passed away, Mr. Shearn will undoubtedly regret his impetuous attacks, both upon Mr. Treman and upon last year's ERA board. The former deserves anything but censure for his labors in behalf of athletics in his alma mater, giving, as he has, so much of his time to serve her interests. The ERA Crew Fund is the one institution that has made possible the successes of Cornell's crews for the last two

years. It is those who failed to pay rather than those who labored for the crew that are to blame for the deficit in the crew fund. If the management last year was unable to wring from subscribers the sums they had pledged, it is nevertheless to the credit of last year's ERA Crew Fund that so much was done that else would have been left undone.

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THE trials of a football manager are many in these days. Worthy antagonists that are willing to come to Ithaca on reasonable terms are exceedingly scarce, and there seems to be no certain prospect of a series of good games on the home ground this season. A great part of the summer was spent in building up an elaborate and attractive schedule, only to have it toppled over after the opening of college, by a deluge of telegrams reading about as follows; "Can't come. Faculty won't allow it," or "Can't come. Six of our men have whooping cough," etc., but all agreeing in the one point, that it would be impossible under existing circumstances for the teams to play Cornell at Ithaca on the days agreed upon. To find games for the vacant dates so late in the day was next to impossible. The amount of correspondence entailed on the manager might tempt one to paraphrase Goldsmith, and say of him,

And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,
That one small day could carry all he'd do.

From this time until the team starts on its eastern trip, no effort should be spared to place the 'Varsity upon the best possible footing, both from a financial and an athletic standpoint. If the lack of games this fall teaches anything, it is that Cornell needs to enter a football league with some of the best colleges, difficult as that may be to arrange, and thus avoid such disappointments in the future.

OWING to the character of the instructors and instruction therein, the Department of English at Cornell has always borne a very enviable reputation. That this reputation is certain of being sustained and widened cannot help but be the result of the recent thorough reorganization of this department. One of the most valuable results of these changes is the increased systematization of the instruction. Three main divisions now comprise the scope of the work. Professor Smith continues the instruction in Elocution and Oratory and these courses have lost none of their old-time popularity. In the acquisition of Professor Hart, who is especially concerned with the philological branch of the work, the University is very fortunate. The more strictly literary side of the instruction is conducted by Professor Corson whose well filled lecture rooms testify to the strong, general interest aroused. The recent gift by an unknown friend of three valuable prizes, coming as it does immediately after the important changes in the department, will be of great advantage in further drawing elective students to work in these courses. In this connection, it is a somewhat noteworthy fact that the department of English has the control and award of every prize that is at all open to students in the general courses.

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EVERY Alumnus returning to Ithaca after a few years' absence gazes with astonishment at the remarkable transformation that has taken place on the campus since his college days. Steadily increasing the number of buildings, Cornell in a comparatively short space of time will have used all the available part of the campus, and when the present undergraduates return, a few years hence, to visit their Alma Mater they may expect to see the professors' houses on the main avenue removed to make room for college structures, or a line of buildings lower down the hill, or possibly both. The future of the University is certainly very bright and may, as in the past, surpass the most sanguine expectations. It must be highly gratifying to an Alumnus to know that

his Alma Mater is making such steady advancement, and why should it not be just as gratifying to the undergraduate? But constantly living as he does in the atmosphere of the University, the element of growth does not so much impress him. The entrance classes are always carefully enumerated and the total number of students kept clearly in mind, but he does not fully consider how every department is being enlarged and perfected to meet the demands of the students and to increase the educational advantages. When the Alumnus reflects upon the pressing need of the various departments for these buildings and apparatus, it is this that makes him feel proud, and it should awaken in the undergraduate a realization of the phenomenal advancement that is taking place about him and cause him to improve the valuable opportunities presented.

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SOME complaint has come to the ERA editors because the paper does not reach its subscribers in the city before afternoon. The reason for the lateness of the appearance of the ERA is a desire to present to its readers all the latest news. Very frequently it happens that the most important matters of the week are not decided until Friday afternoon. In order to notice these events before they are a week old, the columns must be kept open until Saturday, too late for the morning delivery. It is thus solely for the benefit of the readers that the delay is permitted.

A REVERIE.

'Twas the first of July, Eighty-nine,
Fond memory yet,
Tho' you said, I'd forget,
Recalls with a thrill,
That my being doth fill,
The sensation of joy then mine.

Already, in thought, I missed you,
"Good-bye," we were saying,
Each moment delaying,
But 'twas sweet in the end to part.
With a bound to my lips rushed my heart,
And, bending, unbidden, I kissed you.

ANON.

OXFORD IN AUGUST.

I.

Judging from American experience, we had expected to find Oxford quiet and even dull during the summer months, and in this we were not disappointed. We afterwards discovered that this point was not worth much as a distinctive characteristic, inasmuch as all the other English towns that we saw struck us the same way, but we were not cast down. We had collected enough characteristics by that time, not to mind the loss of one or two.

We arrived at Oxford late in the evening, and decided to stop at the "Mitre" hotel, chiefly because it had such an interesting name. It sounded old. We were afterwards glad we did so, because we found out that it was more out of repair, and had fewer modern improvements, than any other place in Oxford. That was what we were after. Generally speaking, we approved of modern improvements, but not in Oxford. There they seemed uneasy and out of place.

As I said, we were not disappointed in the Mitre. It was a curious old inn, that had been built two hundred years before railroads were thought of, and its sole entrance from the street was a slanting roadway, wide enough for a coach-and-six, running right down through the building into the interior court yard. This roadway was still paved with worn cobblestones, and one could easily imagine what a brave sight a party of lords and ladies must have presented as they drew up daintily *within* the "hostel," and alighted out of reach of the mud and rain. It struck me that it would have been a fine thing, and have drawn patronage, if they could have had an elevator, and thus have been able to land an illustrious guest at his own chamber-door without the trouble of getting out of his carriage; but of course it was too late to make the suggestion.

The floors of the various rooms of the hotel were at several different elevations, and so were a select party of gentlemen in the smoking-room. The gentlemen, however, were more elevated than the floors. Musing over these things, I determined to follow the example of the rest of our party, and retire.

We arose, to a man, at an early hour next morning, the inducements to slumber being few—and far between. As it was our custom to discuss some profitable subject during our meals, and thus at one and the same time to improve our minds and to aid digestion, We spoke of the Oxford project of university extension, and how the Normans must have

been an early rising people, if our beds were fair specimens, and of other interesting and instructive subjects.

Then we sallied forth, armed and equipped, to "do" the town. Each of us carried a red-covered Baedeker in one hand and an umbrella in the other, for it was raining. We were a graceful looking lot. I remarked (to myself) that if Cornell was not as old as Oxford, and hadn't had the same advantages, she could show an average rainfall beside which Oxford's would look puny and insignificant. But I didn't say anything about it, because it does no good to boast about one's own college town when one is with a party of college men, but only makes discord and shows poor taste.

Baedeker says that guides are of little or no use in Oxford, so we got rid of the small army of them who importunately offered their services, by getting our Universalist member, who did all the lying for the party, to tell them that we were a body of government inspectors ordered to look over the place, and see what repairs were needed. This seemed to surprise them, so we concluded that the government did not often order appropriations for that purpose.

Our hotel was on High street, or "The High" as it is more correct to call it, and we were all very much interested in this, as we had heard a good deal about it. Now none of us knew in exactly what direction the University lay, but we felt reasonably sure that "The High" ran through it, and we also knew that when you get on the general track of an English University, you can't lose it as easily as you can an Ohio college, so we "chanced it," and took the left. We preferred not to ask the landlady, or bar-maid, or whatever you wish to call her, because we knew that she would put it in the bill, "Information, so much;" and anyway, we were travelling on the self-help system laid down by that eminent scholar and humorist, Samuel Smiles, whose pleasant little books on "Self Help" and "Thrift," we always carried with us as a light diversion after the fatiguing work of the day.

The system proved satisfactory this time, and the first college that we stumbled upon was Brazenose, opposite the Bodlean Library, and just off The High. We knew that this must be Brazenose, because of a little figure of a head with an enormous nose, which stared down upon us from just below the keystone of the old arched entrance. By dint of a furious assault upon the huge iron knocker, we presently succeeded in summoning the "Care-

taker," who very kindly consented, for a consideration, to show us the interesting points of Brazenose. It was not known, he said, how the college came by that name, except that it came by it honestly. It might be that it was from a German word similar in sound to Brazenose, and then again, it might not. All he knew was that the University authorities called it "Collegium nasus eini," and they ought to know best. None of us had any objections to offer to this explanation, being over-awed by his extensive learning. He next took us through the great gateway, into the grassy, picturesque college quadrangle.

FONS BANDUSIAE.

HORACE: ODE III, 13.

To-morrow, my Bandusian spring,
Swift rippling through the grass,
Well worthy wine and scattered flowers,
More sparkling clear than glass,

I'll sacrifice to thee a kid,
Upon whose shaggy brow
With threatening bumps the sprouting horns
Have just begun to grow.

In vain he sees his pasture love,
Of pasture rivals dreams,
For with his ruby blood he'll tinge
Thy cold and shaded streams.

In summer by Canicula
Ne'er touched with burning rays,
A cool, a much-loved drinking place
In noon-day's sultry blaze

Thou offerest to the weary steers
Who've drawn the morning's plough
And to the wandering herd who stray
To rest beneath thy bough.

Thee, too, one of the famous springs
My humble song doth make:
The traveler to thy side shall come,
There, once his thirst to slake,

When I have praised the sturdy oak
Upon the rocky steep,
Whence, ever babbling, o'er the stones
Thy bubbling waters leap.

W. C. L., Jr.

—Rev. Dr. C. M. Tyler, who was elected to a chair in the School of Philosophy, will not assume his duties until the opening of the next college year. In the mean time he will continue in charge of his pastorate.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FUNDS.

The ERA this week presents the second installment of the reports of our Graduate Treasurer, showing the financial condition of Cornell athletic organizations. As the subjoined letter explains, the Crew Fund must be left over until another week.

Oct. 23, 1890.

Editors Cornell Era:

GENTLEMEN—I regret that I shall be unable to furnish you with a complete statement of the Cornell Navy receipts, expenditures, etc., for publication in to-morrow's issue, as I had intended to do. When I came to arrange the material for the report, the early part of this week, I found that the statements of the New London trip and of the regatta held on Cayuga Lake, which Mr. Shearn had furnished me in July, had been mislaid, and being unable to find them I wrote to Mr. Shearn for duplicates, and am in receipt of a letter from him this morning stating that he will endeavor to furnish them to me, so I hope to have the complete statement ready for publication in your issue of Saturday, Nov. 1st. Again expressing my regret at the delay, which, however, is unavoidable, I remain

Respectfully Yours,
R. H. TREMAN,
Graduate Treas.

The above letter leads to the explanation that Mr. Shearn has withdrawn the charges against Mr. Treman referred to in the editorial on page 37, and regrets his hasty words. Acknowledgment of the worth of the ERA's work for the crew is not so prompt in coming.

Nevertheless, it is again incumbent upon the ERA to call the attention of the student body to the fact that reforms are needed in the present *system* of athletic management. Without casting any imputation whatever upon the integrity of any manager, it must be said that there is a laxness about the management of Cornell athletic matters that needs speedy remedy. Care for public interests such as these, requires the coöperation and counsel of the best thought that can be brought to bear. The ERA is not indulging in idle talk, but has the endorsement of the best friends of athletics in the faculty, in maintaining that no important measures should be determined upon by managers without the advice and consent of a competent advisory board. And further, all moneys should be handed over to the Graduate Treasurer, to be paid out by him only after properly certified bills have been passed upon by an auditing committee and an order given him that they be paid. This method is simply good business, and is not at all cumbersome.

Let no person become aggrieved and be "up in arms" because of these plain statements. That the faults exist, Dean H. S. White and

Mr. Treman are ample authority. All true friends of athletics will be glad to join in helping to place them on a footing that will insure the continued confidence and support of students, alumni, and faculty.

Statement of expenditures of Cornell Athletic Club:

Expenses of delegate to I. C. A. A.	\$20 00
Chairs at First Winter Meeting	5 00
Janitor services at Armory	3 00
Marshall, for running dynamo	2 50
Chairs second Winter Meeting	3 50
Andrus & Church, printing	5 70
F. G. Wilson, Cups and Medals	32 00
Ithaca Journal, printing	19 50
Janitor services at Armory	2 00
Marshall, running dynamo	3 00
Dues 15, Intercol. Ath. Asso.	10 00
For Cash Book	60
Ed. Finch, cartage	50
F. G. Wilson, Cup Prizes, Winter Meeting	16 00
H. H. Sanger	20 00
For 1 Vaulting Pole	3 75
H. H. Sanger, Intercol. Ath. Meet	75 00
J. Seaman, handles	9 60
For Scantling	10
'Bus and Car Fare	1 00
Telegram to New York	25
Ithaca Journal, printing	1 50
Two tickets to N. Y. and return, Galbraith and Horton	21 00
Two Sleeping Berths	4 00
Meals May 30 to June 1	9 00
Rooms	6 00
Car Fare	1 40
Peck & Snyder, Bill, May 31	8 80
Sleeping Berths, N. Y. to Ithaca	4 00
S. Grant, insurance	15 00
Loaned Baseball Club, H. H. Sanger,	70 00
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	\$375 60

Statement of receipts of Cornell Athletic Club:

Received from Winter Games	\$229 50
H. H. Sanger, returned	95 00
On Base Ball Loan	30 37
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	\$354 87

SUMMARY.

Amount of Expenditures	\$375 60
" " Receipts	354 87

Arrears, Oct. 18th \$ 20 73

NOTE A.—As regards the above statement of the Athletic Club, there is still a balance due from the Baseball Club of \$39.63, which, when paid, would leave a balance on hand with the treasurer of \$18.90, instead of arrears \$20.73, as the report shows.

NOTE B.—Since making out the above statement, my attention has been called to the fact that the item of Insurance, \$15, charged to the Athletic Club, should have been charged to the Grounds; consequently the Grounds has a balance on hand now of 7 cents instead of \$15.07, and the Athletic Club are in arrears \$5.73 instead of \$20.73, as the above statement shows.

Statement of expenditures of Cornell Baseball Club:

Rochester Team	\$50 00
William Frear, Balls	7 00
Chr. Hansen, Bases	8 35
George Small, Lumber	7 70
J. F. Moore, repairing bases	1 50
For lime and cartage	2 75
Deficit Elmira Game	22 00
Telegrams, Postage and Express	4 00
'Bus fare	2 00
Hobart Game	35 00
E. D. Norton, printing	10 09
For posting bills	1 50
" " 1 Cash Book	60
" " 1 Receipt Book	25
Rochester Game, percentage to "grounds"	20 35
Hobart Game, percentage to "grounds"	12 23
Madison University Team	50 00
Madison Game, percentage to "grounds"	10 55
F. R. Benton, Rain Guarantee to Syracuse University	25 00
Clinton Institute Team	65 00
Work on Diamond	1 90
Clinton Institute Game, percentage to "grounds"	10 41
For score book and plates	3 25
" " gloves	5 75
Lafayette Team	90 00
Percentage	19 61
J. Burns, Services on grounds	9 00
Kelly & Co., balls	2 50
Tickets to Syracuse	25 52
Balance expenses to Syracuse	25 00
Michigan Team	70 00
Telegrams	2 35
Michigan Game, percentage to "grounds"	15 79
Cortland Team	25 00
Norton, on printing bill	15 00
Cowles, Posting	10 00
Wright, Gate Keeper	1 00
Cortland Game, percentage to "grounds"	11 17
Ithaca Game, percentage to "grounds"	65
W. W. Casterline, Receipts Ithaca Game	3 70
On loan from Athletic Club	30 37
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	\$704 75

Statement of receipts of Cornell Baseball Club:

Rochester Game	\$135 65
Hobart "	81 50
Madison University Game	70 30
Clinton Institute "	69 00
Lafayette Game	130 80
Syracuse (Rain Guarantee) Game	25 00
University of Michigan Game	105 25
Cortland Normal School	74 50
H. H. Nathan (Benefit)	8 00
Receipts Ithaca Game	4 35
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	\$704 75

Debts remaining unpaid:

D. F. Finch	\$41 95
Ben Rich	72 00
Wm. Frear	12 83
E. D. Norton	21 50
Chas. Ingersoll	9 50
Bal. Athletic Club Loan	39 63
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	\$197 41

NOTE.—The report ends without any detailed statement of the trip which the ball nine took, in regard to which I have a note from the former manager, Mr. Benton, in which he says that the expenses of the trip were paid by himself and the members of the team, with what guarantees they obtained from other colleges, which guarantees did not pay the expenses of the trip by about \$75, said amount being made up by the manager and members of the team. There was one other game, the Cornell-Elmira game, which is not included in the above report about which Mr. Benton says that the receipts were \$36.50 and his guarantee to the Elmira team was \$40, the deficit, \$3.50, being paid by himself.

R. H. TREMAN.

Incomplete statement of the Football Team, 1889.

A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the team of 1889 it is impossible for me to give, but so far as I can learn the following debts still remain unpaid:

Ithaca Hotel	\$158 50
	25 00—133 50
C. A. Bush, Dinners	7 35
F. P. Randolph, Sundries	4 25
Andrus & Church, Sundries	5 00
L. C. Dole & Co, New Haven	2 00
Rooney & Sun, Syracuse	8 00
Geo. Small, Lumber	3 80
Ben Rich, Suits	81 45
Treman, King & Co., Sundries	2 40
Charles Ingersoll, Stages	42 60
Dudley Finch	2 40
Robert Johnson	15 00
Lafayette College Team	146 92
	32 00—114 92
E. D. Norton	37 24
John A. Williams, money loaned, as per his affidavit	325 00
	<u>\$784 91</u>

With regard to the above debts and the management of last year's team, a letter which I received this morning from Mr. John A. Williams, the ex-manager, I think will be of sufficient interest to the student body to justify me in permitting it to appear, and I herewith submit his letter to you for publication.

R. H. TREMAN.

Subjoined is Mr. Williams' letter:

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1890.

ROBT. TREMAN, TREAS.:

DEAR SIR—I enclose a sworn statement of the amount of money advanced by myself to the football team of last year. In June last I turned over all my papers to Mr. Easton, together with a statement of the year's business.

It is impossible for me to give you the dates I turned over the various sums, and the use they were put to in every case, as whenever any money was needed to conduct enterprises we had on hand, I put my hand in my pocket and gave what was necessary to complete the amount.

If you will pardon me, I will relate just how things were run prior to the new plan. The manager had to collect subscriptions, through collectors who were often very negligent in their duties, and after securing what names they could in their books, would turn them over to me with sometimes not one-half of the amount collected. Several books were lost by col-

lectors, and a settlement with them had to be based on their reports. In connection with this, I was expected to look after the team, make dates, and attend to a great mass of correspondence. * *

If I tried to do more than we were able to do financially, I certainly did no more than I, as manager, should have done with such a team as the University had last year. * * When I tried to call a halt in October, and telegraphed to Columbia we would be unable to play them, a great howl went up from the students and the players, the latter almost unanimously refusing to play the Thanksgiving game if the Columbia game was not played. * *

If it was mismanagement which caused the heavy debt, I do not know who has suffered any more than myself, as I put in no less than \$350, although I only claim \$325, so as to have no chance for error. I make a claim for \$250, and in doing so ask the same consideration be shown me as is shown other creditors. The \$75 I give to the Association, not but what I consider I have a claim on them for it, but this amount about covers my expenses on the various trips, and I do not wish it said that I ever received any benefit by being manager. * *

Hoping that you will excuse me for the time I have taken, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

JOHN A. WILLIAMS.

FALL MEET TO-DAY.

Below follows an enumeration of the entries from each class for the events to be decided this afternoon on Percy Field:

440 Yards Run—One entry, '91, two entries, '92, two entries, '93, six entries, '94. 120 Yards Hurdle—'92, one, '93, two, '94, three. Two Mile Bicycle Race—'92, one, '93, four, '94, two. 220 Yards Run—'92, one, '93, three, '94, four. 100 Yards Run—'91, one, '92, one, '93, five, '94, five. One Mile Run—Law School, one, '93, two, '94, three. 220 Yards Hurdle—'92, one, '93, three, '94, four. One Mile Walk—'92, one, '93, one, '94, two. Half Mile Run—Law School, one, '92, one, '93, five, '94, four. Putting 16 pound shot—Law School, one, '93, four, '94, one. Running High Jump—'91, one, '93, three, '94, three. Throwing 16 pound Hammer—'93, three, '94, three. Pole Vault—'91, one, '92, one, '93, three, '94, six. Running Broad Jump—'92, one, '93, four, '94, one. Totals—'91, 4, '92, 11, '93, 44, '94, 47. L. S., 3.

From this it will be seen that the underclassmen are in point of numbers of entries quite evenly matched. It is, of course, largely owing to their rivalry that the underclasses are so largely represented, while the numbers from '91 and '92 are so meager.

With favorable weather the Meet should be the most successful ever held at Cornell. The first event will be called at 2:30 o'clock.

THE TRUSTEES.

ADDITIONAL ENDOWMENT—AGRICULTURAL HALL—SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY—PROFESSORSHIPS.

On Tuesday the Trustees of the University held their regular meeting. In addition to the resident members of the board, the following gentlemen from out of town were present: Ex-President White, ex-Gov. Cornell, President Jordan, of Bloomington, Ind., D. E. Salmon, of Washington, D. C., Andrew Carnegie, Superintendent of Instruction Draper, Hiram W. Sibley, of Rochester, Frank H. Hiscock, of Syracuse, and Walter C. Kerr, of New York.

The meeting of the Board lasted all day Wednesday, with an evening session, and a further meeting Thursday morning. Much important business was transacted, of which it is impossible at the present time to give more than a brief recapitulation. Every meeting of the Trustees shows great strides in the growth and strength of the University, but none has shown more marked indications than the one just adjourned, of the advancement of Cornell toward the ideal of high university standing.

Mr. Henry W. Sage added to his already great gifts to the University the sum of \$200,000, to be devoted to the purposes of a School of Philosophy. The "Susan E. Linn Sage" foundation of a chair of Christian Ethics and Mental Philosophy is to be merged with the new school, which is to have the same standing in the University as the College of Agriculture, Sibley College, or any of the other colleges. The funds at the disposal of the school will permit an expenditure for its objects of over \$25,000 annually, with which sum it will be possible to make Cornell's School of Philosophy second to none in its opportunities for study and research in all departments of philosophy, by giving a breadth to its foundations such as no other institution possesses.

The school will be under the direction of a Dean and will have at first (others to be added later) one Professor of Philosophy (specialty, Metaphysics and Ethics), one Professor of Psychology (specialty, experimental and physiological psychology), one Professor of Pedagogy, one Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religion and Lecturer on Christian Ethics, one Assistant Professor of Philosophy (specialty, ancient philosophy), one Assistant Professor of Philosophy (specialty, modern philosophy), and one instructor in Philosophy

(specialty, logic.) The appointments that have thus far been made are, Dean and Professor of Philosophy, Dr. J. G. Schurman; Professor of Pedagogy, S. G. Williams; Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religions and Lecturer on Christian Ethics, Rev. Charles M. Tyler. The two first-named gentlemen already hold Professorships in the University, while Mr. Tyler has been pastor of the Congregational Church of Ithaca, and ex-officio Trustee of the University by reason of his position in the Cornell Free Library.

To further provide for the efficiency of the School, an appropriation has been made for the publication of a *Philosophical Review*, of which Dr. Schurman is to be editor, and which will begin publication next year, to be issued monthly or once in two months. Provision was also made for a psychological laboratory, in which are to be carried on experiments in mental phenomena, especially in physiological psychology. Besides this, three fellowships of the value of \$400 each, and six scholarships of the value of \$200 each were established for graduate students in this department.

In the general courses, Herbert Tuttle was elected Professor of Modern European History, George L. Burr, Assistant Professor of Ancient and Mediaeval History, Dr. Albert Shaw, Professor of History of Institutions and of International Law, and George W. Harris was elected Librarian.

A new statute presented by ex-President White was adopted, providing a new method of electing Professors. The statute of a year ago is repealed, and by this plan the President is to make the nominations to the University Senate, who are to vote yea or nay on the proposed name, after which the matter is to go before the Trustees for their final action.

It was voted to erect a new Agricultural Hall, to cost \$80,000, as soon as the plans and details can be arranged. The building will be situated opposite Morrill Hall, in a line with Lincoln Hall, and in it will be brought together all the related departments connected with the School of Agriculture. The most striking feature of the new arrangement will be a splendid museum, mainly devoted to a display of agricultural implements.

The new agricultural grant by the Federal government of August, 1890, will be divided, \$10,000 being devoted to agriculture and the remainder to mechanic arts. Also it was decided to establish in Sibley College a graduate School of Marine Engineering and Architecture, and \$50,000 was appropriated for new equipments and appliances.

The President reported 1,314 students in attendance, and the Treasurer's report showed an endowment of about six millions and an annual income of over five hundred thousand dollars. The petition presented by upper classmen asking that tuition for the remainder of their course be reduced to the former figure, \$75, was considered and refused.

AN EVENING WITH BRYANT.

The second of Professor Corson's Saturday evening Readings was devoted to Bryant, and the usual large number of listeners came out to share in Bryant's thoughts on death. The reading began with "Thanatopsis" and closed with "Waiting by the Gate" and included among the nine selections "Inscription for the Entrance to a Wood" and "The Planting of the Apple-tree." Professor Corson endeavored to make selections in which the death feature was not so prominent as it is in so many of his poems, and yet this element cannot be covered up however limited be the number of poems taken. Many expressed themselves as wishing Professor Corson had taken the opportunity to remark upon the pieces he read or in some way had signified his own impressions of them.

The evening proved one of true delight, as without doubt the remainder of the evenings with American authors will be. The selections for this evening will be from Whittier.

Sage Chapel.

The Rev. J. Humpstone, D. D., of Brooklyn, who supplies the Sage Chapel pulpit Oct. 26, is Rector in one of the largest Baptist churches in Brooklyn. Dr. Humpstone has repeatedly been offered the presidency of Bucknell College at Louisburg, Pa. Recently the offer has again been extended, and the friends of Bucknell sincerely hope that it will be accepted. A competent critic describes his style as simple and attractive. He is still a young man and is considered one of the coming preachers of the country.

—The Christian Association has employed a new system in making up committees. They are now appointed according to courses instead of classes, except in case of the weekly class prayer meeting. The committee on invitation has been dropped and the Association now depends upon all members to act as such a committee.

Cornelliana.

—The first military hop will be held Friday evening, Nov. 7.

—For Vol. I of the ERA, bound or unbound, a liberal price will be paid.

—The Catholic Union meets Sunday evening at 7:30, in Barnes Hall.

—Cheese cloth has been put up in Room 16, White Hall, to prevent echoing.

—Yesterday morning, windows and bulletins were posted in the same tiresome old style by Sophomores.

—The Natural History Society met last Thursday evening. Papers were presented by Prof. and Mrs. Gage.

—The granting of permits to under-classmen for work in the alcoves of the library has been very much restricted this year.

—At the Agricultural Association Tuesday evening, the program was given which had been prepared for the meeting last week.

—The History and Political Science Association will meet next Wednesday evening. A paper by President Adams will be given.

—The *Crank*, published by the Sibley students, has made its appearance with a new cover and an interesting array of matter.

—Students in Cascadilla School are now given regular instruction in both gymnastics and drill under Mr. Nelligan and Lieut. Col. Rouillion respectively.

—Active preparations are now being made for the Navy Ball, which will be held at the new boat house next Friday night, and indications point to a great success.

—The '93 Finance Committee has levied a class tax of 25c, and the following are appointed tax collectors: Katté, Van Buren, Woodbridge, Harman, H. G. White and Hill.

—The success of the Sophomores in getting one of their own number nominated for nearly every office in the Freshman class makes them very jubilant and the Freshmen correspondingly "blue."

—A proposition is on foot among some of the members of the battalion for the formation of a crack company. It is proposed to have this company drill at the same time as the others and to receive the same credit. In this way it is hoped to form a company which will give exhibition drills and also compete with some of the best drilled companies in the State.

—The first public speaking of the class in Oratory, will take place in the Botanical lecture room, Monday evening at 7:30, p. m. All members of the class are expected to be present.

—Through the efforts of Mr. Nelligan, a piano has been placed in the gymnasium and the various classes now go through their gymnastics accompanied by music. Large classes show that this innovation is much appreciated.

—The *Magazine* is fortunate in the possession of Mr. W. H. Hudson as one of the contributors to the first number of the present volume. Mr. Hudson has been a frequent and valued contributor to several English periodicals of prominence and is now engaged in the work of cataloguing the ex-President White Library.

—The Cornell Congress meets this (Saturday) evening in Deming Hall. Membership is still open and all students of the University are invited to attend the meetings and to become members. The canvass for President of the United States, with Prof. Thurston, Rep., Prof. Burdick, Dem., and Prof. Collin, Ind., as nominees, is being carried on with great activity.

—The Fortnightly Club will meet next Tuesday evening at 8 in the west dome lecture room, Barnes Hall. The Club will be addressed by Professor Schurman on "The Scope and Purposes of the Fortnightly Club," and by A. H. Grant on "Christian Science." All students, especially those in philosophical work, and the public generally are invited to attend.

—The Hon. Daniel H. Chamberlain of New York City, will begin his course of lectures for the current year on next Monday. The subject of the course is "The Judicial Department—its Constitution, Powers and Limitations." Although the lectures are designed primarily for law classes, the general students and public are invited to attend. The lectures come at 12 each day in Barnes Hall.

—Next Wednesday the football team leave for their eastern trip. Although but few games have been played this season, the team ought to make a creditable showing, especially since the trainer, Mr. Parr, Princeton, '89, has been giving the men such efficient training the last few days. He has given especial attention to securing thorough "team" work, hitherto the weak point of the eleven. The names of the team cannot be definitely given, but they will be picked from twenty-seven men, who practice daily, rain or shine.

—Professor Corson has announced the following as the subject for the three prizes mentioned in last week's ERA: "Some of the influences, direct and reactionary, of the French revolution upon English literature." The different phases of the French influence are to be shown by a treatment of the works of Wordsworth, Coleridge, Southey, Shelley and Lord Byron.

—The following are the officers of the Freshman class, together with the vote received for each: Pres., J. P. Hall, 118; 1st V. Pres., R. W. Quick, 89; 2d V. Pres., Miss C. E. Schouton, 172; Rec. Sec., C. C. Briggs, 93; Cor. Sec., Miss C. M. Brown, 111; Treas., G. E. Barnes, 113; Athletic Director, W. H. Dole, 124; Baseball Director, A. H. Place, 89; Football Director, A. E. B. Moody, 173; Navy Director, S. D. Higley, 157; *Sun* Editor, J. L. Ahren, 78.

—On next Tuesday evening, the Ideal Banjo and Guitar Club, of Boston, will give a concert in Wilgus Opera House. This entertainment is to be the first of a series given by the Ithaca Y. M. C. A. The leader of the Club is the celebrated George L. Lansing, of "Darkie's Dream" fame. Mr. Shattuck, the composer of the well-known "Invincible Guard's March," as well as Messrs. Grover and Gatcomb, both players and composers of national reputation, are also members of the club.

—R. S. Miller, Jr., '88, formerly General Secretary of the C. U. C. A., addressed the worker's meeting yesterday at five o'clock. Sunday afternoon he will lead the regular meeting at the close of the chapel service. On Monday evening will be held a farewell reception to Mr. Miller at Barnes Hall. This is Mr. Miller's last visit to Cornell before he leaves for Japan to continue his work among the colleges, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the University to be present at that time.

—The Cornell Dramatic Club has organized under the name of "The Masque." A farce, entitled "Instructor Pratt," by W. C. Langdon, Jr., '92, will be presented shortly before Thanksgiving. The new officers of the club are: Pres., L. B. Keiffer; Vice Pres., F. E. B. Darling; Sec. and Treas., F. H. Parke; Stage Manager, W. C. Langdon, Jr.; Critic and Prompter, R. O. Meech. Members are: J. L. Elliott, L. W. Emerick, W. R. Everett, C. H. Freshman, E. N. Hazen, H. Morris, F. Soulé, J. Tod, H. G. Van Everen, G. A. Wardlaw.

Personals.

'72. DeMerville Page is the democratic candidate for Congress in the District including Steuben, Yates and Ontario counties in this state. He is a well known lawyer at Hornellsville, N. Y., and is making a hard fight.

'72. Charles H. Blair, who took his advanced degree of M. A. in '76, is Republican candidate for Congress in the twelfth district, New York City. He was admitted to the bar in 1874, and practiced law in Ithaca until ten years ago, when he went to New York, where he has a large practice in his specialty of railroad legislation.

'73. Dr. Wm. F. Duncan, of Williamsbridge, and J. C. Hendrix of Brooklyn, were both offered nominations for Congress from their respective districts, but neither concluded to run.

'74. E. O. Randall, ex-ERA editor and third Commodore of the Cornell Navy, has just been admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Mr. Randall is one of the leading business men of Columbia and amid a multiplicity of public offices has found time to read law and become a full fledged attorney.

'76. E. F. Church has just accepted a responsible position as one of the managers of the retail department of Robt. Graves, Wall Paper Establishment, New York City.

'81. W. D. Holmes and wife are living in Paris. His address is No. 1, Rue Pierre-Charron. H. C. Derby a former medical prep., is with him at present.

'86. E. L. Elliott is assistant Professor of Natural Science in the Pittsburgh Central High School.

'88. H. H. Morehouse is with Senores J. Aparicio E. Hijos, Quezalteaungo, Guatemala, Central America.

'90. Hagerman has entered the Yale Law School, and will train for the Yale crew this year.

'90. Mr. R. O. Smith is Principal of Hill Academy, of Redding, Conn.

'91. Mr. A. P. Fowler, Editor-in-Chief of the ERA, has been absent from the city all the week, attending the fifty-sixth annual convention of Delta Upsilon. He will return in time for next week's work.

'93. H. R. Lordly was in the government employ during the summer, surveying the former Indian Reservation in Northern Dakota.

Literary Notes.

In the October number of the *North American Review* is an article on the "Future of American Universities" by ex-Pres. Andrew D. White. Every member of the University, whether interested in the question of advanced education or not, will find the article of great interest.

The October number of the *University Magazine* is of especial interest to Cornellians. Frank M. Bronson, Instructor in Latin and Greek, has the second chapter of his article on Cornell University, which is illustrated by numerous cuts of the campus and buildings. M. E. Pool has an article on "Distinguished Alumni of American Colleges." The *Magazine* also contains portraits of Mynderse Van Cleef '75, Hon. S. D. Halliday '90, W. H. Sage, Yale '65, Walter C. Kerr '69, John DeWitt Warner '72. All well known to Cornellians.

Department News.

ARCHITECTURE.—There has been no diminution of the number of students in the department, and when the Registrar's returns are completed they will probably show an increase for the current year. By the appointment of Mr. C. L. Young as instructor, the department is now able to carry on the professional work of the course with greatly increased efficiency; separation of the teaching of the three subjects of historical development, design, and construction being made possible. Mr. Young was a special student in the department during the years '87-'88, and has since been in the office of Mr. Wm. H. Miller, where among other important duties he has prepared the working drawings for the new University Library. During the past summer he has made a special tour of observation among the offices in several of the larger cities with a view of studying the methods of office organization and practice; and has been able also, incidentally, to add to this important department collections of working drawings of buildings already erected. A special study of these drawings is made during the junior year with a view of familiarizing the students with the different business methods of the more important offices throughout the country. Several important additions have recently been made to the department library, the most notable being Place's *Ninive et l'Assyrie*, three large folio volumes magnificently illustrated, and Prusse d'Avannes' *Historie de l'Art Egyptienne*, also in three volumes, and containing some of the most splendid examples of chromolithography ever issued from the Paris press.

College News.

HARVARD.—The *Crimson* declares the general sentiment of undergraduates to be against the proposed reduction of the course to three years. . . . Owing to the increased demand Memorial Hall has outgrown its present capacity. . . . The Rowing Club has a membership of 300. . . . A course of public lectures on Modern Philosophy is being delivered to crowded audiences. . . . Harvard has been making the best football scores so far this season of any the large Eastern teams.

MISCELLANY.—A new Law School building is urgently needed at Yale. The Princeton Tennis Association is raising a fund for the erection of covered tennis courts. The members of the press of Williams, Amherst and Dartmouth are to have a joint dinner at Springfield on the night preceding the Yale-Harvard game, or at Amherst on the evening before the Amherst-Dartmouth football game. Hamilton has been given a new gymnasium. Lehigh was refused admittance to the Intercollegiate Football Association. Lehigh made an excellent showing in her game with Yale two weeks ago.

Among Our Exchanges.

AN EGYPTIAN HYMN.

Dedicated to John L.

Praise to the mighty Tootoo
The big slugger of all,
The great king of the ring,
Father of the howling Boohoo;
Who grasps the flowing whiskers
Who wakes the nightly echo.
We bow before thee, Tootoo!
Thou art the awful Looloo;
Thy left hand six month's sickness,
Thy right hand sudden death,
We worship thee, Oh Cuckoo;
On thee we stake the boodle,
For thee we howl the throat out,
Thou art the lofty Hoodoo.

—*The Brunonian.*

A Senior nursing his first mustache,
A Vassar maiden on the "mash,"
Quoth he, to chaff her, "I've heard they row,
Play base-ball, swim, and bend the bow;
But, really now, I'd like to know,
If they play football at Vassar?"

He smole a smile that was sharp and keen,
She blushed a blush that was hardly seen,
And thought him just a little mean,
Thus trying to surpass her.

But she straightway blushed a deeper red,
While the sunlight danced on her golden head,
With an artful look in her eye, she said,
Gazing modestly on the ground—

"'Tis awfully rough to tackle and run,
And one's complexion is soiled by the sun,
But once and awhile, for the sake of the fun,
At Vassar we do touch down."

The senior nor left, nor fled his place,
But "tackled" her gently about the waist,
She whispered "held," with winning grace,
And then touched down for safety.—*Ex.*

Book Reviews.

THE NINE WORLDS: STORIES FROM NORSE MYTHOLOGY. By Mary E. Litchfield. Boston and London. Ginn & Co. Price, \$60.

Miss Litchfield has given in her little book a very clever outline of the Norse mythology, sufficient for a concise and intelligent understanding by the gen-

eral reader and excellent as an introductory primer for the student who may wish a more advanced knowledge of the nine worlds connected by the trembling bridge of Bifröst, the milky way, and by the silver-rooted ash-tree Yggdrasil.

"Men are but children of a larger growth." As people enjoy musing over the toys of their childhood, so mankind in general clings lovingly to the fanciful tales and unique legends of its young days.

THE ART OF PLAYWRITING. By Alfred Henneguin, Ph.D. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York, 1890. Price, \$1.25.

This book is invaluable to all who have anything to do with theatres. Those who are from experience already familiar with the stage will here find their knowledge briefly and conveniently systematized, while those whose dramatic "stock in trade" consists largely or entirely of enthusiasm can get from it a clear, concise idea of the stage in all its minute detail, and of the proper construction of the play. The author's apology for the book in his preface, that to attempt to teach playwriting as an art "is like proposing a recipe for Paradise Lost," is unnecessary. He formulates and points out beforehand to the young writer the rules and principles by which in reality the audience unconsciously judges of the merit or demerit of a play.

Amusements.

The Francesca Redding Company have been playing to crowded houses at the Wilgus during the present week, and will conclude the week's entertainment this evening with "The Village Blacksmith." A handsome smoking jacket, now on exhibition at Sherwood's, will be given away this evening. This afternoon, at 2 o'clock, a matinee will be given, when the children will be remembered with presents, which may now be seen on exhibition at Finch's. The company deserve the hearty support they have thus far received, and no lover of amusement should miss to-night's entertainment.

"RAGPICKER'S CHILD."

Next Wednesday evening, Oct. 29th, Justin Adams, dramatic company will appear at the Wilgus in "The Ragpicker's Child." This play, which bears no resemblance to "The Ragpicker of Paris," as might be inferred from the title, has been entirely rewritten since last season and may now fairly claim the distinction of being one of half dozen American plays that are worthy of a conspicuous place on the stage and complimentary mention by the press. Chart at Finch's.

"CASPER, THE YODLER."

Friday evening next (Oct. 31), Mr. Chas. T. Ellis and his excellent Company will appear at Wilgus Opera House in "Casper, the Yodler." We clip the following from a recent issue of the Scranton *Daily Times*:

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Editorial.

THE notable increase in the advantages of higher education throughout the country is bringing constantly nearer that period when the American student can obtain the desired course of work in his own institutions, and recourse to German Universities will not be necessitated. The eastern colleges have for years been making steady advancement, and now the colleges of the west are centering attention upon the universally well established curriculums that they are maintaining. The institution endowed by Mr. Rockefeller, which is soon to be started at Chicago, is a true index of the progressive educational spirit in all the western States. In membership, as well as in the quality of the work done many comparatively young institutions are coming rapidly to the front. In this general advancement Cornell does not fail to sustain her position. The gift, noted last week, of \$200,000 from Mr. Sage advances the department of Philosophy to a most enviable position. The generosity of the donor, who has already given munificently to

the University, touches the heart of every Cornelian. Also a merited impetus has been given to the department of Agriculture in the proposed erection of the new building, and the equipment of this department will be second to none in the country. While the members of the English Literature Department were exulting over the fact that a friend had offered three prizes for the best essays on a subject in Literature, the students in courses 10 and 12 in American History were pleasantly surprised by an unknown friend offering to them the same advantages, details of which have been mentioned elsewhere. These incentives to thorough work will surely develop ability that might have remained latent, and the benefit that these two departments will derive cannot be over-estimated.

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IN the death of James E. Thorold Rogers, a professor of political economy at Oxford, the science loses one of its strongest supporters, and a man whose untiring efforts in this field of labor have aided greatly in its development. The principles of political economy, worked out by the slow and efficient method of induction, formed the basis of all his economic thought, and are very evident in his three most important works: "Six Centuries of Work and Wages," "A History of Agriculture and Prices in England," and "The Economic Interpretation of History." Professor Rogers sought to place the science before the public in such a manner that it would be free from any reproach. He realized how severely every economic conclusion is assailed, and that this was due, in part at least, to hasty and unreliable inductions that are termed laws by many leading economists. Professor Rogers further claimed that there are two things which have especially discredited political economy—"The one is its traditional disregard for facts; the other, is strangling itself with definitions." It is not at all surprising that inac-

curate and careless work on the part of a few economists should tend to bring into disrepute the labor of the majority, since the fundamental principles of political economy are not firmly fixed in the mind of the public, and it wavers at the slightest influence. The research of Professor Rogers went back more than eight centuries for materials which he might present as a partial basis for a final science, and the results of his thorough and conscientious work will not soon pass away.

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THE first meet on Percy Field under the management of the Athletic Club was a success. Not that any records were made about which enthusiasts may boast, but the attendance was large and the interest awakened augurs well for the future of Cornell field and track athletics. But few of the contestants in the events of a week ago had had any proper training, and they invariably won. Since the athletic field has been completed the furtherance of such sports rests with the students themselves. As long as the only available track was liable to be flooded after every heavy rain, it was no wonder that outdoor contests languished. Now, apart from other considerations, a proper appreciation of gifts of time and money by friends of athletics, should suffice to infuse among students a spirit of emulation that will enable Cornell to send to the intercollegiate games in the spring a team that will do her credit. The only element to be supplied is vim and enthusiasm. What answer will the student body give?

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THE announcement of the American Protective Tariff League, which is presented in another column, should receive the careful attention of every Senior whose inclination leads him into work of this character. Previously Cornellians have interested themselves in the offers made by the League, and they have not done so in vain. The honor and remuneration should be of sufficient importance to rouse the energies of every person concerned with the solution of those questions that are of vital importance to the American Common-

wealth. If time can be spared from University duties to engage in any outside work, it could not be employed to any better advantage than in gathering material for an essay on the subject announced. The most important feature of all is that the student has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

HORACE: I. 11.

Seek not Leuconoë, to learn,
 (For this we may not know),
 What end of life to me, to you,
 The Gods shall e'er bestow;
 And do not ask the chaldaic stars
 Thy future days' particulars.

Tis better far, whate'er they be
 To take them as they come,
 If Jove's assigned more winters yet
 Or this the last that Tyrrhenum
 Now dashes with its weakening shock
 Upon the unyielding covered rock.

Awake, good hearts, prepare the wine!
 Thy steadfast hopes to time
 But brief restrain, lest while we talk
 Old age have stolen our prime!
 Pluck this day's flower, thou life-perplexed,
 And wait not, trust not for a next.

W. C. L. JR.

A RECENT ACQUISITION OF THE MUSEUM.

Through the generosity of Lieut. F. M. Symonds of the U. S. Navy, our museum has lately come into possession of a prehistoric relic of unique interest and possibly of great value. It consists of a small block of hard, polished wood, six by five inches and about one inch thick, inscribed with a curious and thus far undecipherable picture-wording or hieroglyphics. It was found in 1887 by an exploring expedition, of which Lieut. Symonds was a member, upon an uninhabited island of the south-eastern Pacific. This island commonly called Easter Island, is situated midway between the group of the Society Islands and the western coast of South America, two thousand miles from any other land. It is about nine miles long by four and a half wide. Captain Cook, the famous navigator, visited it in the middle of the last century, and seems to have found it just as it remains today. Abundant traces of a once strong and highly developed civilization, exist upon the

island. Along the precipitous cliffs, which, one hundred to three hundred feet in height, encircle the entire island, are disposed a series of colossal stone platforms, one hundred and fifteen in all. These are constructed of massive blocks of quarried and finely wrought stone and average in dimensions fifty feet in length, eight in width and twelve in height. Upon each of these platforms, resting upon huge pedestals, stand various stone images fashioned after the human form. On each platform are placed two to fifteen of these figures. In all, some five hundred of them have been counted. They are of varying size, weighing by estimate from two and a half to seventy tons. They are all quarried from the side of an extinct volcano situated at one of the extremes of the island, and consist of a gray brachibic lava stone.

In the caves of the island were found eleven wooden tablets like the one just presented to the University. Two of them have been presented to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, and two each to the geographical societies of England and France. The fact that, in spite of their undoubted antiquity, these wooden tablets have been so well preserved from decay is due to the absence of moisture in the places where they were found, as well as to the hardness and polish of the wood.

The writing represents a system, so far as we know, entirely unconnected with any form of picture-writing that has yet been discovered. The symbols are from $\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in height and are firmly and finely cut with a sharp instrument and evidently by a practiced hand. It is possible to trace in some of the symbols human figures in various postures, in others apparently animals, weapons and trees, but the writing has passed out of the phase of pure picture-writing into the first phase of conventionalization toward ideographic writing,—at least so it would appear,—and therefore the symbols are not all readily identifiable with forms of natural objects. The absence of all connection with other writings, and the limited extent of the monuments renders somewhat faint the hope of a decipherment of these records, and a consequent solution of the mystery that hangs about them. It seems to us, however, highly unlikely that so elaborate and strongly conventionalized a form of writing as this should have developed itself independently upon this meagre island. Some external relations may yet be found. In spite of our pleasure in the possession of this interesting relic, it is somewhat depressing to think that our moist climate will probably not deal so

kindly with it, as the air of its native place, and that what possibly many centuries have held in safe keeping for us, may crumble away here in a few years.

B. I. W.

TO A DEAD BIRD.

Sweet bird, in life thy tuneful voice
 Has bid the woods and meads rejoice,
 Has greeted glad the new-born day,
 Has sung at evening's parting ray,
 In notes that cheer the gloom away.
 Perhaps thy wings rejoicing bore
 Thy form thro' fields of air to soar;
 Or when the sun had sunk to rest,
 Laying thine head upon thy breast,
 Hast passed with innocent sleep the night,
 And rising ere the morning light
 Thy simple thanks in songs hast given
 That move the very heart of heaven.
 But every joy must end at last,
 And now thy happy life is past;
 Before me lies thy graceful form,
 Once flushed with joyous life and warm.
 The rain has soiled thy once fair crest,
 And dreary nights have chilled thy breast;
 Yet earth has taken thee to rest
 And formed for thee a loving nest;
 The sun doth shine with sadder light,
 Since thou art taken from his sight;
 The wind, once rude, has gentler grown,
 And softened more his dreary moan
 Since thou, sweet bird, hast stilled thy breath
 In the ne'er-ending sleep of death.

Thus run my thoughts in study brown;
 Dissecting knives have fallen down,
 The bird untouched upon the slab—
 Is this the way I work at lab!
 Daydreaming at my work so soon
 This warm and drowsy afternoon.

R. J. K.

OXFORD IN AUGUST.

II.

In appearance each quadrangle, or "quad" in Oxford resembles all the rest; at least, there is only just enough difference between them to enable a native to name one correctly when he sees it. There are one or two exceptions to this general rule, of course, and the most important one is the Christ Church quad, which is fully twice as large as any of the other, and is made conspicuous by its immense "Tom Tower," over the gate-way. It is here that "Great Tom," is hung, upon which each evening a curfew of one hundred

and one stroke is sounded, in commemoration of the number of its students upon the foundation of the College. The graceful tower of Mary Magdalene College renders its quadrangle, also, unmistakable. But, for the rest, they seem very much alike to the uninitiated. Brazenose offers a very fair example. Here we looked over a large square of closely-cut velvety grass, to the low, ivy-covered walls of the College, with their turrets, their buttresses, and their arched, cloister like windows. On the buttresses stand strange looking figures of animals and half men, with here and there the statue of a seated King of England, or a St. George trampling on the dragon. The effect of age is wonderfully enhanced by the character of the stone used in all but the most modern of the College buildings, which peels off and blackens upon exposure. It is hard to imagine the peace and quiet of this ideal spot being rudely broken by the midnight return of a party of "enthusiastics," who have been out celebrating the success of their crew or their football eleven, but it is not improbable that such things do, at times, occur. We were here shown a typical student's room. It was not unlike the dormitory room of an American college student, with the difference that there, instead of calling the door a door, they called it an "oak." It was made of chestnut, however. The pictures were all down, and covered over with cloths, but we looked at a few of them. However, they were all *English* actresses, not an American among them, so they were not familiar to us. We were not, at that time, up on English art.

From Brazenose College we crossed directly to the great Bodleian Library, which contains 460,000 printed volumes, beside a vast number of manuscripts and coins. The early illuminated manuscripts are particularly numerous and interesting. One very valuable book preserved here is a copy of the celebrated "Treacle Bible," in which the early translators converted the question "Is there no balm in Gilead," into "Is there no treacle in Gilead."

After a very interesting hour spent in the Bodleian Library, and another under the immense dome of the Radcliff Library building, which is now used as a part of the Bodleian, we wandered about from college to college, from quad to quad, finding new places for exclamation points and superlative adjectives at each turn, and feeling that a stay of less than a month would be wholly inadequate to seeing all the points of interest of the University and the town. Each college had some

special beauty of its own. At New College, it was a peculiarly beautiful stained glass window by Reynolds, in the chapel. At Magdalen it was the lovely old "Founders Tower," and "St. Swithen's Quad." We looked around for "Addison's Walk," in the grounds of the latter college, and presently found a very attractive looking lane, which we concluded must be the one for which we sought. We followed it up for a short distance, and came to another lane. Consulting our Baedeckers, we found that this answered descriptions better than the first, so we immediately changed our track and enthused over this instead. Following it up, however, we came to five other lanes in rapid succession, each running in a different direction, and each answering descriptions for "Addison's Walk," better than the one before it. When we came to the last, and found that it branched into yet four other paths, we were, on the whole, a trifle weary, and considerably confused. We made our way back to our starting place, however, and inquired of an old man whom we found there, if he would tell us which of these paths was the much talked of Addison's Walk. "Is it Addison's Walk your after? Well, you go about a mile down the river there, and turn to your right, and anybody 'll tell you where it is then."

The New Examination Halls we found to be by far the handsomest buildings at Oxford, as they were the most modern. They are said to have cost £250,000, and we could well believe it. The great entrance hall and the grand stairway are partially inlaid with Mexican onyx, Iceland spar, etc. All university examinations are tried in this hall, and we found the desks in the different rooms quite covered with the legends and inscriptions of students whose brains were more active in that direction than they were in answering the questions put to them. These were of all sorts, poetry and prose, wise saws and silly verses. Here is a specimen verse, written probably by a student apter at putting a rule into verse than at applying it:

"Ask, command, advise and strive,
By 'ut' translate infinitive
But never be this rule forgot,
Put 'ne' for 'ut' when there's a 'not.'"

The many other curious and pleasant sights in Oxford, the Cherwell, the Iffley Mill, the students shops, and above all, the innumerable points of interest connected with the colleges themselves, are not within the scope of an article confined to these limits.

PROFESSOR CORSON'S READINGS.

The second of Professor Corson's readings from American literature was given last Saturday evening in Barnes Hall. A large and appreciative audience greeted the reader, who began the entertainment of the evening by estimating the position of Bryant as an American man of letters. After the introductory remarks, several selections from Whittier were read, which the audience thoroughly enjoyed.

Professor Corson reads this evening from Edgar Allan Poe. In addition to the selections in the programme, several others will be read: *The Sleeper*, *The Haunted Palace*, *An-nabel Lee*, etc. In connection with *The Raven*, the essay on *The Philosophy of Composition*, in which the poet presents the development of the poem, will be read.

The Raven, *Ulalume*, and *The Bells* have long been favorites with readers, affording, as they do, such opportunities for effective vocalization as but few other poems afford.

It is hoped that all students who can, will avail themselves of this reading.

Following is the program for the remainder of the course:

Nov. 8. LONGFELLOW: *The Skeleton in Armor*; *Endymion*; *The Goblet of Life*; *Pegasus in Pound*; *Sonnets prefixed to translation of Dante's Divine Comedy*; selections from *Hiawatha*; etc.

Nov. 15. HAWTHORNE: Selections from *The Scarlet Letter*, *The House of the Seven Gables*, *The Marble Faun*, etc.

Nov. 22. LOWELL: *A Fable for Critics*.

Nov. 29. LOWELL: *The Vision of Sir Launfal*; *To a Pine Tree*; *On a Portrait of Dante by Giotto*; *Masaccio*; *Ode recited at the Harvard Commemoration, July 21, 1865*; etc.

Dec. 6. O. W. HOLMES: Selections from *The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table*, *The Professor at the Breakfast Table*, etc.

Dec. 13. WALT WHITMAN: Selections from *Leaves of Grass*, *Specimen Days and Collect*.

RECEPTION TO MRS. ADAMS.

The reception given Monday afternoon at the home of President Adams to the ladies of the Campus, was a most delightful experience for those who participated. The occasion was to celebrate the eighty-third birthday of Madam Adams, the mother of our President. The house was lighted and was filled with the fragrance of the flowers sent to Madam Adams by her many friends. The rooms with their wealth of art and bric-a-brac were charmingly arranged—from the music room with its ancient Flemish tapestries to the dining room, where an ample and dainty lunch was spread.

Mrs. Adams, with graceful and cordial hospitality received the friends at the door. Al-

though there were many guests, yet each had opportunity for more than mere words of congratulation to Madam Adams, whose wisdom and sympathy has given her a deep hold upon the life of her neighbors.

The reception lasted from three until six, and each friend, departing, felt that a special blessing attended this opportunity of coming in contact with the benign presence of one who through four-score years has preserved the keenest interest and sympathy in humanity and who finds life well worth living so long as it is filled with active duties toward those around her. A telegram of congratulation to Madam Adams from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie voiced well the sentiments of all in saying, after good wishes and greetings, "Youth and middle age have their wreaths, but only old age the crown."

Sage Chapel.

The pulpit at Sage Chapel will be occupied Nov. 2, by the Rev. Luther Tracy Townsend, D.D., Methodist, of Boston University.

A native of the Pine Tree state, he graduated from Dartmouth in 1857, and from Andover Theological Seminary three years later, when he was ordained to preach in the Methodist Episcopal church.

At the breaking out of the Civil war he was called from the pulpit to the battle field. He served as adjutant of the 16th New Hampshire Volunteers. Since 1873 he has occupied the chair of practical theology in Boston University. He took the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth in 1871.

Dr. Townsend is the author of a large number of publications, and is well known as an eloquent preacher.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

Professor Corson will give, in the Unitarian Church, by invitation of the pastor, three lectures on the "Poetry of the Bible," on consecutive Sunday evenings, beginning to-morrow, November 2d.

These lectures will be followed by several others, to be given by members of the University. The first after Professor Corson's lectures, will be one by Professor Burr, on "The Age of Faith." It is understood that Ex-President White will give a lecture in the course, the subject to be "From Babel to Comparative Philology."

THE NAVY BALL.

Last evening occurred the Navy Ball at the Armory, the first social event of this character that Cornell has experienced for many years. The Armory was very neatly decorated with the crew banners, oars, rudders, etc., which gave it an appearance quite characteristic. The floor was waxed and placed in excellent condition for dancing. Necessity compelled the committee to make all their arrangements in the Armory after six o'clock p. m. and there have been many other disadvantages to which they have been subjected. However, their labors were well performed and there was a sufficient number present to render the ball a perfect success socially, and it is hoped financially.

Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Sage, Professor and Mrs. White, Professor and Mrs. Crane, Professor and Mrs. Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Professor and Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Schurman. The large number of Faculty members in attendance indicates a thorough interest on their part in the affairs of the Navy, and such support augurs well for future success. The gentlemen constituting the committee of arrangements were: Emerick, Baldwin and Benedict.

THE FIRST EASTERN GAMES.

The first game of the eastern trip was played last Thursday afternoon with Union. Cornell easily winning by a score of 32 to 0. The game was not marked by any brilliant plays, and if all reports are to be credited the team did not acquit itself as well as it might have done. The fault seems to lie in the fact that they did not put up a good team game. Thirty minute halves were played. Scoring began soon after the game was called, a touchdown being made by Ray, and Bacon successfully kicking a goal. Osgood and Ray made the remaining touchdowns of the first half, the goal being kicked in each case.

In the second half Osgood made the first touchdown, but this try at goal failed. Colnon followed with another touchdown, the goal being kicked, and with this the scoring ended. Shepard acted as umpire, and Conant, of Union, as referee. The following men played for Cornell: Floy, Baldwin, Davis, Johanson, Colnon, Barr, Lomax, Yawger, Osgood, Ray and Bacon.

No details have been received concerning the game at Williamstown yesterday. The score was, Williams 18, Cornell 8.

THE FALL MEET.

The first regular athletic contests on the new athletic grounds occurred last Saturday, when the grounds were more formally christened Percy Field.

By pre-arrangement, contests for points were made one of the regular underclass contests. This awakened unusual interest in the events, especially among the underclasses.

We give below the order of events, with the successful contestants: One hundred yards run: Won by A. T. Baldwin, '93, second, J. T. Southworth, '93; time, 11 sec. Four hundred and forty yards run: Won by Ward Mosher, '92; second by W. Young, '93; time, 59 3-5. One hundred and twenty yards hurdle race: Won by E. H. Horton, '92; second by A. T. Baldwin, '93; time, 20 sec. Two mile bicycle race: Won by Osgood, '92; second by McCounnell, '94; time, 7 min. 45 3-5 seconds. Two hundred and twenty yards run: Won by R. Sheerer, '93; second by H. C. White, '94; time, 24 3-5 sec. One mile run: Won by S. H. Mould, L. S.; second by R. J. Kelly, '93; time, 5 min. 23 3-5 sec. Two hundred and twenty yards hurdle race: Won by Horton, '92; second by G. H. Place, '94; time, 30 4-5 sec. One mile walk: Won by F. M. Gilbert, '92; second by H. H. Williams, '94; time, 8 min. 13 1-5 sec. One half mile run: Won by Ward Mosher, '92; second by T. Kaveny, '94; time, 2 min. 14 1-5 sec.

In the five field events: Putting the sixteen pound shot was won by J. W. Taylor, '92, 33 ft. 3 in. Running high jump by White, '94, 4 ft. 11 in. Throwing sixteen pound hammer by J. W. Taylor, '92, 70 ft. 4 in. Running broad jump by Horton '92, 18 ft. 4 in. Pole vault by B. M. Jaquish, '92, 7 ft. 6 1/2 in. It was well-nigh dark when the pole vaulting was finished. The underclass score was 62-46 in favor of the Sophomores, who were consequently happy.

The Meet was an entire success, largely due to the energetic manager, Bailey '91. A good crowd were in attendance notwithstanding the cool weather. Owing to the soft condition of the track, the time was uniformly slow.

We find the names of Cornell men in every bulletin issued by the Secretary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, containing the list of candidates approved by the Council for election at the coming meetings. In the last, just out, we find the names of Padgham, '88, and Chamberlin, '90. The former is approved for full membership, the latter for Junior.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The American Protective Tariff League offers to the undergraduate students of the Senior class in the American institutions, three prizes for the best essays on the subject of the "Effect of Protection on the Purchasing Power of Wages in the United States." For the best essay a prize of \$150 will be given, for the second \$100, and for the third \$50. The essays are not to exceed eight thousand words, to be signed anonymously and sent to the office of the League, No. 23 West Twenty-third street, New York city, on or before March 1. The name and address of the writer and certificate of standing, signed by an officer of his college, must be sent in a sealed envelope, marked in a manner corresponding to the signature of the essay. These envelopes will not be opened until the successful essays have been determined. For other essays, especially meritorious, the silver medal of the League will be awarded, and honorable mention publicly made of the authors. The League desires, but does not require, that the essays be typewritten. The above awards will be made June 1st, 1891, and the League will reserve the right to publish any of the prize essays at its own expense.

The three prizes offered by a friend of the University to students in courses 10 or 12 in American History, for the three best essays, will be \$50, \$30 and \$20, respectively. The subject is "Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis as Representatives of Opposite Systems of Constitutional and Political Ideas." The requirement is for a careful analyses of each system, and discussion of the relative strength of both. The essay should be copied in typewriting, signed by an assumed name and accompanied with an envelope having the assumed name outside and the real name within. The leaves of the essay should be properly fastened together, authorities cited to be given in foot notes. There should be a table of contents at the beginning and an alphabetical list of authorities at the end, together with an index. The essays must be handed in at the Registrar's Office not later than May 1st, 1891. The Professor of American History together with two others, to be designated by him, will award the prizes, which award will be announced on Commencement Day next.

 Epigrams.

- "Out of sight."—The blind man.
- A cutting remark—Does the razor pull?
- An improved sti(y)le—The garden gate.
- Photographers' favorite dish—Dry plate.
- Why is an escaped convict liable to become popular?—He ex-cells.
- You will never make a good football player says the goose to the duck!—You are too easily downed.
- Scene—Full Dress Hop. Charlie to Harry:—"This reminds me of a football game." H.:—"Why?" C.:—"I see a number of half-backs."

Cornelliana.

—Lieut. Tutherly is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

—There is to be the same Thanksgiving vacation this year as last.

—A "Cornell Glee Club" has recently been revived with a membership of fifteen.

—Sheldon, '91, had a rib broken while playing on the Campus one day this week.

—Professor Smith, did not meet his classes in Elecution yesterday. He is out of town.

—Professor Roberts is to lecture before Guelph Agricultural College on "The Best Breed of sheep for Canada."

—Professor Tyler will be absent a part of next week. His section in course 10 will not meet again until next Friday.

—The Agricultural Society held a meeting last Tuesday evening. Short addresses were made by several of the members.

—In last Saturday's edition of the New York *Tribune* appeared an article on pig iron production by Professor R. H. Thurston.

—The Architectural Sketch Club has elected the following officers: Pres., G. H. Anderson; Vice-Pres., F. P. Keller; Sec. and Treas., C. H. Deuchler.

—The first meeting of the Presbyterian Union was held last Wednesday evening. A musical programme was presented, followed by a short social.

—Osgood, '92, won the smoking jacket, offered by the Redding Company to the most popular student. He had a large majority over all his competitors.

—Regular rehearsals of "Instructor Pratt" are now being held. The play will be presented by the members of "The Masque" on Monday evening, Nov. 24.

—The first meeting of the Fortnightly Club was held at Barnes Hall, Tuesday evening. Rev. A. H. Grant, read a paper in Christian Science, and Dr. Schurman spoke briefly of the history and aims of the club.

—Yesterday morning, the Campus was again disfigured by a large number of posters. The system of posting is one which is never authorized by the class but is always done by a few forward persons to show their great amount of class spirit. It is to be hoped, that there is sufficient good sense among the underclassmen to prevent a repetition of this disgraceful practice.

—In course 1, Physiology, the order of last year has been reversed. This year the work in dissection comes first and the work on the brain will follow.

—The Mock Congress meets this (Saturday) evening at 8 in Deming Hall. A bill is to be considered for the restriction of immigration and Professors Thurston and Collin are to be voted on for President.

—The following have been appointed from '92 to arrange for the Junior Promenade: F. P. Ide, H. W. Hull, L. B. Keiffer, L. E. Ware, F. J. Platt, W. C. Langdon, Jr., J. A. Hamilton, W. B. Brooks, Jr., W. D. Young.

—The Phi Delta Theta Fraternity held its annual convention with the local chapter during the present week. A large number of colleges were represented. The visitors were shown about the campus during their stay.

—The annual meeting of the Ramabai Circle will occur Sunday, November, 2d, at Barnes Hall, at the usual hour of the meeting of the Christian Association. Dr. Wheeler, Professor Laughlin, Mrs. A. W. Smith and others will give brief addresses.

—The "Hare and Hounds" men held a meeting Wednesday afternoon and decided on a run for to-day, Saturday, at 4.30. Anyone who enjoys a spin across country should be at the gymnasium at that hour. Lyon '91, and Mould, L. S., will lead the pack.

—There will be a football game this afternoon on the Fall Creek Ground between the Ithaca High School eleven and the Elmira High School eleven. Both schools have good teams and it is believed this game will largely compensate for the lack of a game on the Campus.

—The officers of the Junior Law class are President, T. H. Dowd, Vice President, J. R. Richards, 2nd Vice President, R. R. Duniway, Treasurer, M. J. O'Connor, Secretary, D. A. Denton, Athletic Director, J. D. Bell, Executive Committee, Albro, Menken, Allison, Morrison, and Dardess.

—The management of the Banjo and Guitar Clubs has succeeded in engaging Mr. A. D. Grover of the Boston Ideal Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Clubs, to select and arrange all music hereafter for the Club. Mr. Grover is one of the first composers for the banjo in this country, and his engagement will raise the standard of our Banjo Club still higher than it is at present.

—The 56th annual convention of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity was held with the North-

western Chapter at Chicago last week. The various Chapters and Alumni Associations were well represented, and the convention proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the Fraternity. The following Alumni of the Cornell Chapter were in attendance: Charles S. Harmon, '75, Park E. Simmons, '81, Active President of the Fraternity; Henry W. Battin, '81, Allyn A. Packard, '86, Albert R. Warner, '87, George J. Tansey, '88, Henry P. Broughton, '90.

—A farewell reception to R. S. Miller, Jr., was held at Barnes Hall last Monday evening. The guests were received in the West Dome by Mr. Miller, assisted by several ladies. About 9 o'clock, Mr. Floy called the assembly to order and Professors Wheeler and Burr, in behalf of the Faculty, wished Mr. Miller Godspeed in his work, and Dr. Fiske performed the same office in behalf of the down-town churches. Mr. Miller responded, sketching briefly the nature of the work which he is to undertake in Japan.

—**Military Hop, Friday Evening, Nov. 7th, at the Armory.**

Personals.

'85. Edgar H. Cooper, who held a Fellowship in Civil Engineering in 1887-8, was killed Oct. 28th at New Haven, Conn., in a railroad accident. He was in the employ of the Consolidated Railroad Company, working upon the Niantic drawbridge.

'87. W. S. Hebbard has located in San Diego, Cal., where he has opened an architect's office.

'87. Guy Sterling was married at St. Paul's, Chattanooga, on Sept. 4, 1890, to Miss Harriet Brown, Wellesley, '86. Mr. Sterling is at present in charge of hydraulic work at North Yakima, Washington.

'88. W. H. Robinson, Jr., died at Chicago, Ill., on Friday, Oct. 24, 1890. The funeral took place on Sunday last at Fairfield, Ill.

'89. John T. Nichols is now attending the Harvard Law School.

'89. V. F. Mashek, formerly business manager of the ERA, is in town for a few days. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Pilsen Lumber Co., of Chicago.

'89. F. R. Jones writes from his new position, as Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to tell Dr. Thurston of the successful beginning of his work. He thinks that things go much

more slowly in the South than in the North ; but it is not certain whether he gets that impression from the social experiences recently coming to him there, or whether he simply observes a difference in the progress of that quiet University and Cornell.

'90. J. T. Auerbach is in the Harvard Law School.

'90. W. S. Stevens, Senior Treasurer of the class of '90, is with E. O. Fallis & Co., architects, Cleveland, O.

'90. W. H. Graves is taking a special course in Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

'90. Alex. B. Trowbridge has accepted a position with Wm. Ralph Emerson, one of the leading architects of Boston.

'90. Percy Hagerman, after whom Percy Field is named, came all the way from New Haven, Conn., to be present at the opening of the field.

'92. James F. Devoy, formerly '92, is visiting friends in town. He is at present located at Frankfort, N. Y.

'93. Shantz, who injured his knee in the pole vault at the Fall Meet, is now able to get around with the aid of crutches.

Department News.

GENERAL CHEMISTRY.—The year opens with about 500 students, necessitating repeating the lectures as formerly, even with the increased capacity of the new lecture room. The acoustic properties of the room prove to be remarkably good, and not the least difficulty is found in hearing well even from the most remote seats. This is a source of great satisfaction, as the acoustic qualities of a hall must always be largely a matter of chance, and no rules of construction can be given for securing a good result in this respect. Nearly 300 students are taking the introductory laboratory practice, which is this year required for the first time in the general courses in connection with the lectures. The qualitative and quantitative laboratories are now finished and are well filled with students. The organic laboratory was ready for work the first of the present week. The number of students entered for this course shows considerable increase over last year. The new laboratory building was inspected by the Board of Trustees, at the close of their annual meeting. It was hoped that Prof. Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, would be present on that occasion and would deliver a brief address, but owing to pressure of work he was obliged to decline.

GEOLOGY.—At the close of the spring term Professor Kemp, Mr. Marsters, and Mr. Eakle of the junior class went to Port Henry on Lake Champlain and continued the field work which was begun the previous summer under the auspices of the U. S. Geological Survey. After the completion of the field work in the region of Lake Champlain, Mr. Marsters

returned to Nova Scotia, where he continued the work begun during the summer of '89 on the relation of the Triassic traps and sandstone on the shores of the Bay of Fundy and Minas Basin. Some time was spent in collecting minerals from the famous localities on the north side of Minas Basin, which was the particular region examined during the past summer. The minerals have been deposited in the study collections of the department. A section, extending from Wentworth on the north to Londonderry on the south of Cobequid Mountains, has also furnished some interesting material for microscopic investigation. All the material collected will be worked in the laboratory of the Geological Department during the coming winter months, and will be deposited in the collections of the University. During the first week in August, Professor Williams was with the Harvard Summer School of Geology, of which he has been one of the instructors for two years. This year with center at Utica, the excursions were made to Trenton Falls, Poland, Little Falls, Clinton, Oriskany Falls, Hamilton and Smyrna, etc. The class numbered seventeen students led by Professor Shaler and Instructor Harris and Professor Williams. The students were in part Harvard students and in part teachers from normal schools and colleges. He attended the American Association of Science, and the Geological Society meeting at Indianapolis, reading papers at each. Thence he accompanied the State Geologist of Arkansas across the northern part of Arkansas, and, the State Geologist of Missouri across the central part of Missouri examining these sections for the purpose of correcting the stratigraphy. For both of these States he is the consulting palæontologist under the auspices of the U. S. Geological Survey, and already nearly two hundred drawers of materials from these states sent in by the assistants of the survey are in the geological laboratories under investigation. The geological department of this University is the recognized depository of the U. S. Geological Survey, for the Devonian and Carboniferous systems, and Dr. Sayles, an assistant detailed for the purpose, is kept busy throughout the year upon these collections. The work in the department has been increased by the transfer of Blowpipe Analysis from the Chemical department, and the basement laboratory of the South wing of the McGraw building is devoted to this subject and Mineralogy. Several special students are taking advanced studies in Palæontology and advanced Mineralogy and Crystallography, and we find in its laboratories and lecture rooms the same busy work and enthusiasm which in all departments is making Cornell a power in the country.

Literary Notes.

Dr. Hitchcock has an interesting illustrated article on "Wrestling" in November *Outing*. He states his conclusion that "Wrestling does not stand at the head of athletic sports, nor should it, for it is much too hearty a diet for general adoption; but it does offer a combination of effects which it is well to encourage. Agility, strength, perseverance, coolness and fine judgment, all must belong to the successful wrestler, and with such a stock in trade as these a man may consider himself fairly equipped for entering the ring of daily life and there taking his chances of a fall."

College News.

IN GENERAL.—The Yale boating management is endeavoring to secure better arrangements from the New London authorities for the accommodation of spectators of the Yale-Harvard race. . . Much adverse criticism has been passed on the work of the Harvard football team. It is claimed that with the season as far advanced as it is, the team ought to play a much better game. . . The work of the Wesleyan team is also unfavorably commented on. . . The latest aspirant for football honors is Bowdoin, who now fills the place in the Eastern College League made vacant by the resignation of Stevens. . . The Rutgers Glee Club has discarded the too conventional swallow-tail and will appear hereafter in gowns and mortar-board caps. . . English literature is the most popular elective with the Senior class at Brown. . . A history of Lafayette College is now in press and will soon be published. . . The Williams team is probably playing the best game of any team of the smaller New England colleges. . . Rutgers' alumni have contributed \$2,100 to improve her athletic grounds. . . Harvard Freshman games were held on Monday. One Harvard record was broken, E. B. Bloss making 21 ft. 10 inches in the running broad jump. . . Princeton complains of cramped library quarters. . . Wellesley students are trying to raise \$100,000 for a new chapel, and now have \$5,000 for the purpose.

Among Our Exchanges.

A RETROSPECT.

The blue waves are breaking all day long
On the point that runs out into the deep.
And the pines are singing a low, sad song
To the breezes that through their branches sweep.

Where the river's current meets the swell,
You can mark the bar by its line of white.
The sunshine streams over wood and fell
As warm and mellow and bright.

As it did on that day, many years ago,
When we beached our boat and landed here,
The water is broad as then and as blue,
The landscape as wild and fair.

But the charm of the scene for me has fled.
Something is lacking, I know not what.
Only the soul of the picture is dead.
Though the eye is filled, the heart moves not.

—*Yale Courant*.

HIS SUCCESSOR.

The village blacksmith's passed away
Via the golden stair.
And as you view the flaming forge
Another man is there,
Unless perchance he's on a strike
Or on a drunken tare.

The children home from school
As some saloon they pass,
Look in and see his brawny hand
Around a whiskey glass,
And on the spreading chestnut tree
They read, "Keep off the grass."
—*The Brunonian*.

Book Reviews.

SIR PHILLIP SIDNEY'S DEFENSE OF POESY. Edited by Albert S. Cook, Professor of the English Language and Literature in Yale University. Ginn & Co., Boston. Price, \$90.

An educated person should, it is true, peruse many books, covering a wide field of literature but, which is of greater importance, he should also more thoroughly read a number of the literary landmarks. Among these should be included Sir Phillip Sidney's Defence of Poesy, an essay written at a time when poetry was temporarily out of favor. Like Cicero's De Senectute, it gives new and better form to old ideas and opinions, not pretending to any originality of material in itself. In a new edition of a work of such special value as the Defence, not good clear type alone is desired, but a competent guide to thoughtful reading and clear understanding is also expected in the notes and introduction. In his introduction Prof. Cook ably discusses the circumstances attendant upon the essay, as Sidney's life, the range of his learning, his theory of poetry, and in his notes he very completely explains all references and etymological eccentricities.

THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD. By Paul Heyse, Worthington & Co., Philadelphia.

A notable novel has recently appeared in Worthington's International Library, entitled "Children of the World." The book is by Paul Heyse, who may be safely said to be the greatest among contemporary German novelists. The work is in every way worthy of its author. Persons and places are drawn strongly. The style is lucid and elegant. Questions of the day are discussed in a thorough common-sense manner. Though distinctly a society novel, there is a marked absence of the petty vulgarities which are all too prevalent in modern works of fiction. These characteristics, together with a generous supply of superb photo-gravure engravings will doubtless give the book a wide circle of readers and the author a host of admirers.

Amusements.

FAUST AND MARGUERITE.

It was the Roberts-Sailer Company—a creditable array of artists—who entertained their audience with a dramatic subject entitled "Faust and Marguerite," founded upon the same tragedy by Goethe that gave Gounod such an inspiration in the production of the opera of Faust. The rendition of the main characters—which was an accomplished effort in the highest sense of the term—fully attested the superior qualifications of Miss Marie Sailer, as "Marguerite;" J. B. Roberts, as "Mephistopheles;" William B. Wright, as "Faust;" and W. H. Thorne, as "Valentine," while the tableaux and the stage settings gave to the whole a finish that made the play both a study and a pleasure of the elevated caste. The machinations of the crafty Mephistopheles; the spell under which Faust is held enchanted; the chivalric manhood portrayed by Valentine, and the tenderness of Marguerite with her apotheosis in the climax—were so well enacted that the most untalented could intelligently interpret the passing scenes.—*News*.

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Editorial.

THERE are many theories current to account for the unexpected showing made by the team on its Eastern trip. The close score of the Williams game and the victory over Trinity testify, however, that the team did its very best, and it should meet not so much with criticism as encouragement. But that there is room for criticism, hardly any will deny. Several reasons suggest themselves for the somewhat poor record the eleven has made for itself. In the first place, the lack of good practice games previous to the trip was an important cause. True, the second eleven was on hand every day to do battle, but that spirit of energy necessarily present in a struggle with a rival college, was of course sadly lacking in these practice games, and the spirit generally displayed by the 'Varsity on these occasions was largely one of listless indifference. Again, the severer discipline of last year's team has not been maintained, and in several instances was notably lax. There were but very few of the players who filled their

respective positions with any degree of regularity. However, it is not too much to expect that the Eastern trip will be of great benefit to Cornell football interests. To point out the lessons of such a trip would be superfluous. If it should only result in the maintenance of better team discipline, the recompense would be great. In considering the means of attaining and maintaining a high football standard here, we would urgently draw attention to the advisability of the formation of a football league. So far as can be seen, there is no good reason why such a league should not be willingly entered into by Cornell, Lafayette, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, and Columbia, which are all within comparatively easy traveling distance and on convenient railroad circuits. The spirit of mutual rivalry engendered by such a league would prove of inestimable value to the football interests of each of these institutions. We sincerely trust that this suggestion will receive consideration from the proper authorities, as it is evident that this or some similar scheme can alone give permanence and stability to football at Cornell.

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THE establishment of the School of Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture in Sibley College is a partial consummation of the plan proposed for advanced work in Mechanical Engineering when that department entered upon its new era of prosperity five years ago. This action indicates that the department has reached the stage of development that permits of a higher degree of instruction than is usually found in connection with undergraduate engineering schools, and in fact, it is only in the more advanced of such schools that the preliminary work can be fully presented. In Sibley College the work approaches most nearly to a complete technical preparation for the higher branches of the subject. It is on this account and also because the students are

becoming each year better prepared in the work, that it is possible to institute this advanced course of instruction. During the coming year the new school will be organized, the \$50,000 appropriated for it expended in the proper appliances and equipments, and next fall will be inaugurated a higher class of work in Mechanical Engineering, opening the way to the establishment of other schools of graduate engineering, that formed a part of the original plan.

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THE presence of class spirit has been made manifest during the last two weeks, being chiefly confined, however, to an occasional poster and at least one spirited rush. These are simply distant rumblings of a storm that soon will break in the atmosphere of lower class rivalry. There has been thus far every indication that affairs would not exceed their proper limits, and if this principle is rigidly adhered to nothing will occur that may cause regret. Commendable, indeed, is a good, healthy class spirit, but it is not at all difficult to conceive how easily the excitement usually attending it often leads to disastrous results. For this reason it is quite imperative for every student to bear in mind that the reputation of the University rests upon him. Under the strain of excitement, many things are often done that otherwise would never have entered the mind, and then follows the exaggerated newspaper account which alarms every friend of the University and calls forth derision from others. Therefore, during the next few weeks every student should curb any too ambitious designs that he may entertain, and under all circumstances consider first the welfare and good name of the University.

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TWO years ago a club was organized in the University for the avowed purpose of discussing religious, philosophical and kindred topics. It was to serve as a common meeting place, alike for students of mechanics or classics, electricity or letters, engineering or natural sciences, mathematics or philosophy,

so that under its auspices every opinion on these matters that are of interest to all might be considered. Its record in the past has proved its usefulness, but with the graduation and loss of its most active members, has come the need of making its purposes and opportunities better known to later comers to the University. A tendency that must be guarded against by all specialists is a liability to become narrow by reason of concentration of study. Just here the function of the Fortnightly Club commences, in its work of broadening conceptions of a common human inheritance, of bringing into touch the various personalities of the units that make up the sum total of a student body. The need of such an organization is recognized both by professors and students, and the Fortnightly Club is admirably devised to supply this want. Within its scope comes all knowledge, viewed from the humanistic standpoint. "Isms" of every sort will find in its meetings a respectful hearing—atheists are welcomed no less than ultra-religionists, radicals no less than conservatives, whether in philosophy, religion, politics or morals. To all who desire thus to rub against the opinions of their fellows, the ERA cannot do better than commend to their active participation in the Fortnightly Club.

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IT is earnestly desired by the editors of the ERA that a page or a column devoted to "Cornell Verse" may be started, similar in idea to the "Brown Verse" of the Brunonian, which has served to make that magazine so widely and favorably known. Unless far better support is given than heretofore, this will be impossible, but it is hoped that enough contributions will be received to warrant its beginning. All contributions will be counted in the competition for editorship. No one knows whether or not he can write verse until he has tried, and it can surely do no harm to make the attempt. One word of advice, *cut the verse short*. From sixteen to twenty lines is, ordinarily speaking, the extreme limit that can be inserted, except where the poem is of unusual excellence.

EZEKIEL BROWNE.

Foremost among the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts, was Ezekiel Browne. Who he was, or why he came was but little known. Only it was whispered that his family-tree was one which dated back with honor further than many a family whose arms were blazoned on their carriage door.

For generations his ancestors had been merchants, and their accumulations were the wonder of even the landed noblemen, but regardless of this, when the great wave of Puritan emigration swept over England, about 1635, the first Browne cast his lot with them, and for the next century the name of Ezekiel Browne is never absent from the roll of Town Consellers and those who were highest in the colony. From the first, he was of the aristocracy of the Puritans. With his wealth in England at his disposal, he readily became a money king in colonial affairs. After him, his son followed his father and his grandson the same, and yet another, until in the old burying-ground at Salem were four granite stones and on each one was this inscription,

EZEKIEL,
*Son of Ezekiel Browne,
Merchant.*

The latest Browne was worthy of his ancestors. In him was intensified all the pride and mercantile instincts of his race. Each Browne had been able to say to his son that he left him pounds where his father left him shillings, and each generation their ships had gone further until they were known in every sea.

It was nearly a century and a half after the first Browne landed on New England shores, that the father of the one who built the "Folly" was found dead in his bed and on his table a will, bequeathing all to "my son and heir, Ezekiel Browne," and so at thirty years of age, Browne found himself the richest man in New England. Never, throughout all those years, had the Brownes been anything else than Puritans. When the darker, harder features of the old beliefs had been almost forgotten, they still clung to the faith of their fathers. From generation to generation, the family pride in this fact had asserted itself in the boast "My father was a Browne and a Puritan." But in this respect, never was there a more hopeful son than this last one, for to a greater degree, he had all the bigotry, the coldness and restraint, the haughty pride, and the love of somber parade which distinguished his ancestors.

When he became the head of affairs, he resolved to build a mansion, as befitted a great ship-master of Salem. So on the very summit of the hill, overlooking the town and sea beyond, where it might remain for all time, a landmark to mariners and a monument to the glory of the Brownes, the foundations of the house were laid.

When he had thus far progressed, he looked around for a wife to preside at his home, not that he would ever love a woman, but that his name might be continued. So when he had decided, he sent a message to Matthew Judd, one of the richest and sternest men of Salem, asking his daughter Elizabeth to wife, and, from natural reasons, this alliance was sought by Judd. Unromantic and unimpassioned was the merchant's wooing, and on the same day that the house was finished, from the cellar to the chimney top, and from the furnishings to the stone over the door in which was deeply cut that it might not be erased,

EZEKIEL BROWNE,
1753.

he entered it with his new-made bride.

The tales of the grandeur of the edifice still lingered among living men a half century since. The house was of wood but of immense size, and of a rather severe style of architecture, as became the dwelling of a Puritan.

Along the front was a row of pillars supporting a lofty veranda, while on the top was a cupola, something like the lantern of a modern lighthouse, with large panes of glass set in it, from which the owner could see his ships as they came proudly up the bay from their three years' voyage to the East Indies. On the first floor was the banqueting hall, finished with some rich, unknown, foreign wood with many quaint carving of dragons and faces leering from the dark panels. Around the hall, so that they formed a complete girdle, were hung the portraits of the Brownes for a dozen generations. Very much like the present one, seemed many of the Brownes with their dark, haughty, handsome faces. There, too, from their frames looked forth the faces of women, beautiful but sad, as if life had given them so little. All were richly dressed, some in the ruffled collars of the days of Good Queen Bess, and so coming down through the various styles to the sober elegance of the Puritans. But it was to be observed that while the men were many of them old, so that the blue veins showed on their white foreheads, the women were all of them young, as if some blight had cut them

off in their youth. On the walls hung the English long-bow and some suits of armor. Down the centre of the room ran the old, oaken table and the sun, struggling through the tall, narrow windows of colored glass, cast a shadowy light, which was almost obscurity, over all.

Beyond the dining-hall were the kitchens, where the deep fire-places and great chimneys gave facilities for entertaining the guests as became a lord of the land. Across the hall were the living rooms and the office where he received his captains when they returned from their voyages and came rolling up the hill, followed by two slaves, bearing the bags of bright foreign gold.

In the upper stories were the bed chambers of the establishment, with their high mahogany bedsteads and canopies.

To this home it was, that Ezekiel Browne brought his young wife, hardly more than half his own age and set up his household gods. The day that she entered there, she left her childhood happiness behind.

In honor of his marriage and his house, that night he gave a banquet. At the head of the table, sat the giver of the feast with his wife at his right. From chandeliers, the wax candles shed their yellow light, gleaming on the family plate and the assembled guests, while from their frames, the bygone Brownes looked down as if with increased pride on the growing glory of their descendants. A goodly company was there that night. There were white-haired ministers who on the Sabbath proclaimed the wrath of God. There were many men from Salem and even as far as Boston, magnates they, whose names were talismans in the business of the colony. All who were highest and best were there.

Nothing that could minister to the success of the feast was absent. Black slaves bore the viands on silver plates and poured out the wine into curiously jeweled beakers taken long since from a Spanish buccaneer. Then, when the time was come, the old minister, who had that day wedded them, arose and drank to "the health and happiness and long life of the bridegroom and the bride." Then the cups rang so merrily, each to each, that some of the more austere guests looked behind their chairs anxiously, lest they should see the Devil grinning at them from some dark corner. Thus there was wine and joy that night and the Shadow came not to the bride.

A year went by and everything about the Hall remained unchanged. Every day the carriage, with its liveried footman on behind,

and the proud face of Ezekiel Browne with his wife at his side, rolled through Salem. But over her life had come a change. In her face was seen, not care, not age, for it was more beautiful than of old, but there was written on it the same gentle, pensive sorrow that was borne on the faces of all the women as they looked down from the walls of the banqueting hall. Hours would she wander through the dark corridors like a spirit revisiting its old haunts, or stand before the likeness of some long-forgotten maiden as if she would read her own secret there. Once as she mused before one of these in the dining hall, when the light was dim, and gazed into the face of a woman looking down on her with big, sad eyes from the time-darkened canvas, it seemed that the figure spoke to her in dreamy, far-off tones of pity. "Thou art received, O sad-hearted one, into our sorrowful sisterhood. Thy tears have made thee worthy to become one of us, as all before thee have. Welcome, last of our woeful race."

A few months later and she bore her husband a son. Then was the father glad, and according to the immemorial usage of the Brownes, the man of god dipped his hand in water and lay on the child's brow the sacred symbol, repeating the mystic formula of his faith, "Ezekiel, I baptise thee."

No one knew why she faded, but in the second December thereafter, one day when the east wind howled around the high mansion and drove the weeping clouds over dead, brown fields and naked woods, the portals of the Hall opened and a woman, richly coffined, was borne out. That day, through Salem streets, the master rode alone, and they lay her in the family burying plot of Salem graveyard. But Ezekiel Browne wept no tear, for he had a son and heir, and his name would not be forgotten.

J. V. W., Jr.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION

There was a meeting of the Classical Association, Thursday evening which was largely attended.

The program consisted of selections from Aristophanes with comments, and was as follows: The Politics of Aristophanes, Mr. C. L. Root; Some Political characters of Aristophanes, Mr. Davison; The Athenian Tammany and its Leader, Mr. F. J. Beardsley; Aristophanes and the Sophists, Mr. K. F. Rubert. The translations rendered were spirited, and interest was added by the various members following the reading with texts that were provided for the purpose.

A TENNYSONIAN PLAINT.

You must wake and call me early, call me early,
 chummy dear;
 To-morrow'll be the hardest grind of all the college
 year—
 Of all the college year, chummy, the toughest tiredest
 day,
 So I must grind away, chummy, I must grind away.
 There's many a student bones, they say, but none
 who bones like I,
 Though many a one, 'tis true, I've known, who bones
 enough to die.
 But none who bones so hard as I in all Cornell, they
 say,
 So I must grind away, chummy, I must grind away.
 I study so late at night, chummy, that I shall never
 wake
 If you do not call me loud and long ere day begins to
 break;
 For I must copy Physics notes and an essay write
 to-day;
 So I must grind away, chummy, I must grind away.
 As I came up the campus, whom think ye should I
 see,
 But Professor Bustem, thinking up some extra work
 for me?
 He thought of that straight fluuk, chummy, I made
 him yesterday;
 And he'll get even with me sure, so I must grind away.
 All the campus, all the valley, now is peaceful, calm
 and still,
 And the darkness and the starlight, are over all the
 hill.
 The inlet and the slumbering lake, they dream the
 night away,
 But I've no time to dream, chummy, but only grind
 away.
 So you must wake and call me early, call me early,
 chummy dear,
 To-morrow'll be the hardest grind of all the college
 year;
 To-morrow'll be of all the year, the toughest, tiredest
 day;
 So I must grind away, chummy, I must grind away.

R. J. K.

A RARE VOLUME.

During the summer, the library received from Philadelphia a bound volume of the files of a paper named *The Witness*, published for a short time at Ithaca during 1837 by J. H. Noyes, founder of the Oneida Community. It is a quaint volume, a literary curiosity, if not a literary relic.

In his initial number, Mr. Noyes sets forth the circumstances which led him to publish his paper at Ithaca. For some time previous, he had wished to visit western New York, considering it the "birthplace of many of the mightiest moral and political movements of the times in which we live." While at New York City, he fell in with a Mr. Green, and the two started westward on an exploring tour, with a view of selecting a place suitable for publishing their peculiar religious views. At Kingston their funds gave out, but they continued on their journey. They were kindly entertained by Col. Noah Dimick, of Middletown; passed through Delhi and the village of Walton, and at last by a route that lay through Unadilla they reached Ithaca, where they were kindly received by a Mr. Benedict. Shortly after their arrival here they established a newspaper office at "No. 40, Clinton House," Ithaca. Mr. Noyes was satisfied with his new location, and found "that while living expenses are high at Ithaca," yet he had a good boarding place and was kindly treated.

In one of the later issues of *The Witness* are set forth his principles of editorship in an article entitled, "Resolutions adopted at Ithaca, Aug. 20, 1837." They are in substance as follows: "*Resolved*, that I will *refuse none* who apply for this paper; will not *solicit* subscriptions for it; will keep *no money account* with subscribers; will not *dun* them for remuneration; will not publish for the *sake of pleasing them*; will print only when I have *something to say*; will print no communication *to please the writer*; will *stop publishing* when I cannot proceed on these principles."

To quote again, the editor says: "I have studied divinity in the 'Old School' and 'New School;' have been regularly initiated into the mysteries of Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth; have been a law student and a cosmopolitan; but now am simply a witness for the truth." And incidentally he asserts that, contrary to historic traditions, Lawrence did not die a martyr to freedom, "but to bravado and drunkenness," and *gave up the ship himself!*

Mr. Noyes published a letter containing an interesting episode—his proposal of marriage. No reason is given for this, but it would seem that it was in order to express his views on that subject. The paper then (1838) was being published at Putney, Vt., and the letter is dated from that place, and addressed to Miss H. A. Holton. It says: "I will not call it marriage that I propose to you, until the term is defined, but partnership." Legal and ecclesiastical nomenclature is largely employed

through the body of the letter, but finally sentiment comes to the surface, and he closes as follows: "Perhaps your reply to this will be the verse saying to me,—

"Watchman! let thy wanderings cease,
Hie thee to thy quiet home."

The result is not stated in the paper, but we may infer that his suit was successful, for the next number is edited by J. H. and H. A. Noyes.

We have been noting the exceptional characteristics of the volume, rather than its general tenor. For its pages are almost entirely devoted to an exposition of those religious ideas which, through the efforts of the editor of *The Witness*, found practical expression in the Oneida Community.

PSI UPSILON.

On Thursday evening last the friends of Psi Upsilon were invited to meet President and Mrs. Adams and ex-President and Mrs. White, at the Chapter House. On account of the illness of Mrs. White's mother, ex-President and Mrs. White were unable to be present. The House was brilliantly lighted and very tastefully arranged for the occasion, and from eight until eleven o'clock it was thronged by the many guests of the Chapter, who were received by the following ladies: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Horatio White, Mrs. Prentiss, Mrs. Hewett, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Babcock and Mrs. Sage. Among those present were: Professor and Mrs. Law, Professor and Mrs. Nichols, Professor and Mrs. Wait, Professor and Mrs. Griffin, Professor and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Comstock, Professor Hale, Professor Burr, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fiske, Judge Boardman and Mr. Sage.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BUSINESS.

A meeting of the Cornell Athletic Association was held Thursday evening at the Kappa Alpha Lodge.

The following trustees were elected to the association for the ensuing collegiate year: Benedict, '91, from the navy; Yawger, '91, from the Football Club; Howe, '92, from the Baseball Club; and Horton, '92, from the Athletic Club.

Mr. Garnesy's resignation as manager of the Baseball Club was accepted, but the vacancy will not be filled until the next meeting.

Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the reelection of the present officers,

Hon. W. H. Sage, Pres.; R. H. Treman, Graduate Treas.; and H. H. Sanger, '91, Secretary.

The election of the Managing Board, which has to do with rental of grounds, and all such questions which may arise between meetings of the Association, resulted in the choice of W. H. Sage, Prof. B. I. Wheeler, Prof. E. Hitchcock, Jr., H. H. Sanger, '91, and E. C. Bailey, '91.

It was decided to charge 20 per cent of gross receipts for rental of the athletic field for all games held thereon.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

A very large audience was present at the Unitarian Church last Sunday evening to hear Professor Corson's opening lecture on the poetry of the Bible. Every seat was filled and chairs brought in lined the aisles. A most instructive lecture was given, interspersed with readings which we feel sure revealed to all beauty and meaning in Bible poetry never known before. Prof. Corson declared the central idea of Hebrew poetry to be the conception of the unity of God. The lecture was in large part devoted to giving a general survey of the subject by way of introduction. Particular attention was given to explaining and citing the parallelism so prevalent in the Old Testament. The second lecture of the course will be given to-morrow evening.

C. U. C. A. BUSINESS MEETING.

On Thursday evening the C. U. C. A. adopted the following set of resolutions, embodying the policy of Mr. L. R. Anderson, the last president of the association, on foreign mission work:

The Cornell University Christian Association promises the following support, God willing, to the International Committee:

1. One hundred dollars towards a Y. M. C. A. building in Tokio, Japan; preferably for the college building, but to be used at the discretion of the International Committee.

2. Eight hundred dollars for the support of their representative, R. S. Miller, Jr., for the year 1890-91.

3. Eight hundred dollars for the same (2) for the years 1891-92 and 1892-93.

4. To give careful consideration to any demand of the International Committee for the further extension of the Y. M. C. A. work in Japan.

Proposals one and two have been already adopted by the association. After the adoption of these measures and the consideration of some minor business, the meeting adjourned.

Sage Chapel.

The Sage Chapel pulpit was to be occupied by the Rev. T. W. Gonsaulus, D. D., of Chicago, but on account of unexpected duties, it will be impossible for him to come. His place will be taken by Charles E. Robinson, D. D., a Presbyterian clergyman of Scranton, Pa., who has for many years been a prominent leader in his denomination.

A NEW PRIZE.

The History and Political Science Association of the University is enabled, through the generosity of one of the Professors in the University, to offer a prize of \$50 for the best essay upon the subject of "*Electoral Corruption, its Causes, Extent and Remedy.*" The conditions of the competition are as follows:

- (1) Anyone may write for the prize.
- (2) At least three meritorious essays must be submitted.
- (3) The tendency of the essays to be: (a) to stimulate in voters patriotism and a sense of individual responsibility; (b) to expose existing corruption in whatever party; (c) to show the reforming efficacy of a resolute public sentiment.
- (4) The essays to be historical in argument, supported by facts, and free from political bias or party propagandism. The tone to be moderate; the style plain and terse, and likely to interest alike the educated and the uncultivated reader.
- (5) The essays to be type-written, signed with a *nom de plume*, and the true name of the author to be enclosed in a sealed envelope, superscribed with the assumed name.
- (6) The length not to exceed 5000 words.
- (7) The successful essay to become the property of the Association.
- (8) All essays to be received on or before May 15, 1891.

The jury of award to pass upon the essays will be composed of President Charles Kendall Adams, Hon. George William Curtis and Hon. Joseph H. Choate.

All communications on the subject and all essays should be sent to the Secretary of the History and Political Science Association,

C. A. DUNIWAY,
231 E. State Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

—The date of the Junior Ball has been set for Jan. 30. At about this time the Glee Club will give their customary concert.

THE FOOTBALL TEAM'S EASTERN TRIP.

The team arrived at Ithaca via the D. L. and W. last Thursday night,—a veteran-scarred and jaded crowd. All unite in claiming unfair refereeing at Williams, two touchdowns being made which were not allowed. The score was Williams, 18; Cornell, 8.

Last Saturday occurred the game with Harvard, with score 77-0 in Harvard's favor; Monday, Amherst 16, Cornell 0; Tuesday, Cornell 26, Trinity 0; Wednesday, Wesleyan 6, Cornell 2.

At Cambridge the great trouble was that Harvard played altogether too well; especially for Cornell's lack of training in strategic plays. The *Crimson* bestowed especial praise on Osgood, Yawger and Bacon, but said that with much good material we lacked training. In the Amherst game, during the first half neither side scored. Cornell began the second half confident of victory, but Amherst played the "turtle crawl,"—bunching the men, shoving while bent close to the ground—and, aided by the darkness, they made ground in spite of our men's efforts to break up their line.

At Trinity the men became a trifle desperate and the result was a handsome victory.

The "turtle crawl" learned at Amherst was used very effectively against Wesleyan. Two touchdowns were made there by Cornell which were not allowed.

The men have learned much, during their Eastern trip, about the value of good discipline and the need of being well trained in signal giving, which, it is hoped, will accrue to their advantage for the remainder of the year. When the team is compelled to play a series of games on a trip of this character, it is very evident that they are at a great disadvantage, since they become fatigued, not alone by constantly playing, but by traveling as well.

They play Bucknell here to-day and Lafayette the following Tuesday; Nov. 15, the University of Michigan at Detroit; Nov. 22, Columbia at Ithaca; Nov. 27, the University Club at Chicago.

—The meeting of the Ramabai Circle at Barnes Hall, last Sunday, was addressed by Professors Laughlin, Wheeler, Oliver and Burr and by Mrs. A. W. Smith, while Mrs. Gage acted as chairman. An appeal was made for subscriptions to aid the Pundita in educating Hindoo women, money for which purpose may be sent to Miss Grace Breckenridge, Sage College.

EDGAR ALLAN POE.

The reading from Poe last Saturday evening at Barnes Hall called out a larger number of listeners than any of the previous readings by Professor Corson. The evening's programme began with the introduction by Poe, wherein he claims to have worked out his creations with almost mathematical precision, and illustrated the process by his analysis of "The Raven." Much that is very good is to be found in this introduction, but that "The Raven" was constructed in this square and level manner seems hardly probably. After "The Raven" Professor Corson read "Ulalume," which he considers the most difficult to render of those given. The reading of "The Bells" perhaps gave most satisfaction to the audience, but all were most acceptably received, and an unusual warmth of demonstration, which is not given by a Cornell audience to anything but the best, was manifested.

MILITARY HOP.

The first Military Hop of the season occurred at the Armory last evening. It was, without doubt, one of the most successful ever given, and it seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by all. The attendance was unusually large, especially from the Faculty and town. The committee is certainly to be congratulated, and if this hop is a fair representative of those that are to follow, the members of the committee need have no fear that they will labor in vain to give valuable financial aid to the athletic interests of the University.

From the Faculty there were in attendance, Professor and Mrs. Law, Professor and Mrs. Osborne, Professor and Mrs. Tuttle. Professor and Mrs. Bailey, Professor and Mrs. Hutchins, Professor and Mrs. Ryan, Professor and Mrs. Canaga, Professor and Mrs. H. S. White, Professor and Mrs. Crane, Dr. and Mrs. Schurman, Lieut. and Mrs. Tutherly, Dr. and Mrs. Wilder, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Hooker. From out of town: Miss Rogers, Miss Whitteley, Rochester; Miss Jones, Miss Swartout, Owego; Miss Van Heusen and Miss Crocker.

Cornelliana.

—Lieut. Tutherly is able to conduct drills again.

—No Cornell man was seriously hurt on the Eastern trip.

—The Freshman class has appropriated \$100 for suits for the class football team.

—The mason work on the tower of the library building is nearly completed.

—The Camera Club held a meeting last evening in the Physical lecture room.

—The selections for Prof. Corson's reading this evening at Barnes Hall, are from Longfellow.

—Prof. Tyler lectured in New York last Tuesday on "The Historic Name of Our Country."

—Several students accompanied the football team as far as Harvard, returning Saturday morning.

—Prof. Thurston lectures the last of this week at Norwich, Conn., on the "Growth of the Mist Giant."

—The Cornell Catholic Union will hold a meeting in Barnes Hall Sunday evening, Nov. 9, at 7.30. All are invited to attend.

—Miss Lucy Toulmin Smith, the author of a number of works on Old English History and Literature, is a guest of Prof. Crane.

—The *Scientific American* for Oct. 11 has full-page illustrations of the Cornell campus, Prof. Thurston's residence, and the interior of the Sibley shops.

—Cook's Code of Criminal Procedure and Penal Code for New York, annotated, a valuable book that is just out, has been received at the Law Library.

—The first meeting of the Baptist Circle was held at Barnes Hall Thursday evening. A musical and literary programme was presented, followed by a social.

—Members of the "Masque" are actively engaged in rehearsals for "Instructor Pratt," which is to be given Monday, Nov. 24, in the Wilgus Opera House.

—On Wednesday evening of next week in Wilgus Opera House, the May Davenport Burlesque and Comedy Company will give one of their unique performances.

—The Fortnightly Club will meet Monday evening in Barnes Hall. Dr. Wilder will read a paper on "Doctrines of the New Church." A general discussion will follow.

—Considerable commotion was caused in the class in French 7, recently, by a young lady translating "les joues enlumineés du vermillon de la pudeur" as "her cheeks shining with pink powder."

—Quite a number will go to Syracuse on Dec. 1st, to hear Stanley's lecture that evening. If a special train is secured, students will be enabled to attend the lecture without injury to their University work.

—The Cornell Hare and Hounds Club will take a cross-country run Saturday, Nov. 8. Start from the Gym. at 4 p. m. Hares; A. R. Henry, '92, and C. H. Clark, '92. Anyone and all are invited to join the pack.

—A meeting of the Natural History Society was held on Thursday evening last. A paper was read by F. B. Maxwell on "The Flora of Wisconsin Compared with Ours." A. D. McGillvary discussed the classification of insects.

—The Gun Club at a meeting Wednesday adopted a constitution and elected officers for the year. The members were divided into two classes, those using the rifle and those the shotgun. Medals are to be contested for by each class.

—The seniors in Civil Engineering have been able to take observations in Practical astronomy every evening during the past week. The work is very interesting, and the equipment of the observatory is all that could be desired.

—The students who are residents of Cataraugus County are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. J. H. Comstock, 43 East Ave., Wednesday evening, Nov. 12th, between 7 and 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing an association.

—At a recent meeting of the Trustees, an appropriation of \$2,000 was made for the Law School. \$1,000 of this is to be used for the purchasing of reports and statutes of all the States and Territories, the rest for Professor Tyler's library on Constitutional History.

—On next Wednesday evening ex-President White will read before the History and Political Science Association the latest chapter in his "Warfare of Science." This chapter is, as yet, unpublished and many will take this opportunity to become acquainted with its ideas.

—A fair is to be held in the armory at no distant date, to raise funds to furnish a ward in the new Ithaca public hospital for the use of students who may be sick while in attendance at the university. Miss Viele is to have charge of the fair, and it is desired to bespeak the generous coöperation of students and faculty.

—Monday's *Journal* contained Prof. Fuertes' reply to an inquiry as to whether the "flat lands" of Ithaca could be reclaimed. The reply treated of the bad results from a sanitary point of view, and showed that if proper steps were taken, these lands would not be inundated after every rain.

—The game of football last Saturday between the High School elevens of Elmira and Ithaca resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 54 to 0. A return game will be played in Elmira, Nov. 22. The Ithaca eleven have challenged both Rochester and Syracuse Universities, but both teams have declined.

—A lecture on "The Sources of Musical Expression" was given by Dr. B. I. Gilman, in Barnes Hall to-day, at 12 o'clock. Mr. Gilman, who formerly studied at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and Berlin, is one of the first psychologists in America. All lovers of music will very much appreciate a popular account from him of how and why musical sounds give pleasure.

—Last Saturday evening at the regular meeting of the Mock Congress, occurred the election of the President of the United States. Professor Thurston was the Republican, and Professor Collin the Independent candidate. The latter had also received the indorsement of the Democrats and Prohibitionists. The result was the election of Professor Collin, by a vote of 33 to 31.

—Dr. Thurston, Prof. Carpenter and Instructor Bissell will all read papers before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, which meets in Richmond, Virginia, this month. These papers will all treat of experiments carried on here. Prof. Carpenter's is of great interest, showing that cast iron plates treated with dilute nitric acid baths, lose their power of transmitting heat, to the extent of from ten to thirty per cent. This saving will be a matter of considerable importance to users of simple engines.

Personals.

'71. J. D. Warner was elected to Congress last Tuesday from the Eleventh District of this State. For a number of years he has practiced law in New York and from 1882-'87 was a Trustee of the University.

'74. L. F. Henderson has been compelled by ill health to give up teaching, and is in the real estate business in Tacoma, Washington. Mr. Henderson is authority on the flora of the North Pacific coast.

'80. A. B. Slauson is a reporter on the *Oregonian*, the leading paper of Oregon.

'87. Albert R. Warner is engaged in business in Chicago.

'88. F. Andrews is with A. B. Post, N. Y. City, as an architect.

'89. A. R. Kolb has attracted general attention in the architectural world by his designs on Jordan L. Marsh's new steam yacht.

'90. Miss Adelaide E. Benham is teaching at Keuoshia, Mich.

'90. R. L. Gifford, who has been sick, will probably return to college after Christmas.

'90. Messrs. Tobey and Walbridge have been making investigations on the Westinghouse dynamo, and their paper was read before the Society of Electrical Engineers and copied in the *Electrical News*.

'93. D. Cook has left the University and gone to Washington to accept a position in the Pension Office.

'93. G. P. Witherbee, who has been home on account of sickness, has resumed his work in the University.

Dr. Herbert E. Mills receives a complimentary notice from *Vassar Miscellany*, on his position as Associate Professor of History and Political Economy in that institution.

Frank Van Vleck, formerly Assistant Professor of Mechanical Drawing at Cornell, who was compelled to go to California for his health, is Chief Engineer of the Pacific Railway Company at Los Angeles. He is to read at the American Association of American Engineers a paper on "Light Cable Road Construction."

Department News.

SIBLEY.—Proposals have been sent out by Professor Thurston for the construction of an "Experimental Steam Engine." It is desired that a machine may be constructed which can be used in the experiment work of the graduate courses, and shall present peculiar facilities for illustration and investigation in the school of steam engineering, marine engineering and naval architecture; also for use in a school of railway mechanical engineering, which will be organized later if the former courses prove successful. All plans, and estimates of time and cost of construction are to be in by December 25th, 1890. A test of the special requirements that the machine must meet are included in the circular. Proposals have also been issued under the same conditions for the construction of a testing machine for the department. The machine will have a capacity of not less than 200,000 pounds, and will be fitted up for tension, compression, and if practicable transverse testing.

AGRICULTURE.—A view of the inner life of this department is sufficient evidence that it is doing good work. Professor Roberts has divided his class into sections this year, going once a week with each section for field work. This ensures more thorough work as, the sections consist of only three or four members each. Twelve or thirteen bulletins have been issued during the past year, and two more are

about to be added to that number, and still four others are in progress by different branches of the department. The annual bulletin, containing all these, will be out this month. In it will be cuts of all the buildings, etc., used by the department, as well as of the new buildings soon to be erected. The bulletin mailing list has swelled to something like ten thousand. The issue of the November annual bulletin, will require six hundred and fifty bound copies, and from ten to fifteen thousand unbound. The report will contain more matter than ever before. Professor Wing is a delegate to the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, which holds its meeting at Champaign, Ill., within a few days. The delegates will visit the Chicago fat-stock show in a body.

GERMAN DEPARTMENT.—The members of the faculty of the German department have had little rest the past summer. Mr. Henckels, greatly to his regret, was obliged to suspend work on a volume in French literature representing the authors of the seventeenth century. His book will be published by Henry Holt & Co. It has been submitted to Professor Bôcher of Harvard, who while suggesting a few changes in the selections, has approved the general plan of the work. All elective and regular classes in the department are very large. Faust and Heine's Prose are especially favorite electives. The classes in historical German, and the advanced study of the literature, have grown rapidly. The enlarged electives offered by the University, so far from dissipating the students' work, have encouraged specialization, and there are classes composed largely of students preparing to become teachers, and studying for honors in German. The equipment of the German Seminary room is receiving the constant attention of the professors. Recently very valuable historical and statistical maps have been added to it, as well as cyclopædias and books of reference. The room, though small, is in constant use by the students. Professor Hewett has been invited to lecture in New York, in January, before the Goethe Society, the monthly meetings of which are held in the Hotel Brunswick.

College News.

YALE.—The co-operative society is in a very prosperous condition. An effort is being made to revive the famous old dramatic club, which the faculty abolished in 1885.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The students of the U. of P. consider their football team the best they have ever had. The "Mask and Wig"—the dramatic club—expect to present an opera next term, in one of the large Philadelphia theatres.

HARVARD.—The Freshman and Varsity athletic meets were held last week. On Nov. 8, the cycling association will hold an amateur race meet, open to all schools and colleges.

IN GENERAL.—Columbia is playing a much stronger game than last year. Janeway, of the Princeton team of last year, is playing on the rush line. . . Oxford has 655 freshmen this year. . . English is the most popular elective of the Princeton Seniors. . . The Trinity Freshmen will soon give the customary supper to the Juniors. . . Plans have been drawn up for a new gymnasium for Rutgers.

Among Our Exchanges.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

I.

You'd admire my city sweetheart
(If you met her)

For her style.

Yes! You'd praise her beauteous face,
And her figure's perfect grace!
Ah! How daintily she walks—
And how charmingly she talks!

Yet—

I think you *could* forget her—
Could forget that artful maiden
In a while!

Though you'd praise my city sweetheart
And her style.

II.

But you'd love my country sweetheart
(If you met her)

For her smile.

And her trusting eyes of blue
Would have far more charm for you
Than the changing laugh and frown
Of the fair coquette in town—
Ah!

You never could forget her—
Ne'er forget that artless maiden
And her smile;

For you'd love my country sweetheart
All the while!

—Trinity Tablet.

GOOD-BYE AND HELLO.

I kiss her good-bye
And I kiss her hello.
How the moments do fly
Like a flash of the eye
Till I kiss her good-bye.
And how slowly they go
Till I kiss her hello.

—The Brunonian.

A DILEMMA.

Here's such a dilemma!
Now, what would you do?
I am quite fond of Emma,
But then I think Sue
Loves me better than Emma.
Now here's a dilemma,
For, you see, I like Emma.
Come! what would you do?

Would you make love to Sue
And so solve the dilemma,
Notwithstanding that you
Would much prefer Emma?
Would that really do
Both for you and for Sue?
No—it wouldn't, that's true,
That's a much worse dilemma!

But supposing that you
Were rejected by Emma
Having first jilted Sue—
What a frightful dilemma!

You wouldn't have Emma,
Sue wouldn't have you!
Behold the dilemma!
Now, *what* would you do?

—Trinity Tablet.

Book Reviews.

ELEMENTS OF CALCULUS. By Professor A. S. Hardy.
Ginn & Co., Boston. \$1.65.

The book is primarily designed for beginners. It is the outgrowth of practical experience in the classroom, and a very successful effort has been made to make clear those points with which the beginner experiences the most difficulty. It is based on the method of rates, which presents the fewest difficulties to those taking up the work for the first time. No effort has been made to compare this method and those of limits and infinitesimals. The demonstrations are concise and clear, although they depart somewhat from the purely analytic methods of exhaustive treatises, which, however, this work does not pretend to be. The typographical work is clear and distinct, and the book on the whole seems admirably adapted to the purpose of the writer.

OLD SOUTH LEAFLETS. Ginn & Co., Boston. 5 cts. each.

Several new "Old South Leaflets" have been added to the general series published by Heath & Co. Among these are Federal Constitutions of the Swiss Confederation (of May 29, 1874). This translation has been made by Prof. Hart, of Harvard, who has furnished the bibliographical notes. Other important additions are The Bill of Rights (1689); Coronado's Letter to Mendoza (1540); Elliott's Brief Narrative, and Wheelock's Narrative. These papers are a valuable addition to the series, which now furnishes so many original historical documents at the nominal cost of a few cents.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

—Our Government. (Revised edition). By Prof. Jesse Macy. Ginn & Co., Boston. 85 cents.

—The Veto Power. (Harvard Historical Monographs). E. C. Campbell. Ginn & Co., Boston. \$1.10.

—Asbein. From the Life of Vatuoso. By Ossip Schubin. Translated by Elise L. Lathrop. Worthington & Co., New York. 50 cents.

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Editorial.

IT is characteristic of idealistic reformers to neglect the work that lies nearest their hands. This is even more true of students than of workers in larger fields of action outside the direct influence of professors and instructors. Engaged in studies that withdraw them from close contact with active, practical life, too often they keep their eyes upon the clouds and take no account of obstacles needing to be removed from the path. Let us take a case in point. Probably in no institution of learning in America, is there a stronger sentiment against electoral corruption than can be found at Cornell. And not only is the defilement of elections by bribery and intimidation preached against, but a very large proportion of the instructing body and of the students insist upon

the need of the utmost independence in the voter's attitude toward party ties. Beyond question, they are entirely sincere in this stand. The offer of a prize under the auspices of the History and Political Science Association for the purpose of arousing public sentiment upon these points bears witness to their zeal. But this effort will, in part, have failed of its legitimate result if attention is not directed by it to methods prevalent in class politics. So strongly entrenched are these methods, that to dislodge them from class elections seems an impossible task. By some, they are justified, by many, they are tolerated as necessary evils, by nearly all they are used, by but few are they condemned and repudiated. Wire-pulling, combinations, trades, trickery, deceit,—what successful class politician does not resort to these means to secure his ends. Not one candidate in a hundred stands solely upon his merits. The ERA does not expect to work a reformation by simply calling attention to this matter, but so long as no voice is heard in protest against these evils, their continuance is assured. At least a beginning should be made for improvement, for real honesty in class politics.

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THE recent lectures of Professor Bryce in this country on civilization and political discontent have received marked attention, and the author of the work entitled, "The American Commonwealth," has portrayed in a forcible manner the condition of American politics. Professor Bryce does not claim that any apparent discontent of the people is leading toward a revolution, but that they do not place in the republican form of government the implicit confidence that it alone can bring happiness and prosperity to the nation. It has been clearly demonstrated that a great deal of poverty, injustice and corruption may exist under

this government, and the most potent advantage it affords, is that there is placed in the hands of the people every assistance and relief which legislation can give. However, this political liberty is not necessarily conducive to wise and considerate action in making changes for the better, or in approaching the questions of reform. This fact has been illustrated in the occasional evidences of the spirit of anarchism in America within the last few years. The discussion by Professor Bryce of the government and its effect on the American people is of special interest to every student of history, and it is greatly to be regretted that we have had no opportunity to hear any of these lectures delivered.

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BEGINNING with this number the ERA board intends each week if possible, to devote a page to representative "Cornell Verse," and to this end we earnestly solicit contributions from all undergraduates, of either the general or the technical courses, who feel an interest in matters literary. The amount of really excellent verse that is published every year in the *Cornellian*, shows that there is no dearth of talent in this direction, if only the stimulus is given which shall cause it to exert itself. Whether this attempt is to be a success or a failure, will depend entirely upon the support given it by undergraduates from the very beginning. Contributors should not be discouraged, nor cease their good work, because any of their contributions are not published, for that fact alone is far from showing any lack of merit, but may be the result of circumstances. All kinds of verse are acceptable, but the editors would repeat their former caution that it be short.

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THERE is soon to devolve upon the members of the University a responsibility of no slight importance—their financial support of our Athletic interests. Since it has been decided to send out next year Freshman and Varsity crews the warning note has been

sounded that there is a duty for every one to perform if the necessary sum, estimated to be nearly \$4,000, is to be raised. The members of our crews make no little sacrifice to become properly trained to pull an oar in a Cornell shell. From the beginning of the winter term until the races are over in July, they they must work daily and assiduously. Their part of the task is well performed, and now is the occasion and the only one for the student body to lend their aid in furthering the crew interests. Every one thrills with joy at the announcement of our victories on the water and he should be heartily willing to do whatever may lie in his power to make return for the honor that he hastens to proclaim for Cornell. It is by no means incumbent on any person to head the list that he may do his share, but every one should be stirred by sufficient interest in the success of our crews to give what he can afford, and even if the amount be very small, a spirit has been manifested that, if it actuates all, will never fail to crown our efforts with success.

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THE reading room in Barnes Hall is, as it was designed to be, frequented by every one who desires to peruse any of the papers and periodicals, religious or secular, that are there put on file. In fact this is the only place where any such opportunity is afforded, consequently the majority of the students obtain from this source the current news of the day. A reading room of this character cannot be conducted successfully unless those availing themselves of its advantages do what little they may to facilitate proper management. It is certainly very aggravating for a reader to discover that a portion of an article of interest, or the whole of it, has been clipped out. The person doing this fails to remember that the paper which he cuts in this manner is on file for the use of all, and that he is destroying matter on both sides of the page. If every one would bear this fact in mind there would be a decided change for the better.

THE Commodore of the Navy has entered into arrangements with Mr. Benedict, '91, to solicit subscriptions and collect money for the University crew funds. The condition upon which Mr. Benedict does this work is that he shall receive five per cent commission upon all subscriptions received by him. What effect such an arrangement will have upon the amount of money subscribed for the crews is problematical. It is quite certain that many dislike to contribute money to athletic funds when a commission must be paid out of it to the student asking them for their subscription. Recognition of this fact has led to the consideration of plans by which this objection may be obviated. For this purpose the Managing Board of the Athletic Association is to hold a consultation this (Saturday) afternoon. So far as can now be foretold, the ERA expects as heretofore, to be prepared to receive subscriptions for the Crew Fund and transmit them to the Graduate Treasurer. Two years ago the ERA board assumed the burden of raising funds to send out a university eight, carrying the work through successfully. Last year's board, following in the footsteps of their predecessors, again took up the matter and essayed the larger task of raising \$3000 to be used for both University and Freshman eights. Subscriptions for more than this amount were obtained, although it was found impossible to collect the full amount subscribed and some \$500 remains unpaid. All this the ERA boards have done without expense to the crew fund, assigning one member to have charge of this work while the rest took upon themselves his part in editing the paper. If needful, the present board is willing to manifest its interest in athletics in general and the crews in particular by doing as much, and more, than its predecessors.

AN "EVICTION."

Some six months previous to the time when our story opens Roger Roloefson had bought of its former occupant the cabin and fencing on a quarter section of land in one of the little valleys in a Rocky Mountain state. Roger was at the time under age, and so unable

legally to file upon government land, but had anticipated no trouble on that score. But later, becoming suspicious of difficulties arising, he had transferred the property to his brother Willis.

With this brief explanation the following fragment of conversation, unintelligible in itself, becomes full of meaning because of the circumstances in which it was spoken.

"Hello, Logan! What are you and this outfit doing on this ranche?"

"See here, young feller, I heard as how a kid was a-tryin' to hold this here ranche, an' I thought I'd just come an' see 'bout it. If the *law*'ll put me off, all right; but if there's a-goin' to be eny shootin', I got my weapons, an' we'll see who holds this land."

"Willis Roloefson has a bill of sale of all improvements on this place, and he's holding it; and Logan, you'd better pick up and get out."

"Well, he'd better come an' move his stuff off o' here. Me an' Ovie are a-goin' to hold this land." And Logan's hand rested on his revolver, while he turned and nodded to his "pardner," who was leaning on a Winchester listening to the conversation.

He who was addressed sententiously retorted: "We'll see," wheeled his horse sharply and was off as suddenly as he had come.

"Humph! He wont do nothin'," growled Ovie, at the same time, grinning with satisfaction at the discomfiture of their visitor.

It had been without knowledge of any transfer that Logan had formed the plan of appropriating the land himself, but when he had taken the step, he was determined to brave it out, even after being told of his mistake.

"He can't make me believe this place belongs to his brother. That's one o' his games," he said to Ovie after Roger was gone.

"That's it," replied Ovie. "And if he did sell it to him, hain't his brother been off gad-din' about the country and stayin' away from the ranche? I'll bet he ain't in the country now."

The pair proceeded to finish putting up their tent and to get their evening meal over a camp fire, even growing jocular as time passed on without any signs of approaching hostilities.

"Them tenderfeet ain't got no sand. Tomorrow you can go right ahead and cut that hay and they wont dare do nothin'. This claim is a pretty good find for one day."

"Yes, Ovie, them chaps is more tenderfeet than I 'lowed they were."

The evening sun was getting low behind the western mountains. The day had been so calm and beautiful that it seemed there could not be any strife under such peaceful influences. Soon the sky was all ablaze with color, and reflections of the streams of light such as appear in high altitudes revealed to the eye the fluffy bundles of hitherto unseen mist that floated in the heavens. The rippling water went singing on its way in creek and irrigating ditch, reflecting on its sparkling surface the varying colors of the dying sun; the cooing wild doves were preparing for their nightly rest; the lowing of distant cattle was but faintly heard; the aspen leaves quivered in the scarce perceptible breeze. It was the perfect ending of a June day.

And what is so rare as a day in June?

Twenty miles distant from the scene where our story opened, Roger Roloefson is again seen on horseback, rapidly nearing a lowly cabin, when his brother Carl comes to let down the bars and meets him with the question:

"What's up? Anything wrong on Antelope?" and then adds without stopping for an answer: "The papers in the injunction suit were served last night."

"Yes, something *is* up, and that explains it. Larsen has sent up Logan and Ovie, and they have jumped Willis's claim."

"What? Willis's claim jumped!"

"Yes, Logan and Ovie came up early this morning with old man Larsen's wagon and team, and have jumped the claim. We noticed them go by, but did not know what was going on, until we saw their tent, about the middle of the afternoon, and I rode over to see what was the matter. Logan, as well as Ovie, is well armed and says he's going to hold the land. But how's Willis? Has he got back? We must put those fellows off that land before morning."

"I'm afraid Willis can't stand the trip. You know he's not very well, and he just got back this afternoon. He's lying down resting now," said Carl. "But feed your horse and let's go to the house and see him."

Entering the cabin where Willis lay on the bed, a few words sufficed to tell him the state of affairs. The news roused him immediately. He no longer had any thought of fatigue.

"If the mare had not gone lame with me," he said, "I would have been back yesterday and headed them off. But now they must be put off as soon as possible. Let us take something to eat and be off."

Upon consideration, a delay of three hours

was decided on, for they would then still have time to reach their destination by day-break. The end of that interval found them in the saddle and started on their night ride. Meanwhile let us see what it was all about.

The "old man Larsen" and the Roloefsons had been unable to agree about the ownership of the waters of Alder Creek, from which both parties took water for irrigation purposes. This was a very important matter, inasmuch as without the water no crops at all could be raised. Willis, the eldest of the Roloefson brothers, had been away for a week to secure an injunction preventing Larsen using the water, and the papers were served the night before our story begins, whereat Larsen in his rage had determined to "make it hot for those Roloefsons." To carry out this purpose, he sent up his "hired man" Logan and son Ovid to jump Willis's preëmption claim, a piece of land twenty miles away on Antelope Creek.

By "jumping" is meant taking possession of, "squatting" upon land claimed by another. Where the land is unsurveyed so that the holder cannot secure a title to his claim from the government, it must be held by right of possession, and, after an absence of more than a day or two, a settler is in danger of finding his land held by an interloper, to whom he either must give up or whom he must buy off—if he does not wish to drive him off by force.

Larsen was the easier able to get Logan to go because the Roloefsons were newcomers—"tenderfeet"—and it was thought they would not dare fight. But Larsen had mistaken the temper of his neighbors.

The very faintest glimmerings of the coming dawn were to be seen when the three brothers at their journey's end left their horses and advanced toward the tent that sheltered Logan and Ovid Larsen. It was a dangerous situation. Unless the "jumpers" were asleep, there would be shooting. In that event the attacking party were at a decided disadvantage, having to advance unprotected over open ground upon their foes, who were hidden from view under cover of the tent.

But, in fancied security by reason of their continued immunity from disturbance, Logan and his ally had fallen asleep, with their arms at their sides. Suddenly they awoke to see the tent flaps thrown back and to hear the sharp command:

"Throw up your hands! Cover them, boys!"

A Winchester and a double-barreled shot gun thrust into their faces, were sufficient to secure unquestioned obedience. No one knows

better than a Western frontiersman what it means when you "get the drop" on him.

The "jumpers" were deprived of their arms and summarily ejected, tent and all, and the eviction was complete.

What did the law do? some one asks. Nothing. When the matter was brought before the grand jury, one of its number voiced public sentiment by saying:

"Indict those brothers? I'd have shot that infernal land thief dead in his bed."

THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.

The building soon to be erected for the College of Agriculture, at the cost of \$80,000, will furnish the department with accommodations that it urgently demands. The construction and arrangement of the apartments, the apparatus with which they will be supplied and the final equipment of the museums will probably exceed anything of the kind in the country. Every effort is being exerted to bring about the desired result and have the structure well under way by the end of the spring term. The location of the building will be directly in line with Lincoln Hall and opposite Morrill Hall. Architecturally it is to be similar to the former building, having three stories and a ground floor, and the same quality of stone may be used in construction. The main part will be 120 feet in length, and the wings at either end 40 feet, giving a complete frontage of 200 and a width of 70 feet.

The entire main portion of the ground floor will be occupied by a museum, except a space for hall and stairways at either end, to be devoted to heavy agricultural power machinery. The room is to be provided with shaftings to run these machines for experimental and testing purposes. Across the hall in the north wing will be the reading room, 20x35 feet, occupying the front portion; in the rear of this a lavatory, engine room for a four horse power engine and coal room. The south wing will have an apartment for wood-working, 22x35 feet, corresponding in size and position to the north wing reading room, another lavatory, and a room to be used for the University fire department apparatus. Entrance to this floor is gained by doors opening directly out and on a level with the ground, and to the first story there are entrances at either end of the main part.

The first story of the central portion will have a museum, directly over that below, to contain the Agricultural and Horticultural specimens necessary for class work. An open well, 8x72 feet, is to extend from this floor

through the remaining stories above, in order that there may be proper ventilation and light. The second story of the museum is to be devoted to Entomology and Veterinary Science; the third will be especially for the public, not containing anything particularly designed for class use. The halls and stairways in the three upper stories remain in the same relative position as those on the second floor.

The first story of the north wing is to contain the Herbarium, Professor Bailey's lecture room, with private and introductory laboratories in the rear. Opening from this floor to the east will be the one-story plant house, or conservatory. The remaining floors of this wing are to be used mainly for the Entomological department. Prof. Comstock's laboratory will occupy the centre of the second floor, with students' laboratories on either side, the upper part being used for storage rooms and having apartments for any special laboratory work.

In the south wing, the first story will supply the director's office, the mailing room, drawing office, and the general office of the Agricultural Experiment Station. Adjoining these apartments on the east, the operating room, 40x60 feet, being one story high and similar to the conservatory in the north wing, the sides and roof constructed of glass to furnish sufficient light for operations.

The second floor will contain Dr. Law's private laboratory, lecture room and student laboratory; the third, an audience room, so arranged that the adjacent hall and a portion of the museum can be utilized when occasion demands. It is noticeable that on every floor, the museum serves as a hallway to connect the student's rooms located in the wings.

The plans are so drawn that, if at any future time, it is deemed necessary, a building similar in form may be erected east of this for the Botanical department, the two being connected in the centre, and this central portion to be used for a Botanical museum.

The structure has been well planned in every particular, and no building on the Campus will be able to serve its department to any better advantage.

—The Board of the Student's Guild to which representatives have been appointed by the President of the various classes stands thus: R. O. Moody '91; C. A. Duniway '92; W. J. Gardinier '93; C. W. Harris '94; and J. B. Scoville, L. S. Professors Thurston, Wheeler and Burdick are Faculty members.

THE H. & P. S. ASSOCIATION.

The History and Political Science Association was favored last Wednesday evening in having the opportunity to hear ex-President White deliver a lecture on the subject "From Babel to Comparative Philology." This article is the last one Mr. White has prepared in the "Warfare of Science" Series. He showed how the church had stumbled for centuries in attempting to cling to the letter of the Bible. He gave the common views of the Middle Ages concerning the Hebrew tongue and demonstrated how reluctantly the church gave up at a later period the idea that Hebrew was the original language and was spoken by the mouth of God directly to the first parent. When Philology was first studied the object was almost solely to prove this hypothesis.

Not until the end of the 17th century did the theory meet any serious opposition. The 18th century was a period of chaos. With the discovery of Sanskrit the first scientific work in Philology began, and even then Dongald Stewart declared the discovery to be a fraud invented to injure the church.

The development of the science has proved that Hebrew was not the original tongue and that the confusion of tongues at Babel is a fable. In closing he said no harm had been done by the work of Philology, but that the essentials of religion had only been freed from incumbencies.

 PROFESSOR CORSON'S READINGS.

The third reading by Professor Corson from American Literature took place last Saturday night, Nov. 8th, in Barnes Hall as usual. The subject of the evening was Longfellow. A gratifyingly large audience was assembled to listen to the selections from the most popular of our poets. The programme of the evening was a very comprehensive and representative one. Professor Corson began the entertainment of the evening by a reading of "The Skeleton in Armor." After this came "Endymion," and "Pegasus in Pound," both of which elicited warm applause. Following this, there came the reading of the sonnets prefixed to the poet's translation of Dante's *Divina Commedia*. Longfellow's careful observance of the laws of the Italian sonnet in the composition of these sonnets of his was next dwelt upon. Selections from Hiawatha followed, and this closed the evening's entertainment. The selections this (Saturday) evening will be from Hawthorne.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

At the meeting of the Fortnightly Club last Monday evening, Dr. Wilder lectured on "The Doctrines of the New Church." Dr. Wilder is a life-long follower of the teachings of the Swedenborg, and set forth the distinctive doctrines of his faith in an entertaining talk of an hour. In order to give further information upon the topic, printed matter was furnished to all in attendance supplementing the lecture. Much interest was aroused by Dr. Wilder's presentation of his subject and numerous questions were asked at the close of the more formal remarks.

The next paper to be presented before the club will be by Mr. W. H. Hudson on "The Significance of Early Christian Art."

 SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

Last Sunday evening's lecture by Professor Corson on "The Imagery of Hebrew Poetry" was quite as largely attended as the first of the series upon the preceding Sunday. After a sketch of the difference between prose and poetry, which he showed to consist chiefly in the greater richness of the latter in the concrete, the Professor showed how the poetry of the Old Testament exemplified this point. Palestine was by nature a land of poetry, and its poets drew their inspiration from the varied features of its natural objects, from events of common life, from sacred things and from facts of remarkable interest in national history. Hebrew poets were not artistic, did not write poetry to give pleasure. Proceeding to a consideration of the forms of imagery, the Professor treated of comparison, simile and metaphor, and left for to-morrow evening's lecture, which is the last of his series, allegory, fable and personification.

 Sage Chapel.

The Rev. George Trumbull Ladd, D. D., Congregationalist, of Yale College, will occupy the pulpit at Sage Chapel, to-morrow. Dr. Ladd graduated from the Western Reserve College in 1864 and from Andover Seminary four years later. He occupied his first pastorate in Edinburg, Ohio, and his second in Milwaukee, Wis.

In 1879, Dr. Ladd became professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy at Bowdoin, and in 1881 accepted the chair of Philosophy at Yale. Several philosophical works from his pen have been well received and are classed among those of the highest merit.

Cornell Verse.

A REMINISCENCE.

Upon the water all about us glowed
The silvery light reflected from the moon
Now just at full, and as we lightly rowed,
Now here, now there, we breathed the sweet perfume

That round us lingered, all as tho'
The blossoms thought their mission incomplete
Till o'er the lake a passing breeze could blow
A portion of their sweetness, her to greet

Who, sitting in my boat's stern, deftly steers
And laughs and sings the happy hours away,
While we in pleasure bid adieu to fears,
And wish the night were ever holiday.

But time flew westward as we glided on,
And ere I tho't, the bells pealed out the hour
When college maidens were supposed at home
And dreaming sweetly by the shadowy tower.

She noted not the time, and lest she hear
Disgracing shame of tardiness, I drew
Right swiftly shoreward, much in fear
She'd be observed and heartily would rue

The lark. But as we neared the shore
She turned the boat straight round the other way,
And as I caught the joke and dropped the oar
She cried, "Let's measure time by joy to-day."

And so we floated noiselessly at will,
Till one day kissed the next—I then—
Did likewise, and—her promise she'll fulfill—
To steer my boat when I go out again.

C. L. H.

THE TOMB AND THE ROSE.

(From the French.)

The tomb said to the rose :
"Of the tears Dawn bestows,
What use do you make, lovely flower?"
The rose said to the tomb :
"What of all the souls, whom
Thy depths, open always, devour?"

The rose said : "Dismal tomb,
From these tears, in night's gloom
Sweetest perfume to mortals I've given."
The tomb said : "Hear my aim.
For each soul that I claim,
An angel is welcomed in Heaven."

J. A. H.

A DILEMMA.

Which one to take, the dark or fair ?
I stood bereft of action
For they were each of beauty rare ;
To choose one was distraction.

Which one should rest upon my breast
To hear my heart's wild beating ;
To hold around my neck entwined ?
But choose I must—time's fleeting.

Select which one to hold my hand
To squeeze and press to tightness,
Which one to take to clasp my neck
In pure and stainless whiteness.

But choose, and end this wild suspense.
Dost hesitate twixt love and dollars ?
No ! But 'tis such a strain to pick
One's evening neck-ties, gloves, and collars.

B. N.

ONE ON BARNES HALL.

I told her I was from Cornell ;
She laughed, and said to me :—
"Why you're a farmer then of course,"
I said I didn't see.

"A Yale man told me that," she said,
Among his other yarns
He said you fellows at Cornell
Had to recite in *Barnes*.

J. K. G.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

This race between the different "frats"
Is running to excess ;
Too oft a man is pressed by *all*
Before *one* gets his "yes."
Learn wisdom of the weaker sex ;
With them, though 'tis distressing,
One always has to get the "yes"
Before one does the pressing.

J. A. H.

HIS PRIVILEGE.

I saw *him* kiss her, what cared I
'Though she *did* kiss another ?
I'd still a finger in the pie—
That fellow was her brother.

J. K. G.

BUCKNELL vs. CORNELL.

CORNELL WINS AN EASY VICTORY ON A DIFFICULT GROUND.

The third annual football game with Bucknell university was played last Saturday. The ground was so soft that a rushing, rather than a running, game, was the order of the day. Bucknell took the ball and Cornell defended the north goal. As a result of the eastern trip, there were five substitutes played on the Cornell team, which lined up as follows: Left end, Shephard; left tackle, Barr; left guard, Hill; centre, Bush; right guard, Griffith; right tackle, Colnon; right end, Lomax; quarter-back, Hernandez; right half back, Osgood; left half back, Strait; full back, Bacon.

Bucknell led with a V rush, gaining five yards, but lost the ball at the second down. Cornell began the offensive by two unfortunate plays which showed lack of knowledge of signals, or imperfection in giving them, and the quarter back was obliged to down the ball. By a series of short rushes, Cornell carried the ball near Bucknell's ten-yard line and then lost it.

The visiting team showed considerable improvement over her former playing here, yet she lacked weight and co-ordination in team work. She played a slow game, with apparent design. Allen, Bucknell's half back, who was not an unknown figure here, practically played the game for Bucknell. He was captain, half back, center and end rushes combined. He alone made ground for Bucknell. But Cornell's "turtle crawl" with characteristic slowness and steadiness, was effective. Arriving near Bucknell's goal, Cornell formed the "V turtle," and with heads bowed to the earth, made their way toward the goal-line. Osgood would anon break away from under the mass and make good ground. The first half ended with Cornell 16, Bucknell 0.

In the second half, Davis took Griffith's place, and Floy went in as right end rush. The second half was only a repetition of the first. Floy, Shephard and Colnon were noticeable in breaking through the rush line and tackling well. The game ended with a score of 26-0.

Layfayette failed to fill her engagement for last Tuesday, probably being timid from the result of the game with Bucknell, she having played the latter with a tie score. Cornell left yesterday for the game with Ann Arbor at Michigan. Columbia comes here next Saturday, and Thanksgiving day, Cornell plays the University Club at Chicago. A. R. Warner,

'87, of Chicago, in a private letter to manager Easton, says that much interest in the result of the latter game is already being awakened at Chicago; that a number of Cornell alumni may be expected at the game, and that if Cornell wins, Chicago will not be able to hold the Cornellians.

CORNELL MAGAZINE.

The exact position occupied by the Cornell *Magazine* among periodicals would be almost as hard to define as that of the Cornell *ERA*, for in it a review of a prominent character may stand next to a story in dialect, or an essay on Hypnotism jostles against a poem on Spring. But withal it is such delightful reading, and represents so many sides of university life that it could ill be spared from among the university publications.

That the November number just published is no exception to the rule, we will not state; first, because that remark is an "antique" and secondly, because it is unnecessary. We will say, however, that in diversity of subject matter, and in general interest, the last number is a very representative one. The place of honor for the month is given to a confession by Mr. A. S. Hathaway as to his literary experiences.

The second article by Mr. Earl Barnes on "Intellectual Habits of Cornell Students," gave careful generalizations from a series of questions submitted by him to the students in the winter of '88. This is followed by a short piece of verse by L. C. Ehle, '90. "Fences" is the title of a descriptive article by Mr. Geo. H. Ashley, '90. J. S. Waterman has a well written article on "The Legend of the Twin Lakes." "Sunrise" is the title of a short piece of verse by W. C. Langdon, Jr. Mr. Slingerland's article on "From the Egg to the Cabinet," is a very interesting account taken from actual observation of the process as carried on in the Insectary of the development of the egg, into the larva. Mr. F. O. Bissell has "Here and There in the Library," following the custom inaugurated this year of having this department conducted by each one of the editors in turn.

—The list of students with their place of residence, the year and course, are now posted in Morrill Hall. Every student is requested to correct any error which occurs, so that it may be avoided in the Register, soon to be issued.

THE MASQUE.

The play written by Mr. W. C. Langdon, '92, entitled "Instructor Pratt" will be given its first public presentation as a football benefit on Monday evening, Nov. 24, at the Wilgus Opera House.

The play is a charming bit of comedy work in three acts, depicting the incidents falling to the lot of a Cornell instructor, who is in love with a beautiful Sage maiden. The play has been read to President Adams and met with his hearty approval.

The scene of action is strictly local and will be of great interest to both "town and gown."

Incidents of the play will be a mock cane rush by the under-classmen, the stealing of the hero and his escape from confinement by jumping through a window, a ball at "The Sage," and rendering of college songs.

This will be the the dramatic and social event of the year and no doubt every seat will be sold in advance. It is particularly hoped that this benefit will help relieve the football team from their present financial embarrassment. Remember the date, November 24th, Wilgus Opera House.

Cornelliana.

—The windows are being put in the new Library building.

—Prof. Smith did not meet his section in elocation yesterday.

—The University Band made their first appearance last Wednesday at drill.

—The class of '93 has declined the challenge to a tug-of-war issued by the class of '94.

—The Freshman class have voted to raise \$1,500 towards sending out and supporting a crew.

—Professor Roberts will read a paper before the Farmer's Institute at Utica next week on "Needs in our Present Agriculture."

—The Hare and Hounds will take their usual cross-country run this afternoon. Henry, '92, and Wardlaw, '92, will be hares.

—It is expected that Horace White of Syracuse will address the History and Political Science Association at the next meeting.

—The greater part of the lecture course in Modern History for the remainder of the year will be given by ex-President White. Mr. White gave his first lecture Thursday morning on "The Cathedral Builders and Mediaeval Sculptors."

—The edition of the twentieth Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin amounted to 9,000 copies. The next number will soon be prepared.

—The University of Rochester football team has disbanded. They were to play Trinity College this week, but the game was canceled. The Trinity team has also disbanded.

—All the graduates of last year's class in Civil Engineering, have secured desirable positions. Thirty positions, offered by Civil Engineering firms last spring, were not filled.

—The Camera Club will hold a field day this afternoon. The members will meet at the Ithaca Hotel at 2 p. m. and thence proceed to Buttermilk Gorge where the afternoon will be spent.

—The Nevius memorial window is now in New York awaiting shipment to Ithaca. When it is placed in the Chapel it is probable that services will be held in memory of Mr. Nevius.

—The week of prayer for colleges has been observed this week by the Christian Association. General meetings have been held each day at one o'clock and in consequence the class prayer meetings were omitted.

—The *Cornellian* editors have offered two prizes to be competed for, the same as last year's Board. These prizes are handsome gold medals to be awarded to the two students producing the best literary and artistic work respectively.

—On Monday evening last the friends of Kappa Alpha Theta were tendered a reception in the Sage Gymnasium. The guests were charmingly entertained, and at ten o'clock ended one of the most pleasant society receptions given at Sage.

—The Executive Committee has appointed the following members to the Library Council: President Adams, Librarian Harris *ex officio*, ex-President White, as trustee representative, and Professors J. M. Hart, S. B. Newbury, Schurman and H. S. Williams.

—Company competitive drill will hereafter take the place of individual competition. Lieut. Tutherly will review the Freshmen companies and Col. Barton the Sophomore, the best two companies in each class being exempt from drill at the next meeting of the Battalion.

—Prof. Collin, in a message to Mock Congress last Saturday evening declined to serve as President of the United States. He refused on the ground that some of those who supported him did not adhere to the same political

views as himself and that his election was brought about by a coalition of parties against the Republicans. A new election has been called for Nov. 22, and Prof. Collin is again the nominee of the Independents; Prof. Thurston, of the Republicans; and Prof. Bristol, of the Democrats.

—A new belt testing apparatus has been added to the equipment of Sibley College, through the kindness of Wm. Sellers & Co. The principle feature of this apparatus is a costly dynamometer that is peculiarly adapted to practical belt testing, and is a most valuable acquisition for the college.

—The football team left yesterday for Detroit to play the University of Michigan this afternoon. The following men will compose the team: Shepard, Johnson, Colnon, Galbreath, Griffith, Barr, Horton, Yawger, Osgood, Strait, Bacon, Ray and Hill. An excursion train has been secured to accommodate the students of the U. of M. The price of the round trip, including admission, is \$1.25.

—Special attention is called to Stanley's lecture which will be given in the Alhambra Rink at Syracuse on the evening of Dec. 1. If seventy-five names are placed upon a list now open at Finch's book-store, an excursion train can be secured that will leave Ithaca Monday afternoon, and return that night. The price of the round trip is \$1.50, and seats reserved for the lecture are \$2.00 and \$1.50, now on sale at Finch's. Thirty tickets have already been sold and without doubt the special train can be secured; the time of leaving Ithaca will be announced later. Arrangements may be made so that those who attend from Ithaca can have a certain part of the house reserved for them.

Personals.

'79. Lewis, who rowed on the Freshman Crew of '75, is in town. He was a member of the famous 'Varsity Crew of '76.

'84. C. F. Bashart is managing a farm at Lowville, N. Y. Mr. Bashart is one of the most extensive hop growers in the state.

'84. H. P. DeForest has obtained an appointment to one of the Brooklyn hospitals.

'85. E. C. Hough has a desirable position in the Patent Office at Washington.

'88. Harry Taylor, Captain of Cornell's famous baseball team, has come back to the University and intends to enter the Junior Law Class. Mr. Taylor, after graduating,

had charge of athletics in the Preparatory School at Media, Pa., and the past year was captain of the champion Louisville B. B. C.

'90. S. M. Barber is at present engaged in the flour and feed business with his father at Albany.

Obituary.

The death of Edgar Howland Cooper, '85, occurred at Niantic, Conn., October 28, 1890. Mr. Cooper graduated from Cornell in the course of civil engineering and for the succeeding two years he was engaged in the extension of the Second Avenue elevated road in New York city and was also connected with the Park Board. In 1887 Mr. Cooper returned to Cornell to pursue post-graduate work, securing the Fellowship in Engineering. He then returned to New York and resumed his position under the Park Board, remaining there until 1890, when he obtained the position of Assistant Engineer on the New York, New Haven, and Hartford R. R. Mr. Cooper was engaged in making measurements and calculations for the erection of a new draw on the Niantic bridge when his untimely death occurred. The bridge was so inclosed that the engineer of an approaching express train was unable to see the men at the eastern end until within one hundred yards of the draw; warning was given, but too late, and the train bore down upon Mr. Cooper and an associate, Mr. Henderson of Ohio, causing instant death to both. Mr. Cooper was well known and highly respected at Cornell, and his many friends will be pained to learn of his sudden demise.

Among Our Exchanges.

SIR JOE.

Ten years ago I met Sir Joe,

A college man was he.

He danced, he sang and games he played;
Oh, with what grace in dance he swayed;

A college man was he.

"Why, life's a dream, dear boy," he cried,

"Well, not exactly" I replied—

A college man was he!

Ten days ago I met Sir Joe,

A family man is he.

He dances still, and games he plays;
Oh, with what rage that babe he sways;

A family man is he.

"Ah, life's a dream," I muttered low,

"A dream? a nightmare!" grunted Joe—

A family man is he.

—Brunonian.

TWO YEARS AGO.

Two years ago thou wert my queen;
The fairest maid I e'er had seen.
I gazed with sighs into thine eyes
And thought them bluer than the skies.
Thy smile to me was more than crown.
Disconsolate I feared thy frown,
Two years ago.

Two years ago!—How long it seems!—
Thy face still lingers in my dreams!
The days with me so swiftly flee,
Yet still I oftentimes think of thee—
And what a state my heart was in,
And what a fool I must have been,
Two years ago.

—*Yale Courant.*

ALL IN THE FAMILY.

Why should I be prudent?
Though income be scanty,
What comes from my "uncle"
All goes to "ante."

—*Brunonian.*

Amusements.

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The Lucier Novelty Comedy Co. appear at Wilgus, Wednesday evening, Nov. 19. This really great troupe will come for one night only and it will probably be many months before their route will bring them back again to Ithaca. The company has so much of real merit, it has so much of artistic worth, it has so many very commendable features that one can hardly afford to miss an evening's entertainment such as this is sure to be. That is the why and wherefore of the large houses which greet the Luciers everywhere; it is the Alpha and Omega, the first among novelty companies, the last and best and latest in all that is new in the art of amusing the public. Of course you will go; everyone should, for you are sure to pass a royal evening and to go away satisfied with yourself and at peace with all the world. When a company can succeed in putting its audience in that frame of contentment, it has done enough. The Luciers will do this on Wednesday evening. Go and see if we are right. See ad. for particulars.

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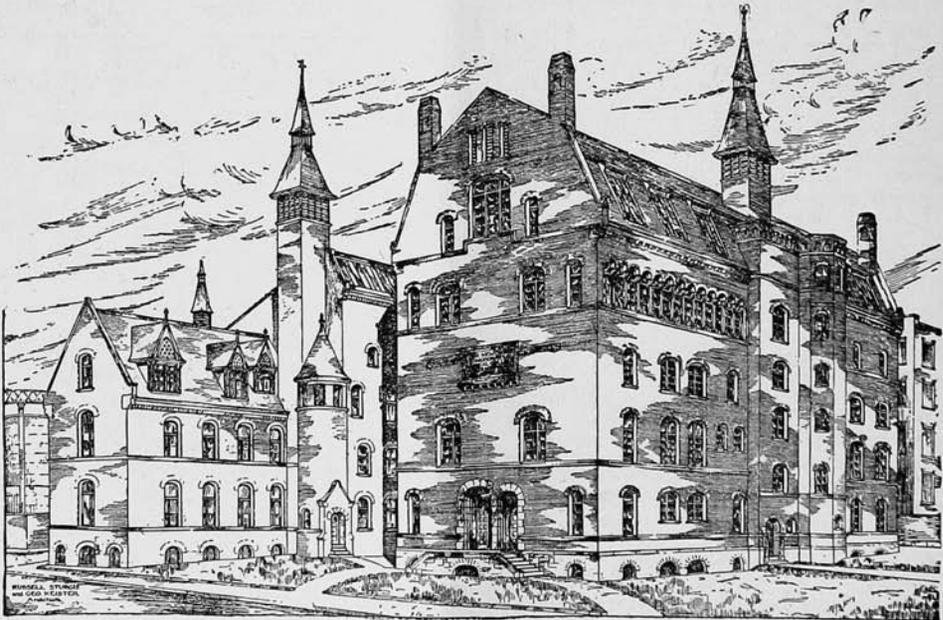
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Editorial.

LAST week the ERA presented to its readers considerations urging liberal contributions to funds for the support of University and Freshman eights. At the same time it was announced that the ERA expected to again receive subscriptions for this purpose, as it has for two years. This week we are able to announce that the ERA Crew Fund will continue to be a feature of the work of the board. The plan of previous years has been found to need some modifications, and the immediate work of supervising the obtaining of subscriptions and collecting funds has been entrusted to one man not on the board of editors, he to get a commission for his work.

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AS the result of the meeting of the Managing Board of the Athletic Association last Saturday, measures have been adopted which are expected to obviate objections to the plan of paying a collector a percentage upon crew funds. The plan upon which the funds are to be raised this year is in brief as follows: Mr. Benedict, '91, Captain of last year's 'Varsity

eight, will have the direction of the collection of the fund, and subscriptions are to be made payable to him. For his services, Mr. Benedict is to receive five per cent. upon the amount collected by him, but the expenses of collection are to be met out of his percentage. In deference to representations that many might object to having a percentage taken out of their subscriptions by the collector, and to the end that no one should be prevented from contributing to the crews by such scruples, it is announced that any who feel thus can have subscriptions turned into the fund intact, by making a request to that effect, or the money may be sent direct to Graduate Treasurer Treman. The amounts paid in from all sources will be published in the ERA at intervals as collected, the sums from which percentage is to be taken being kept separate from the other amounts.

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COLLEGE life in many prominent institutions is so taken up with social obligations, club duties, meetings of various societies and evening lectures that in a few instances it calls forth remonstrances against any increase in those influences that may detract the students' attention from necessary college work. Whatever has been suggested relative to such influences in other colleges is in some measure applicable to Cornell, since the demands, other than those pertaining to University duties, upon many undergraduates here are by no means insignificant. Thus the two elements in college life are arrayed against each other. But while the college curriculum receives the first consideration and the other element is treated as an important accessory, no mistake can be made. The reverse, however, does not prove satisfactory. The different associations, societies and social duties have more or less claim upon students, but should never become paramount to the class room. It is highly im-

portant that every student entering upon a college course should consider what demand will be made upon his time before he becomes too deeply involved.

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SERIOUS trouble has occasionally arisen between university students and the officers of the law, but the affair at the University of Michigan last week surpasses anything of the kind that has occurred for years in an American college. It seems to have been the culmination of considerable ill feeling that was daily increasing between the students and the local authorities. Various accounts agree that the commander of the militia was a non-commissioned officer, having no power to give orders to the company, and it is also possible that a rather inconsiderate action on the part of the students assisted in bringing about the unfortunate results. Allowing the facts to be as they may, a lesson can be drawn not only by the students of Ann Arbor, but by those in every educational institution. The average college man understands thoroughly how excitement and enthusiasm often involve the participants in unexpected trouble, and now it should be realized more than ever that in student gatherings of any such character proper moderation will result to their advantage and to that of the university.

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IN the November number of the *New England Magazine* appears an article by Edward Everett Hale which, under the title of "Professor of America," directs attention to the advisability of establishing in a leading university a chair to be occupied by some man who fully understands how our country and civilization differs from that of Greece or Rome, France and Germany, and who shall be the representative of Americanism. This suggestion is a valuable one since the college student is usually better informed about ancient civilization and foreign governments than about the condition of the people and the political institutions in his own country. The dangers arising from too diligent work of this nature are plainly set forth in this article, and

it is urged that the student should consider the history and needs of our republic worthy of the most careful investigation. The study of foreign governments is advantageous principally in the comparative knowledge that is obtained. Dr. Hale also claims that such a professorship would give the college student the necessary information regarding the products, capabilities and characteristics of the different parts of the country and thereby enable him to lend profitable aid to the solution of many of the most important national questions of the day.

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WITH this issue appear the remarks of Professor H. S. White, President of the Theta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, at the annual breakfast on June 16, 1890, which the writer has kindly permitted the ERA to publish. The early formation of the society, the study of ancient and modern classics and recognized principles of higher education are topics that Professor White discusses in a peculiarly interesting manner.

PHI BETA KAPPA ADDRESS.

Members of the Theta Chapter:

Among the few deficiencies of our mother tongue is the lack of a suitable collective to express the charming relationship which is represented in this fraternity gathering to-day,—the idea of sisters and brothers dwelling pleasantly together in unity. We must have recourse to German for the single vocable *Geschwister* which represents this association. So, dear *Geschwister* of the Theta, we give each other cordial welcome here this morning.

We welcome each other here this morning in a tavern, yet not without a certain degree of propriety. The tavern in every age seems closely allied to the pursuit of literature and scholarship. Was it not the mediaeval Arch-Poet who sang seven centuries ago:

"Mihi est propositum in taberna mori!"

Or as the German student sings it still to-day:

"Ich will einst bei ja und nein, in der Kneipe sterben!"

Was not the old Tabard Inn of London the starting point of the Canterbury Pilgrims?

And what of the Fleet street hostelries where

Johnson and Goldsmith poured out their wisdom? How much of Shakspeare's wisdom came from the tavern? And, finally, Phi Beta Kappa itself originated in a tavern. We read in those yellowed pages which this chapter is soon to publish in fac-simile,—those first and quaint minutes of the society,—that it was in the Apollo Hall of the old Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg, Virginia, where Patrick Henry's eloquence had already re-echoed, that our Fraternity was organized one December night in 1776; and we may infer from these same quaint records that the feast of reason which every gathering of Phi Beta Kappians must inevitably afford, was not unattended even then by certain other bibulous exercises appropriate to the locality. For five years these tavern meetings of the society continued, until at last the inroads of war suspended alike college and society, the latter uttering the pious hope of a future and more glorious resurrection.

That we are gathered together to-day, therefore, in a tavern, is quite in accordance with our own precedents and traditions.

The history of the Theta chapter is brief and uneventful; but two features in its constitution are well nigh unique among the tenets of the Fraternity.

One is the article by which a knowledge of Greek is no longer made a prerequisite of membership. That this step should be taken at Cornell is quite in accordance with her attitude in recognizing the equivalency of all courses of study. That this step should have been taken unanimously by the Chapter is an indication of the same generous spirit of fair play and equal privileges extended to all lovers of learning. Said Mr. James Russell Lowell, at Cambridge last winter: "I must confess that I was a great while in emancipating myself from the formula which prescribed the Greek and Latin classics as the canonical books of that infallible Church of Culture outside of which there can be no salvation, none, at least, that was orthodox. Indeed I am not sure that I have wholly emancipated myself even yet." And most of us, I think, even now, and even here, must make the same confession. To be sure, giving up the study of one or both of those classic tongues is not equivalent to giving up a knowledge of classic antiquity in its civilization, or history, or art; or even of the most durable thought of its literature, although the beauty of the form of its expression may be lost from view. But has the world drawn inspiration from the Bible only through the medium of Hebrew and of Greek?

And yet the scholar by profession will long,—

may, may always—need to search those ancient classics, not only for the intellectual riches which they reveal, but also in order to discover the sources of much that is best in all modern literatures. This the scholars by profession may always need to do. But must every student of letters continue to mount to the fountain-head, in order the better to enjoy the cooling draught? Does not the stream of thought often gain in sweetness and in strength by long windings and percolations, by hidden or open contact from age to age with many minds? Compensations there certainly exist for any partial deprivation of acquaintance at first hand with the elder masters. Would not the same careful study of Emerson profit a man's soul well nigh as much as of Plato? For harmonious and many-sided intellectual development, and intellectual expression, could we successfully compare any ancient with Goethe? Will it not bring an equal reward to fathom the obscurity of Aeschylus or of Browning? Could we not spare Homer as easily as Dante and Milton? Is there not as much of wit and worldly wisdom, or of keen criticism in Holmes or Heine, or Lessing and Lowell, as in Horace or Quintilian? The name of Shakspeare has not yet been named, nor of Wordsworth, nor of Tennyson. I do not quote the French tragedians, whose day is not yet entirely over. Has Molière plundered less effectually than Plautus? Of what value to the understanding of the present age is the careful study of the development of a genius like Victor Hugo? And are there not whole reaches and ranges of modern thought quite alien to the ancient mind, and loftier, and more widely varied? And shall we not follow these as well? The truth is, while drifting somewhat away from the ancient classics as a means of culture, we are not taking our modern classics seriously enough. It may well be considered one of the aims of this society to foster the generous cultivation of both. To quote again from Lowell: "We have no wish to renew the Battle of the Books. We cannot bring ourselves to look upon the literatures of the ancient and modern worlds as antagonists, but rather as friendly rivals in the effort to tear as many as may be from the barbarizing ploutolatri which seems to be so rapidly supplanting the worship of what alone is lovely and enduring. No, they are not antagonists, but by their points of disparity, of likeness, of contrast, they can be best understood, perhaps understood only through each other. The scholar must have them both, but may not he who has not leisure to be a scholar, find profit even in the

lesser of the two, if that only be attainable. Have I admitted that one is the lesser? *O matre pulchra filia pulchrior* is perhaps what I should say here."

The second noticeable point in our constitution is the admission of young women as well as young men to membership in the Chapter. Here again the society has come under the influence of the liberal tendency of the University, whose broad aegis shelters all devotees of knowledge, and who cheerfully makes free to all her children every honor which she can bestow. We sometimes still hear co-education spoken of as an experiment. But if this experiment was intended to prove that young men and young women might be educated in common, that young women were capable of profiting by the advantages of the highest education without detriment to their nature and character,—the query may well be put whether the experiment has not already ceased to be merely an experiment, and has not rather become a successful and established fact.

During his fine oration at Vassar College last week, which was delivered to a delighted and enthusiastic audience, Mr. George William Curtis detailed the various stages in the progress of the higher education of women. He depicted the comic anxiety of the earlier Bostonian: "What," he said, "if a Boston woman should know more than a Boston man?" What indeed! That time seems to be already impending for the whole race. From the English colleges comes to us in these days intelligence of the astounding achievements of feminine senior wranglers. Here at Cornell we often find that among our best Fellows are our best young women; and our Phi Beta Kappa brothers are quite as often sisters too. From this side also, Phi Beta Kappa, with its high standards, with its championship of the intellectual and spiritual against the material and utilitarian, may find essential support. And so this society, too, with woman's help, may aid in bringing in the new day. As Mr. Curtis fitly concludes:

"The old times indeed were good, but the new times are better. We have left woman as a slave with Homer and Pericles. We have left her as a foolish goddess with chivalry and Don Quixote. We have left her as a toy with Chesterfield and the club; and in the enlightened American daughter, wife and mother, in the free American home, we find the fairest flower and the highest promise of American civilization."

—Prof. Burr will lecture to-morrow evening in the Unitarian church on the "Age of Faith."

UNIVERSITY SENATE REORGANIZED.

A year ago a resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees creating a university senate. At the meeting held last month the Trustees repealed their former resolution and referred a modified form of reorganization to a special committee for consideration. On Tuesday of this week the work of the special committee was ratified by the Executive Committee and the statute was adopted, whose main features are as follows:

1. The University Senate shall consist of the President of the University, the Dean of the General Faculty, the Dean of the School of Law, the Director of the college of Agriculture, the Director of the College of Civil Engineering, the Director of Sibley College, the Dean of the Susan Linn Sage School of Philosophy, and eight full professors who shall be chosen as hereinafter provided.

2. For the purpose of electing members of the Senate, the full professors of the several faculties shall be divided into four groups as hereinafter described. Each group shall elect two of their number as members of the senate. The members so elected at the first election shall serve, one for one year, and one for two years, their terms respectively being determined by lot. After the first election, one member of each group shall annually be elected for two years.

3. The groups for the purpose of election shall be made up in the following manner: (a) The group of applied sciences, which for the purpose of this act shall be deemed to include the departments of agriculture, horticulture, architecture, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, physics, and military science. (b) The group of natural sciences, which for the purpose of this statute shall be deemed to include mathematics, chemistry, botany, zoology, geology, paleontology, mineralogy, veterinary science, and physical culture; (c) The group of languages, which for the purpose of this statute shall be deemed to include all the ancient and modern languages and their Literature; (d) The group of Philosophy, which for the purposes of this statute shall be deemed to include philosophy, history, political economy, finance, pedagogics, and law.

4. It shall be the duty of the senate to counsel and advise in regard to all nominations for professorships; to consider and make recommendations in regard to such courses of study as may pertain to more than one faculty of the University; and, in general, to consider and make recommendations upon any ques-

tions of University policy that may be submitted to this body by the Trustees, or the President, or either of the faculties.

The powers of the general faculty under this arrangement are defined by the appended statute :

The Faculty has power to determine the requirements for admission to such departments of the University as are under its jurisdiction ; to prescribe and define the various courses of study for its undergraduate and graduate students ; to determine the requirements for such degrees as are offered to students ; to enact and enforce such rules for the guidance of students as it may deem best adapted to the interests of the University ; to fill all University Fellowships and Scholarships, in accordance with the provisions therefor made by the Trustees ; to make rules for its own methods of procedure ; to delegate any of its powers and duties to any of the Special Faculties for final action or decision ; to recommend to the Trustees such candidates for degrees as may have completed the requirements ; and in general, to exercise the customary duties of college faculties.

Another important change was made by the Trustees, namely, in the method of appointing Professors. The new plan is as follows : Whenever any full professorship is to be filled, the President of the University shall, upon the request of the board of Trustees or of the Executive Committee, seek diligently and to the best of his ability, and bearing in mind the provision of the fundamental charter of this University, which forbids him to take cognizance of any political or religious views which any candidate may or may not hold, shall nominate to the Senate the person whom he may consider most worthy to occupy the vacancy to be filled. Thereupon the Senate, after proper deliberation, shall vote by ballot yea or nay upon the recommendation, and their action, with any reasons for it which the Senate may see fit to submit, shall be certified to the board of Trustees, who shall then confirm or reject such nomination.

MICHIGAN, 5 ; CORNELL, 20.

CORNELL HOLDS HER OWN WITH THE GREAT WESTERN UNIVERSITY.

A night's travel brought the Cornell football team to Detroit last Saturday morning. During the forenoon they were tendered an informal reception by the Detroit Athletic Club. Three thousand people assembled to witness the game. Michigan's rush line averaged fifteen pounds more than Cornell's, but the

latter was superior in skill, team-work and knowledge of the game. The following constituted Cornell's team : Right end, Shepard ; right tackle, Ray ; right guard, Griffith ; centre, Galbreath ; left guard, Colnon ; left tackle Johnson ; left end, Horton ; quarter back, Yawger ; right half back, Osgood ; left half back, Strait ; full back, Bacon.

The game was opened by Michigan with a V rush. They gained a little ground, but soon lost the ball. Cornell then carried it nearly to Michigan's goal line, when the latter succeeded in rushing it back to the centre. Finally by a succession of rushes Ray carried it over the line.

Noticeable in the first half was the running of Jewett, Michigan's full back. He passed Yawger, Ray and Bacon in a 30 yard run, and then went outside. He made a touchdown which was not allowed, it being on an offside play. He followed this up by some violent pummelling, and the umpire, fortunately for Cornell, asked him to retire. Strait also retired during the first half, and Barr was substituted. The half ended with two touchdowns and one goal for Cornell.

The principal features of the game during the second half were on the part of Cornell ; running by Shepard, the advances by Osgood by means of the "turtle crawl," and good team work ; and on the part of Michigan, the phenomenal kicking by Duffy. The latter made a drop kick for goal from 50 yard line, and succeeded in accomplishing this rare feat. At this the crowd went wild, and it was ten minutes before the game could proceed. This was Michigan's only score, and the game ended with a score of 20-5.

The Cornell team are unanimous in their expressions of the royal good treatment they received at Detroit outside the football field, and of the inhuman treatment they received while on the field. Michigan played the worst slugging game of the season ; jumping on men after they had yelled "down," and slugging when one was trying to go through the line, were the tactics employed. Osgood had his shoulder wrenched by foul play, but will probably be ready for the game with Columbia to-day.

Seats for the University Club—Cornell Thanksgiving game are being sold at \$1.00 each, and places for carriages are sold at auction at high rates. The proceeds of the game will go for charitable purposes, and an immense crowd will be in attendance.

—Columbia vs. Cornell on the Campus.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

Professor Corson was again greeted by a large audience on the occasion of the last lecture of his course in the Unitarian Church on "The Poetry of the Bible." The reading of selections in illustration of allegory, parable and personification were the most enjoyable of the many beautiful passages that the Professor has rendered with such effect in the course of the series. He pointed out the essential difference between the parable and the fable, namely that the first is used to set forth spiritual and divine truth, while the latter teaches the prudential virtues by the maxims of common morality. In the Old Testament but two fables are to be found, in Judges 9, 8-15; and in Kings II, 14. 9. Personification of the abstract was rare, but of exceeding beauty. Isaiah and Job are examples of magnificent personifications.

The next lecture in the course will be given to-morrow evening by Professor Burr on "Age of Faith."

PROFESSOR CORSON'S READINGS.

The weekly Saturday evening reading by Professor Corson took place last Saturday night as usual in Barnes Hall. In spite of the inclement weather the audience was almost as large as ever before, and even more liberal with applause. The programme consisted of selections from Hawthorne. Chapter XVII and XVIII of the "Scarlet Letter" were rendered in a manner which revealed equally the beauty of the passages and the power of the reader. These are chapters which lend themselves admirably to the highest powers of the reader. Especially beautiful was the treatment of the forest scene in Chapter XVII. The general verdict was that Professor Corson favored us with one of the most pleasant programmes of the term. The readings of to-night will also be from Hawthorne. Selections from "The Marble Faun" and "The House of Seven Gables" will be read.

"INSTRUCTOR PRATT."

Next Monday evening, in Wilgus Opera House the members of "The Masque" will give an entertainment for which they have been making great preparations. The members of the club, assisted by Miss Léonie Hubbell, of this city, and Miss M. G. Taylor, '92, will enact the comedy written by Mr. Langdon, '92, entitled "Instructor Pratt," and the farce "Hearing and Believing."

Below is given a concise plot of the chief play and the cast of both:

Instructor Pratt falls in love with one of the Sage maidens, but unfortunately for him, a Freshman is preferred and the rules of Sage are broken by the maiden and the instructor's rival promenading together upon the campus after dark. Pratt, for fear his rival may be preferred, seeks to "bust" him in mathematics, and horrifies the mathematical trio when he informs them that the Freshman not only fails to possess a mathematical mind, but even exhibits such a lack of respect for the mathematical faculty as to sing of them in Zinck's to the tune of "The Three Black Crows." The instructor succeeds in his base designs and the Freshman rival is rusticated. But the maid of Sage is rusticated also, and Instructor Pratt concludes that "a bachelor's life is after all a jolly one."

INST'R PRATT OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

A Local Comedy.

BY W. C. LANGDON, JR.

Cast.

Instructor Pratt (of Mathematics), . . . Frank Soulé, '92
 Frank Gale, '94 Lenard B. Keiffer, '92
 Sadie Gestany, '93, a co-ed., . . . Miss Léonie Hubbell
 The Mathematical Faculty :

Gulliver Frederic H. Parke, '92
 Fate J. L. Elliott, '92
 Groans, H. G. Van Everen, '91
 Prof. Holburn, L. W. Emerick, '91
 Prof. Robbins, W. G. Doolittle, '91 L.S.
 Prof. Smith, A. M. Morris, '94
 Theodore Drink, W. C. Langdon Jr, '92
 Felix, C. J. Levy, '91
 Students.—Wardlaw, '92, Tod, '94, Meech, '91,
 Doolittle, '91, Elliott, '92, Cosby, '93, Van Everen,
 '91, Parke, '92, Emerick, '91, Macafferty, '92.

Scene.—Act I—The Campus. Act II—Zinck's.
 Act III—The Faculty Room.

HEARING AND BELIEVING.

BY W. G. VAN TASSEL SUTPHEN.

Cast.

Major Hathaway, a widower, F. H. Parke, '92
 Edwards, a young man, E. C. Bailey, '91
 Williams, an Irish footman, T. B. Miller, '93
 Miss Marburg, a maiden lady, W. R. Gill, '91
 Jane Hathaway, Miss Léonie Hubbell
 Rose, a lady's maid, Miss M. G. Taylor, '92

Scene.—Drawing room of Major Hathaway's residence on Albany street.

The sale of seats was begun this morning and is now open. The net proceeds are to be devoted to paying off the football debt, and this furnishes a double motive for making the event a dramatic and so a financial success.

—A former Professor has given \$250 for fitting up the new boat house, to be available as soon as the present debt of \$400 is liquidated.

Cornell Verse.

"HE WHO HESITATES—"

Stands my love upon the stair,
Smiles a roguish, tempting greeting;
Only dared I kiss her there,
Do you really think she'd care?
Chances are so rare and fleeting.
Ah! too late; her mother's there.

J. A. H.

HORACE.

ODE XXX. BOOK III.

More lasting than the fire-tempered bronze,
More tow'ring than the pyramids of kings;
Which driving rain, nor wind, nor time can change,
This work my Muse to its completion brings.
I shall not wholly die; my better part
Will never cross Proserpina's dark stream,
For in the praises of posterity
My lease of life I'll constantly redeem
As long as priest and priestess still shall climb
The Capitol in Vesta's measured time.
Where Aufidus roars swiftly to the sea,
Where Daunus, poor in streams, held rustic sway,
There I, exalted from a low degree,
Shall find renown, as one who, in his day,
Was first of poets to adapt the treasures
Of Sappho's verse to these Italian measures.
Assume then, my Melpomene, that pride
Due now to thy achievements and renown,
And stretch out willingly thy hand, to place
Upon my bended brow the Delphic crown.

J. A. H.

MY GIFT.

(Translation from Victor Hugo.)

Since here below each soul
To some one gives
Its music warmth or scent
And giving lives;
Since everything that here
On earth is born
E'er gives to what it loves
A rose or thorn;

Since April's rustlings soft
'Mong oak-leaves creep
And night brings toil and care
Forgetful sleep;

Since heaven to trees gives birds
And dawn renews
For periwinkles shy
Its freshening dews;

Since when it comes to rest
Upon the banks
The water leaves the shore
A kiss for thanks;

While o'er thee now I lean
I give to thee,
My dear the very best
I have in me.

Receive then these my thoughts
Sad thoughts, I fear
Like drops of dew they come
Each one a tear.

Accept the prayers of one
Who ever prays
Accept the light and shade
Of all his days.

Transports of wildest joy
Suspicionless
Be thine and of my songs
Each fond caress.

My mind unveiled be thine
Floating by chance
Having as guiding star
Nought but thy glance.

My muse, too, whom the hours
Oft sooth to sleep
When weeping, since she weeps
When thou dost weep.

Receive my heaven-sent joy,
Oh lady fair!
My heart wherein is nought
When love's not there.

COURTNEY LANGDON.

Sage Chapel.

The Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied tomorrow by the Rev. L. T. Chamberlain, D.D., of Brooklyn. He is a brother of ex-Governor Chamberlain of South Carolina, who has lectured several times before the Law School. Dr. Chamberlain is one of the most effective and eloquent preachers in his denomination, and all who heard his sermon in Sage Chapel last year will not lose the second opportunity.

Cornelliana.

—The Freshmen are practicing daily for the coming rifle contest.

—The Law School has now an attendance of 118 as against 105 last year.

—The class in Senior Oratory will not meet again until Monday evening, Dec. 8.

—Prof. Hart is now giving preliminary examinations to his section in Junior Rhetoric.

—The committees of the Mock Congress were announced by the speaker last Saturday evening.

—The Mermaid, and Bench and Board have reorganized for the year by electing new members.

—The game of football that had been arranged between '93 and '94 for next Tuesday has been declared "off."

—The Freshman Athletic Committee have appointed a committee of fourteen members to assist in raising crew funds.

—The Methodist Alliance met last night in Barnes Hall. A musical program was presented, followed by a social.

—The Prohibition Club held a meeting Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Several additions were made to the membership.

—Remember the football benefit performance by the Masque on Monday night at the Wilgus. Chart at Finch's, to-day,

—The class in Elocution will probably have one public exercise this term, thus beginning the Junior trial speaking earlier than usual.

—Professor Cleaves lectured before the Camera Club last night on Art in Photography. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides.

—The Cornell Medical Society met on Wednesday evening in the Lower Anatomical Lecture room. Papers were read by Messrs Bray,

Brown, and Lushington, and a discussion followed.

—Professor Laughlin occupied the hours of the Monday recitation in Political Economy with an explanation and discussion of the monetary troubles in London and New York last week.

—Professor Tyler's Junior Seminary, are at present engaged in writing chapters of local history. Each member of the Seminary is preparing the history of some important city in the United States.

—'94 claims the tug-of-war by default. They maintain that '93 has no right to reject their challenge for such a contest on the turf. Another challenge has been issued to a rifle shoot as the third contest.

—A reception is given in Barnes Hall tonight to the Sophomore class. Owing to Prof. Corson's reading the reception will not begin until 8:30. Invitations have been sent out, and an enjoyable time is expected.

—The medals for the successful competitors at the Fall Meet were distributed by Mr. Bailey, President of the Athletic Association, last Wednesday. The medals are very fine and show the excellent taste of the person who selected them.

—Yesterday afternoon only the "Separate Company" was called to drill. The Commandant is desirous of encouraging this company, and so gives it an opportunity of drilling without being hindered by the usual crowding of the armory.

—The November number of the *Crank* has just appeared. The principal articles are by Professors Carpenter and Ryan, the former on "Heat Transmission Through Cast Iron Plates, Pickled in Nitric Acid," and the latter on "Notes in Electrical Engineering."

—The Mock Congress meets this evening in Deming Hall. The election of President of the United States, made necessary by the resignation of Professor Collin will be held. There are three candidates and the probabilities are that the election will be quite close.

—Boxes for the Yale-Princeton game on Thanksgiving Day were sold in the Real Estate Exchange last Wednesday. The prices ranged from \$20 to \$115, the latter sum being paid by a Yale man for a box to accommodate eighteen persons. Nearly all the boxes were disposed of in a very short time.

—On Dec. 6th, a fair will be held in the Armory in behalf of the students' hospital. The fair will be conducted by Miss Viele and will be open from 3 to 11 p. m. At 4 o'clock a

gypsy dance will be given and repeated at 5 o'clock. Supper will be served from 5 to 7. At 8 a concert will be given, followed by a dance.

—This afternoon the last game of the season on the home grounds will be given. There has been a dearth of games in Ithaca this year, and a large crowd will undoubtedly turn out to see this contest. The following men will compose the team: Galbreath, Colnon, Johnson, Shepard, Barr, Griffith, Hill, Ray, Os-good, Bacon, Strait.

—A reception was tendered to the friends of Alpha Delta Phi at the chapter house of the fraternity, on last Tuesday evening. The reception rooms and library upon the first floor were crashed for dancing, and supper was served in the rooms above. Guests were received by Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Collin and Mrs. Hitchcock. Dousek's orchestra furnished the music.

—The first lecture in the Sibley College course was given yesterday afternoon by Mr. Wm. L. Saunders on "The Production, Transmission and Use of Compressed Air as a Means of Power Transfer." Mr. Saunders is the Secretary of the Ingersoll Rock Drill Company, and is the designer of valuable improvements in machinery using compressed air as its motor fluid.

—It will be remembered that last year subscriptions were taken at Cornell for the fund to be used by the American Archaeological Society for the purposes of excavation at Delphi. The collection of sufficient funds for this work has been a matter of great difficulty, but at last the word has come that the requisite amount of \$75,000 has been secured, and the work will be carried out as planned.

—The Fortnightly Club will be addressed next Tuesday evening in Barnes Hall by Mr. Hudson, now cataloguer of the White Library, on the subject, "The Significance of Early Christian Art." The lecture will trace the development of Christian ideas during the first centuries of our era as shown by the art of the period. The paper is one that will be certain to give rise to considerable discussion. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

—A report has been submitted by the committee to whom was referred the proposition to enter an Inter-State Oratorical League with Oberlin, Northwestern and the Universities of Wisconsin and Michigan. The report is adverse to the plan. In the first place there does not seem to be sufficient interest and en-

thusiasm among the students to carry through such a scheme. In the second place the plan under which the committee had proposed to work was interfered with by the league's adopting a date at which Cornell could not well be represented. The committee therefore leaves the matter in the hands of the students.

—The subject of the lecture by Henry M. Stanley, in Syracuse, Monday evening, Dec. 1st, will be the "Rescue of Emin Bey." The Alhambra Rink affords the largest seating capacity of any building in Central New York. However, very few desirable seats remain and these are diminishing rapidly. Special attention must again be directed to the fact that the names of *all persons* wishing to attend must be placed on the list at Finch's book store at the earliest possible convenience; nearly forty tickets have been sold, but only seventeen names have been placed on the list, which demands seventy-five if the special train is secured. There must be a most decided increase in the number of names if this train is desired. This opportunity to hear Stanley should not be lost and the expense for the round trip including reserved seats is only \$3.50. The chart is now at Finch's and tickets for admission can still be obtained.

Personals.

'87. Rev. A. H. Grant, having a pastorate at Freeville, attended the Unitarian Conference in Brooklyn this week and delivered an address before it.

'87. H. L. Smith, an instructor in Mechanical Engineering in the University, '88-'89, has now a similar position in the Minnesota State University.

'88. J. W. Edwards has recently been promoted to the position of second assistant engineer of the Berlin Bridge Co.

'90. Wagener is with the *N. Y. Star*.

'90. Galland is studying law at Columbia.

'90. E. F. Eidlitz is attending the Columbia Law School.

'90. C. S. Parmer is taking a course in the Rochester Business College.

'90. Herschel is employed as draughtsman in the Thomson-Houston Company at Boston.

'92. Hoxie has gone home for a short time on account of sickness.

'92. R. C. Fletcher is engaged as draughtsman in the office of the the Superintendent of Public Buildings at Albany.

'93. T. Becker is at present surveying for a new railroad that is to be constructed in Colorado.

'93. Hammond, formerly '92, is reporter for the Associated Press and is at present located at Lockport, N. Y.

Obituary.

Mrs. S. D. Loughmiller, sister of H. S. Gutsell, of the department of Industrial Art, died at the home of her parents in Slaterville on November 7th. Mrs. Loughmiller was a graduate of the Cortland Normal School, 1880, and of the College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University, 1885, being a classmate of B. C. Brown, for some years instructor in Sibley College. During the year after her graduation she was in charge of the art department of Genesee Seminary at Lima, N. Y. In November, 1886, she was married to S. D. Loughmiller, of New Albany, Ind.

She had been with her parents or at the home of her brother since early summer, and though she had recently been under the care of a physician, there was every indication that she would soon entirely recover. Without any warning she suddenly grew worse and in a few minutes was dead. Mrs. Loughmiller had many acquaintances in Ithaca and throughout Central New York, who mourn in her death the loss of one whose friendship was to them most dear.

Department News.

LAW SCHOOL.—The work was so carefully arranged in this department last year that almost no changes for the present year have been necessary. Classes, however, are larger, and the reins have been drawn a little tighter.—For sometime alumni have objected that the graduates from the law school should have the same privileges as those who complete regular four year courses. They referred the complaint to the trustees, who turned the matter over to the law faculty, who have thus explained the case: "At present the laws of the state are such that a college graduate can take one year in a law school, one year in an office and be admitted to the bar; a non-graduate must take an additional year in the law school. By three ways the law faculty propose to put their graduates more nearly on a level with college men. First, to make the requisite age for admission nineteen instead of eighteen. This has already been done. Second, a request has been made by the law faculty to the New York State Court of Appeals for an increase in the required number of subjects for the regents law-students' certificate, as, for example, ad-

ditional work in languages. If this request is complied with the school will advance its requirements accordingly. Third, it has been proposed by the law faculty that if the trustees would put up a new building for the school in order that it may have proper accommodations, and add one more to the list of professors, the law course would be extended to three years for non-graduates and two years for those having college diplomas. This, with the necessary extra year in an office, and the maturer age required for entrance, would place the men on a fair level with regular alumni.

ANATOMICAL DEPARTMENT.—Some of the inhabitants of Ithaca suppose that the Anatomical department is not over scrupulous as to the source from which the cats are obtained for dissection. On the contrary, whoever offers a cat for sale is required to give a receipt for the money, including full name and address. If the cat is a desirable one, it is often kept alive for weeks, in the hope that the owner may be found, and free access to the cat house is promptly afforded to any seeker after a lost pet. . . The work on the sheep's brain is to begin this week. Each person will have an entire brain this year, and the work will be carried on for some time before the specimen is medised. . . The department has lately received a metric chart which represents the different standards of the metric system in their relations to one another. It will prove a very efficient aid to a more thorough understanding of the metric system. . . In addition to the clay models of the three kinds of muscular tissue which were made last year, there have been added this year the following, made by Instructor Fish: (1) A representation of a single ciliated cell, with nucleus and about a dozen cilia at its free end. At the practicums this week each student had an opportunity to observe the action of cilia under the microscope. (2) A model of a piece of a single nerve fibre with its axis, myeline, and neurilemma. (3) A section of the myel or spinal cord showing the relation of the white and gray tissue. Those who have already taken the course in Physiology are cordially invited to inspect the models and other additions to the means of instruction.

College News.

HARVARD.—The class football championship has been won by '91. . . There is no prospect of a game with Princeton this fall. . . The class of '59 has presented a stained glass window designed by Lafarge, which is to be placed in Memorial Hall.

IN GENERAL.—The first number of a new college newspaper appeared at Columbia College last week. The paper is called *The Blue and White*, and is to be published weekly throughout the college year, giving general college news interesting to students. . . Ex-President White lectures this week before the Brown Historical Society on the "Influence of America on the French Revolution". . . Johns Hopkins will, through the efforts of Miss Mary Garrett and others, soon have a very amply endowed medical school. . . Ninety Hopkins students were "suping" last week for Booth and Barrett. . . Pennsylvania is rejoicing over the fact that Princeton could score but six points against her in the game of November 8.

Among Our Exchanges.

LA GRANDE PASSION.

Would I could live and love upon the stage,
Where hearts are generous, blood flows free and strong;
Love's vows are deathless, hate is deep and long,
We only play at love in this cold age.

I.

A sheperd maiden strays through woodland glade,
A huntsman clad in Lincoln green am I.
I gaze, she sighs, the chase's rout goes by,
For love is all, beneath the greenwood shade.

II.

Her father's rich—he has a cruel eye,
While I am poor but noble, tall and proud.
The fifth act has a wedding or a shroud,
For I have sworn to win my love or die.

We only play at love in this cold age,
A summer's idyl gilds the lagging hours;
New loves will bud when blow the new spring flowers,
Would I could live and love upon the stage.

—*Nassau Lit.*

Amusements.

Y. M. C. A. POPULAR COURSE.

On Tuesday evening of next week the second entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Popular Course will be given in Wilgus Opera House. Mr. J. Williams Macy, Humorist and Buffo Basso, will be the attraction. Mr. Macy's great success has placed him in the front rank among Lyceum attractions. His songs are gems of the Buffo School, and his Humorist Recitals are given with unction and accompanied by facial changes which render them irresistibly funny, and at the same time they are entirely free from any objectionable coarseness. A week later, Mr. L. O. Armstrong will give his entertainment, "Ben Hur, Illustrated."

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Editorial.

THE characteristics of football that are particularly prominent, and the general success of the game might suggest that if gladiatorial shows were allowed they would be enormously profitable. However, as time advances there is noticeably decidedly less slugging indulged in, and if the constantly increasing rivalry between the different teams, and the opportunities for the development of this feature are taken into consideration, it is evident that the standard of the game is rapidly advancing. Football also tends to develop in the players those qualities of coolness, quickness and decision the acquisition of which is a valuable part of a college education.

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IT becomes apparent each year that football is constantly gaining in popularity, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that in the near

future it may become one of the national sports. The football games between the larger colleges attract annually more attention than any of the collegiate contests, except possibly the regular strife for supremacy on the water. In our own short career in football there has arisen a phenomenal interest in that branch of athletics. The team on its return from the eastern trip evinced not the slightest sign of discouragement, but on the contrary it has put into practise, to good advantage, the lessons that were learned. The hearty support of the Benefit on Monday evening last is a fair indication of the local feeling, and the arrangements made for the game in Chicago last Thursday and the large attendance shows the interest and enthusiasm that is awakened abroad.

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THIS week records another step in the preparation for the work of sending out the eights. Coach Courtney has again been engaged to take charge of the crews, and will begin work on the 1st of January. In a football number, such as this week's ERA is, at the close of the season for that sport, it is not unfitting to direct attention to the work that must take its place. During the entire winter term and until fair weather in the spring the training will be carried on in the Gymnasium, using the machines and taking special leg and back work. It is by this means that the standing of the men and their chances of getting in the boats will be largely determined. This part of the work can be advantageously taken by a large number, and the general recognition of its value, both to the competitors for places in their own physical development, and to the interests of the crews in giving a large field from which to choose the men for the positions, should stimulate great rivalry.

WHILE on this topic, the students need to again be reminded that all the training that can be done will be insufficient to win victories without the necessary money to meet the expenses of the crews. Worthy as other forms of athletic activity are, that kind in which Cornell's greatest victories have been won demands the most enthusiastic financial support. While it is as yet too early to give any definite reports, it can still be said that the work of the collector for the crew fund this year has thus far met with generous response. The Freshmen have taken hold of the matter in the right spirit, appointing a special committee to assist in collecting the requisite \$1,500 for their crew. The work of seeing the other members of the University is progressing systematically, and all that is needful to raise the entire amount of \$4,000 for both eights is a continuance of the enthusiastic support thus far manifested.

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THE American Archæologists have for some time felt confident that their efforts to secure the privilege of excavating the ancient Delphi would be successful. The assurances of the late Prime Minister of Greece seemed beyond a doubt to make the American Institute of Archæology the possessor of the coveted treasure. However the position of the present Minister is decidedly doubtful. France and America are now making every endeavor to obtain the right of excavation and the result depends entirely upon the political relations that Greece may assume toward the two governments. For a number of years there has been intense rivalry between the different Archæological societies located in Greece to possess this right of excavation. The representatives from France, Germany, England and America have made every possible endeavor to come to some agreement with the Grecian government favorable to their respective societies. The most desirable part of the site of the buried city is occupied by the village of Kastri and the government would allow no

excavation to be made until a sufficient sum was guaranteed to indemnify the inhabitants against any loss that might be sustained. The Grecian and French societies after the required amount had been agreed upon entered at different times upon the task, but both gave up the project. The American Institute of Archæology has now raised the necessary indemnifying fund of \$80,000, and a great victory will be gained if it may be permitted to search for the entombed remains of the highest period of Greek art and learning.

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THE advancement of the higher education of women has been brought to public notice lately in two notable instances—the action of the trustees of Johns Hopkins, and the annual meeting of the trustees of Barnard College. The former institution now admits women to the new medical school on the same terms as men. The action is especially significant since it has been brought about by the raising of \$100,000 to endow this department, the entire sum being collected through the persistent endeavors of a few wealthy women who are particularly concerned with augmenting advantages of this character. At the same time it was decided to admit students from Bryn Mawr to the medical school without examination, thus conferring a special honor upon that institution. There is a possibility that before many years Johns Hopkins will allow women to take collegiate courses in all the departments. The annual reports before the trustees of Barnard College indicate that although there is a deficit in the treasury, the opportunities offered by the institution have been appreciated. Since the founding of the college many young women have taken advantage both of the undergraduate and post-graduate courses. With the well organized methods of higher instruction and the hearty support of Columbia College the future success of Barnard is assured when a sufficient endowment is procured, and this will certainly be supplied in due time.

THE ART OF BOOK-KEEPING.

CASCADILLA COTTAGE, }
19 November, 1890. }

Editors Cornell Era,

GENTLEMEN: There is a very clever composition, entitled "The Art of Book-Keeping," which I have never seen anywhere but in "The Standard Speaker," by Epes Sargent, first published in 1852, by Charles Desilver, of Philadelphia. It is there attributed to Thomas Hood. I first became acquainted with the composition, in that work, many years ago, certainly twenty, and have always thought it was Hood's. It is, at any rate, quite worthy of him.

Two or more years ago, a gentleman who had formerly been a student in the University, Mr. Goodwin Brown, some where in the seventies (I have n't the "Ten-year Book" by me and can't say just when), wrote me to know where he could get a copy of this composition, which he had once heard me read. I tore the leaf containing it, from "The Standard Speaker" and sent it to him, with the request that he return it to me when he had taken a copy of it, which he did, like a Christian and a gentleman, and a Cornelian, and I returned it to the place in the book from whence it came. A few days ago, I received from Mr. Brown, the following letter:

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MY DEAR PROFESSOR: A year or two since, you were kind enough to forward to me a leaf taken from Sargent's "Standard Speaker" which contained a poem on "The Art of Book-keeping," credited by Sargent to Thomas Hood. A short time subsequent to my receiving the poem, I had occasion, in the course of a conversation with a distinguished lawyer of this city, to refer to it, and he denied that Hood was the author of the poem, and said that he believed he could tell me who was. Some time after, he found the poem for me in Brander Matthews' "Ballads of the Books," at page 20. (Blanchard's Poetical Works, London Ed. 1876, page 233.)

It occurred to me that this might interest you, as you had given Hood the credit, relying upon Sargent, as many others have done.

Trusting that you are enjoying excellent health, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
GOODWIN BROWN.

PROF. HIRAM CORSON, LL.D.

The poem exhibits a surprising ingenuity in punning on the names of English authors—an ingenuity which Hood himself never surpassed (perhaps *he* wrote it, after all! I'm going to look further into the matter), and as it may be new to many of the readers of the *Era*, I send you the same old leaf containing it, from which you can reprint it, if you see fit.

Very truly yours,
HIRAM CORSON.

How hard, when those who do not wish to lend, thus
lose, their books,
Are snared by anglers,—folks that fish with literary
Hooks,—
Who call and take some favorite tome, but never read
it through;—
They thus complete their set at home, by making one
at you.

I, of my "Spenser" quite bereft, last winter sore was
shaken;
Of "Lamb" I've but a quarter left, nor could I save
my "Bacon";
And then I saw my "Crabbe," at last, like Hamlet,
backward go;
But as the tide was ebbing fast, of course I lost my
"Rowe."

My "Mallet" served to knock me down, which makes
me thus a talker;
And once, when I was out of town, my "Johnson"
proved a "Walker."
While studying, o'er the fire, one day, my "Hobbes,"
amidst the smoke,
They bore my "Colman" clean away, and carried off
my "Coke."

They picked my "Locke," to me far more than
Bramah's patent worth,
And now my losses I deplore, without a "Home" on
earth.
If once a book you let them lift, another they conceal,
For though I caught them stealing "Swift," as swift-
ly went my "Steele."

"Hope" is not now upon my shelf, where late he
stood elated;
But what is strange, my "Pope" himself is excom-
municated.
My little "Suckling" in the grave is sunk to swell
the ravage;
And what was Crusoe's fate to save, 'twas mine to
lose,—a "Savage."

Even "Glover's" works I cannot put my frozen hands
upon:
Though ever since I lost my "Foote," my "Bunyan"
has been gone.
My "Hoyle" with "Cotton" went oppressed; my
"Taylor," too must fail;
To save my "Goldsmith" from arrest, in vain I
offered "Bayle."

I "Prior" sought, but could not see the "Hood" so
late in front;
And when I turned to hunt for "Lee," O! where was
my "Leigh Hunt?"

I tried to laugh, old care to tickle, yet could not
 "Tickle" touch;
 And then, alack! I missed my "Mickle,"—and sure-
 ly Mickle's much.

'Tis quite enough my griefs to feed, my sorrows to
 excuse,
 To think I cannot read my "Reid," nor even use my
 "Hughes;"
 My classics would not quiet lie, a thing so fondly
 hoped;
 Like Dr. Primrose, I may cry, my "Livy" has eloped.
 My life is ebbing fast away; I suffer from these
 shocks,
 And though I fixed a lock on "Gray," there's gray
 up in my locks;
 I'm far from "Young," am growing pale, I see my
 "Butler" fly;
 And when they ask about my ail, 'tis "Burton" I
 reply.

They still have made me slight returns, and thus my
 griefs divide;
 For O! they cured me of my "Burns," and eased my
 "Aken-side."
 But all I think I shall not say, nor let my anger burn,
 For, as they never found me "Gay," they have not
 left me "Sterne."

SENIOR COMMITTEES.

Below is given the list of Senior Committees as just finished by President Beardsley:

Class Day—A. W. Abrams, A. A. Bird, R. E. Danforth, A. C. Field, E. G. Mansfield (chairman), W. G. Newbrook, C. A. Stiles, H. G. Van Everen, J. S. Waterman.

Senior Ball—R. F. Almirall, F. A. Barton, E. B. Bentley, C. Russell, C. Greene, T. F. Lyon, J. del C. Muñoz, C. H. Snider, H. M. Wharton (chairman).

Memorial—H. A. Benedict, M. J. Holmes, R. J. Kellogg, F. P. Schoonmaker (chairman), J. H. Tanner.

Banquet—J. I. Casey, J. F. Booream, B. F. Hurd (toast master), H. H. Sanger, E. Yawger (chairman).

Photograph—T. D. Davis (chairman), I. J. Kerr, F. C. Perkins, E. L. Phillips, F. A. Titus.

Statistics—C. H. Bierbaum, O. G. Heilman, D. F. Hoy, W. E. Lindsay, E. M. Sheldon, A. W. Shepard (chairman), J. H. Stocker.

Prizes—T. F. Bowes, G. M. Brill (chairman), W. N. McComb, C. H. Niemeyer, C. M. Weeks.

Music—C. H. Duncan, H. Mack (chairman), C. S. Marsh, C. W. Mathews, P. Ogden.

—Prof. Roberts lectured before the Agricultural Society Tuesday evening, on "Agriculture in 1925."

ANOTHER CORNELL VICTORY.

[Special telegram to the ERA.]

One of the most brilliant football victories yet recorded in favor of Cornell, was won by the team at Chicago on Thanksgiving Day by the following score, Cornell 12, Chicago 8.

The team, accompanied by Dr. Hitchcock, left Ithaca at 12:40 p. m. Tuesday, taking the vestibule train from Owego to Buffalo, where a special sleeper was secured on the South Shore Limited, arriving in Chicago at 10:10 Wednesday morning. When the team reached the Palmer House, the Cornell headquarters, Colnon received a telegram calling him home to Ogdensburg on account of his father's illness. Baldwin filled Colnon's place and Barr was placed in Baldwin's position. On Thursday morning the men had entirely recovered from the fatigue of the journey, and without exception were in the best of spirits, the day was bright and cool and everything seemed to favor a victory for Cornell.

Early in the afternoon people began to wend their way toward Washington Park, and by 3 p. m., when the game was called, an immense crowd numbering fully 6,000 had assembled to witness the game and the enthusiasm was running high. Within five minutes after the game was called, a touchdown was made by Ray and the goal was kicked by Bacon. There was now sharp playing on both sides. Osgood made a hard tackle on Ames, disabling both men, Strait being called in to take Osgood's place. They recovered, however, and reentered the game later. In the middle of the first half Crawford by a long run made a touchdown for Chicago and the goal was kicked by Donnelly. At this point there was considerable interference on the part of the crowd, which was wild with enthusiasm. The next score made for Chicago was a safety touchdown, made by Bacon, Floy then made a touchdown, the goal being kicked by Bacon. This closed the scoring with a total of 12 for Cornell and 8 for Chicago.

The Chicago team was entirely made up of crack players, representing Yale, Columbia, Princeton and Harvard. The individual playing was good, a running game being put up, but the team work was very much inferior to that of Cornell. The game was considerably delayed by a great amount of talking and parleying on the part of the Chicago men, and there was more or less slugging indulged in.

The Cornell men were royally entertained by the Alumni and the University Club on Thursday evening. A theatre party was given at the Auditorium Theatre to the mem-

bers of the team by the Alumni. The house did not fail to resound with spirited college yells. After this the team was tendered a banquet by the University Club. At a late hour the men were allowed to retire, being quite willing to rest after the fatigue of the game and extended festivities.

The following positions were occupied by the members of both teams:

<i>Chicago</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Cornell</i>
Donnelly	Left End	Shepard
Hayworth	Left Tackle	Johnson
Lockworth	Left Guard	Baldwin
Harlan	Centre	Galbreath
Beckham	Right Guard	Griffith
Bickham	Right Tackle	Barr
Farwell	Right End	Floy
Lilly	Quarter Back	Yawger
Ames	Half Back	Osgood
Crawford	Half Back	Ray
Travis	Full Back	Bacon

CORNELL vs. COLUMBIA.

CORNELL OUTPLAYS HER GREAT NEW YORK RIVAL, AND WINS BY A HANDSOME SCORE.

Cornell played her last home game one week ago to-day. Fitful snow storms after dinner rendered the weather and the field disagreeable, and doubtless kept many from attending the game. Yet the interest in this closing game brought a good crowd to witness it. Cornell took the ball, defending the north goal. The team were: Left end, Shepard; left tackle, Johnson; left guard, Colnon; centre, Galbreath; right guard, Griffith; right tackle, Baldwin; right end, Floy; quarter back, Lomax; right half back, Osgood; left half back, Ray; full back, Bacon.

The game opened with a V rush on the part of Cornell, resulting in a gain of ten yards. A series of short rushes ended with Ray carrying the ball over the line. Bacon kicked goal. Score, 6-0. Time, one minute. The cool air gave zest to the Cornell yell, and cheer followed cheer. Cornell continued playing with spirit and aggressiveness, and Columbia played more actively on the defensive. Cornell broke Columbia's V rush nicely, but the latter made ground by some good runs by Culver and Dilworth. Kicks were exchanged by the full backs, Bacon all through the game out-kicking his opponent, White. Ground for Cornell was gained by Baldwin, Ray and Osgood, and Johnson touched down. Goal. Score, 12-0. Columbia again made no ground with the V, and soon Cornell had the ball. Good runs by Bacon, Shepard and Floy advanced it, when Osgood emerged from the "turtle crawl," and went over the line. Another touch down fol-

lowed with no goal. During the last five minutes of this first half Columbia worked hard, Dilworth gaining twenty yards on a gridiron rush. The ball was forced to within ten yards of the Cornell goal when time was called. Score, 22-0.

The second was a thirty minute half. Columbia lost the ball on a V rush. Floy made a neat run of thirty yards, Shepard and Johnson made good ground, and in two minutes Baldwin touched down. No goal. From the twenty-five yard line Cornell rushed the ball forward, and soon Ray went through the centre and touched down. Osgood again soon followed by means of the "turtle crawl" play. The last few minutes of this half was a repetition of the last movements of the first. Columbia fought with seeming desperation, and the game closed with the ball well in Cornell's territory. Score, 36-0.

Cornell played the swiftest and most scientific game she has played here this season. Yawger was of course missed as quarter back, but Lomax was an unexpected success. It was not a ground for long distance running, and the game was won on the slow and sure plan. Floy played a brilliant game. Bacon, Galbreath and Johnson played unusually strong. The game was rendered less interesting by parleying on the part of Columbia regarding offside plays, being encouraged in this by the indecisive manner of referee McDowell. There was little or no grounds for such claims, it being one of the fairest, as well as best, games of the season.

CORNELL vs. ST. JOHNS.

The second eleven played in Elmira on Thanksgiving Day with the eleven from St. Johns Military Academy, defeating them by a score of 82-4. It was a bitter cold day, and the attendance was very small. Probably not more than two hundred persons were present. The umpire was H. N. Wood, '92, and Lowenthal, '91, acted as referee.

In the first half, which lasted forty-five minutes, the first touchdown was made by Upton, Harvey kicking the goal. Wolfe made the next touchdown, goal; Harvey, touchdown, no goal; Farkell, touchdown, goal; Harvey, touchdown, goal; Upton, touchdown, no goal; Lomax, touchdown, goal; Horton, touchdown, goal. One more touchdown was made, without the goal being kicked, closing the first half with a score of 44-0. In the second half, which lasted thirty minutes, the first touchdown was made by Horton, no goal;

Upton made the next touchdown, no goal; Farkell, touchdown, no goal; Upton, touchdown, no goal; two more touchdowns were made and one goal was kicked.

At this point in the game St. John secured a touchdown, making its only score. Farkell then made another touchdown, no goal, and the game ended with the score of 82-4.

The men played a very good game and won easily. The following positions were occupied, Davis playing Left Guard during the first half and Bell during the second.

ST. JOHNS.	POSITION.	CORNELL.
Fisher	Left End	Young
Little	Left Tackle	Upton
Doster	Left Guard	Davis and Bell
Heath	Centre	Bush
Hughes	Right Guard	Hill
Berbeck	Right Tackle?	Wolfe
Mayor	Right End	Atwood
Dongdale	Quarter Back	Lomax
Stimson	Half Back	Horton
Mayor	Half Back	Farkell
Rix	Full Back	Harvey

SECOND, HAWTHORNE EVENING.

With increasing interest are Professor Corson's readings in American literature being attended. The substitution of a second reading from Hawthorne for the first Lowell evening proved very satisfactory, as it gave the Professor opportunity to read from "The House of Seven Gables," that fine description of Governor Pyncheon's death. The setting of this chapter was made clear to those who have not read the book, by a clear, concise outline, which served also to refresh the memory of those who had read it long ago. Owing to the social set down to follow the reading, Professor Corson was not able to give all the selections he wanted to, and he closed the evening's reading with the description from the "Marble Faun" of the statue by Praxiteles.

SUNDAY EVENING LECTURES.

Last Sunday evening Professor Burr lectured in the Unitarian Church upon the subject "The Age of Faith." The topic is a fragment of the studies by the Professor in the history of the Middle Ages, and the statement of this fact is a sufficient indication of the interesting character of the lecture. The distinctive features of the "age of faith" were graphically described by a realistic comparison of its ideas with those of the average man of to-day.

The next lecture in the course will be delivered to-morrow evening by Rev. Mr. Dutton, on the subject, "Peace Tendencies of Modern Times."

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

Mr. W. H. Hudson addressed the Fortnightly Club last Tuesday evening on the subject: "The Significance of Early Christian Art." The theme of the paper was to trace in a general way the differences developing in Christian belief during the early centuries, so far as this was reflected in its art, and also to show from the art of the Christians what changes their faith underwent. Starting from the conception of the worthlessness of the human body and of the utter vanity of this life, and therefore repressing all artistic impulses and disdaining all adornment of what was "but a fleeting show," the Christians had come, in their association with paganism, first to the adoption of an art characterized by simple joyousness, and then to the portrayal of forms of terror born of asceticism and formalism. The presentation of his subject by the speaker was exceedingly clear and entertaining, and the club was fortunate in securing Mr. Hudson to deliver the address.

The next meeting will be devoted to the consideration of the "Value of the C. U. Christian Association," upon which topic two members of the Association and two non-members will present papers.

FAIR IN THE ARMORY.

The following list of the ladies who are to have charge of the various departments at the fair next week, will serve as an index of the attractions which will greet all who may attend. Mrs. Schurman, Mrs. H. S. White and Mrs. Hewett will preside at the flower stand. Ladies from Sage will take charge of the candy table, the lemonade, the fish pond, the post office, and the "butterflies." Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. White, Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Caldwell will supervise the restaurant, and they will be assisted by Sage ladies, who will wait upon the patrons. Ice cream will be served all the afternoon and evening under the care of Miss Tyler, Mrs. Emmons Williams will have charge of the orange tree, and Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Tyler will manage the fancy work.

The concert will be participated in by the Banjo and Glee Clubs, and by Mrs. A. W. Smith, Miss Bergmann and Messrs. Fuertes, Parkhurst, Von Klenze and Rappleye. Twenty ladies will give a gypsy dance and tell fortunes. Dousek's orchestra will be in attendance all the afternoon and evening, and dancing will be indulged in after the concert until midnight.

Cornell Verse.

SUNSET.

As musing I gaze through the sun-lighted haze
That fills Ganseraga's valley,
At the hills all aglow, and the earth down below,
O'er which purpling mists, far and near, rally;
While the grass-clad hills and the trees and the rills,
In the sunset, gleam, green or sparkling,
Like the paradise on earth, of the Bethlehem of birth
Of sweet Peace, an earth era marking;
In the blissful trance, the bewildered glance,
Deceived by the shimmer and the mist,
Sees faces divine with brightest light shine,
And forms ne'er by earth-light kissed;
And the soaring soul, beyond the cloud scroll,
Partakes of the joys of the blest.

R. H. T.

IN BOTH SENSES.

Out of the ball-room, light and gay,
He led her brightly smiling;
They'd danced the night almost away,
They found it so beguiling.

The magic of the time and place,
The sweet, rich incense of the flowers,
But most of all, that winsome face,
Had made him heedless of the hours

That sped along with silent haste,
As though, grown jealous of his pleasure,
They sought to give him but a taste,
Then steal away this new-found treasure.

Within a quiet, dark retreat
Well curtained off from bold intrusion
They find a rest for weary feet,
And darkness hides her sweet confusion

When suddenly he takes her hand,
And steals a kiss as though by right.
"Darling," he asks, "is not this grand?"
She softly whispers—"Out of sight."

H.

SOLDIERLY.

The question lately has been asked,
Repeating's worth our while,
Why boarding-house butter is said to "march."
'Tis because it's "rank and vile."

N.

QUITE DIFFERENT.

Before, one time, an audience
A temp'rance man was standing;
The temp'rance man was shouting wild,
The audience, disbanding.
"Down with the drink!"—His last remark
Through empty room was wending,
While in the hall and on the steps,
The audience, descending.

Before, one time, an audience,
A sot, reformed, was standing;
The sot, reformed, was talking low,
The audience, expanding.
"Down with the drink!"—His last remark
Through well-filled room was wending,
While 'round the bar and all about,
Was heard the drink descending.

J. C. L. F., '92.

THE LOST ONE.

Thou art gone! I search for thee in vain;
Through all Eternity, I'll ne'er see thee again!
On bright days past we wandered forth together
Across the fields and through the fragrant heather,
And when the winds did blow and rain-drops fell
From stormy terrors thou didst shield me well.
What sinful wretch to part us had the heart?
His hardened conscience, did it feel no smart?
Now deepest anger wells up in my soul,
And wild desires o'er one another roll
To meet and tell him what I've thought
Of what his ruthless hand hath wrought.
Would that I could but catch the wretched fellow
Who stole from me my best black silk umbrella!

X.

OUR MARTYRDOM.

True martyr I call thee, O poet, whose stanzas
Lash error and folly wherever it reigns;
Whose sentiments lofty and lightest of fancies
Fight battles for truth, tho' men laugh at thy pains.

ALSO:

Like thine, patient hero, our mission quixotic
Is to laugh with and at all that's foolish—or worse;
Far-fetched is our feeling, our fancy erotic,
Men laugh at our efforts to write "Cornell Verse."

R. J. K.

YALE 32 ; PRINCETON 0.

The game at Brooklyn resulted in a great victory for the wearers of the blue. Yale played with a dogged resistance that was marvelous. Every known trick, and some that are not known, was used by them. They excelled in blocking, interfering, passing, running and in tackling. The latter was the Princeton's great weakness. They seemed to be afraid of the Yale giants, and their rush line seemed to be mere striplings, as compared with Yale's heavy line. The latter, when shut out on the ends by sharp rushes, pushed right through their opponent's line. The Princeton's used bad judgment. They tried the same tactics instead of going on the ends, and they might just as well have bucked against a stone wall. This was when the superiority of Yale first began to make itself manifest. In their rushes they guarded their runners well, and this was an important point. The feature of the game was the work of McClung, who made five of the six touchdowns, kicking four goals.

The game was witnessed by 30,000 people, and was marred by an accident that injured fifty spectators seriously. The bleacheries on the eastern side of the field were broken by the rush, and this checked the enthusiasm of the spectators for fully half an hour. The players and their positions were as follows:

<i>Yale.</i>	<i>Position.</i>	<i>Princeton</i>
Hartwell	Left End	Warren
Wallis	Left Tackle	Speer
Heffelfinger	Left Guard	Thomas
Lewis	Centre	Symmes
S. Morrison	Right Guard	Rigan
Rhodes (captain)	Right tackle	Lewis
Crosby	Right End	Furness
Barbour	Quarter Back	Poe (capt'n)
McClung	Half Back	King
Harvey	Half Back	Spicer
B. Morrison	Full Back	Homans

THE STUDENTS' GUILD.

Circulars have been prepared and sent out to students in the University setting forth the aims of the Students' Guild, and asking contributions for its purposes. Of the many ways in which money may be bestowed for charitable uses none is more worthy than this of helping deserving students in time of need. The Guild has already proved its usefulness by its services in the past, and asks for the support which will enable it to fulfill its functions in the future. On Thursday of next week the Treasurer of the Guild will be in attendance at the University business office to receive contributions. The affairs of the Guild are ad-

ministered by an executive committee consisting of one member from each class, and from the law school, appointed by the class presidents, with whom are associated three members from the faculty. This year's officers are Professor Wheeler, chairman; W. J. Gardinier, secretary; and C. W. Harris, treasurer. It is proposed to secure desk room in Barnes Hall and maintain there headquarters where communication may be had with the officers. Professors and students alike will confer a favor upon the Guild if they will promptly inform the officers of any case of sickness or need that may come to their attention.

SUCCESSFUL DRAMATIC EVENT.

The performance given by the Masque on Monday evening last was in every way a gratifying production. Wilgus Opera House was completely filled by an audience such as rarely is seen within its walls. As a result a very considerable decrease has been made in the football debt. Much praise is due to the individual members of the Masque and to Mr. Wittenberg, the manager, for their sacrifice of time and labor in making the occasion a dramatic success.

The names in the cast, together with the plot of "Instructor Pratt," were printed in these columns last week and need not be given again. The opening piece, the one act comedy, "Hearing and Believing," served to put every one in a proper frame of mind for enjoying the principal play. The impersonation of the spinster by Mr. Gill was especially enjoyable, while the other characters were well sustained by the participants. The thread of the story of "Instructor Pratt" serves merely to permit of "hits" upon the faculty, without which the piece would be lifeless, but which made it readily appreciable by the sympathetic, enthusiastic audience which was gathered to approve the work of the author, Mr. W. C. Langdon, Jr. The interest of the play centered about the impersonation of the mathematical trio, "Gulliver, Fate and Groans," and of Prof. Burr, under the guise of "Prof. Holburn." The author's conception and the actors' execution of these rôles was very clever. A decided improvement over the amateur performance of last year was made by having ladies to assume the parts of ladies, and Miss Leonie Hubbell and Miss M. G. Taylor fulfilled this office most acceptably.

The Ithaca Orchestral Club, under the leadership of Prof. Dousek, furnished the music and added not a little to the pleasure of the

evening. The success of this effort will give a great impetus to the interest in amateur theatricals at Cornell, which it is hoped will be fostered and give the Masque a permanent existence.

Cornelliana.

—The Register will be ready for distribution soon after the vacation.

—The society for Ethical Culture meets as usual to-morrow in Barnes Hall at 2:30.

—A large piece of plastering fell from the ceiling of the law library a few nights ago.

—Ex-President White lectured before the class in Modern History on Tuesday last.

—The first issue of the C. U. C. A. Bulletin will appear immediately after the vacation.

—Courtney will come to Ithaca to begin the work of selecting the two crews about Jan. 1st.

—There will be no final examination in English History for those who have not been absent from more than one recitation.

—Prof. Bailey is now busy with the preparation of the next number of the American Garden, a magazine of which he is editor.

—Prof. Laughlin delivered a lecture to the class in Political Economy Monday on "The Relation of Political Economy to Christian Ethics."

—The addition of the Texas reports to the law library makes nearly a complete set of state reports, and in this respect it is excelled by few libraries in the country.

—Special train via E. C. & N., on Dec. 1, leaves Ithaca at 3:42 p. m., arrive Syracuse 6.00 p. m. Returning, leave Syracuse 10 p. m. arrive Ithaca 12 o'clock.

—'93 refuses to concede '94's claim to the tug-of-war by default and consequently refuses to accept the challenge to a rifle shoot until the previous contest is definitely settled.

—At the first military hop next term, sixteen picked men from Capt. Phillips' Crack Company, will give an exhibition drill in the manual of arms, firings and company movements.

—Previous to the Yale-Harvard game last Saturday, Yale had scored 446 points to her opponents' 6 in 12 games, while Harvard had scored 541 points to her opponents' 6 in 10 games.

—President Adams left Monday for Princeton, N. J. to attend a meeting of the Association of Colleges of the Middle States. He will

address the Association on "Co-ordination of Colleges and Universities.

—There will be no regular meeting of the Christian Association to-morrow, but an informal meeting will be held at the usual time, 4:30 p. m. All other meetings of the day will be omitted, but the reading room and library will be open as usual.

—Prof. Tylers' Senior and Graduate Seminary has become so large that he has been obliged to put a large part of the graduates in the Junior Seminary. This will more nearly equalize the number in the two seminaries and so render the work more profitable to all.

—Circulars are being sent out to desirable members for a club to be made up from the town and campus, to be known as the Town and Gown Club. Its scope will be similar to that of the Cosmos Club, of Washington, D. C., and the University Club, of Baltimore, Md. The membership will be strictly limited to seventy-five, and a club house will be maintained convenient to both town and campus.

—On Friday evening, Dec. 5, a Military-Navy Ball will be held in the Armory. The last Military Hop interfered seriously with the financial success of the Navy ball and consequently it has been decided to make a second endeavor and combine the two. The tickets will be sold at the usual price of \$1.50, all proceeds being devoted to the benefit of the Navy. A most enjoyable evening is assured and every one should attend.

—The special train to accommodate those desiring to hear Stanley's lecture on the evening of Dec. 1, has been secured, and official notice of the same has been issued by the E., C. & N. R. R. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity. It has been announced that the reserved seats in the gallery will be \$1.00, and general admission 75 cents. Reserved seats in the body of the house are \$2.00 and \$1.50, as before stated.

—The election of a President of the United States was held at the Mock Congress in Deming Hall last Saturday evening. Several new members were sworn in, but owing to the Sophomore reception and Prof. Corson's reading, the attendance was not so large as at the previous meeting. Prof. Bristol declined the Democratic nomination and his supporters voted for Prof. Collin, but the Republicans were successful and elected Prof. Thurston by a vote of 31 to 28 for Prof. Collin and one for Prof. Bristol. The Congress will hold its meeting as usual this evening. The divorce bill is unfinished business for debate.

Department News.

MILITARY AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.—The improvement which the students of Cascadilla School are making in these departments is very marked. On Tuesdays and Thursdays instruction in the gymnasium is given by Mr. Nelligan from 8.30 to 9.30 a. m., and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the same hour instruction in military drill is given by Lieut. Col. Rouillon. The company is progressing rapidly and are greatly outstripping the corps of cadets. Wednesday instruction in sword drill was begun and it is expected that an exhibition of this will be given by the company at the winter meet.

COLLEGE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING.—At the last meeting at the trustees three additional instructors were granted to the college. One of these is to be a mechanic who will have charge of the repairing and constructing of all apparatus for the laboratories. The remaining two will fill other positions in the college.—Connected with the college are ten laboratories, each pursuing a separate line of work. All these laboratories are heavily taxed to accommodate the students of the college. These laboratories are not only used for the regular class instruction, but in them are being carried on investigations of a very interesting and instructive nature into advanced questions connected with the college.

SIBLEY COLLEGE.—The department is preparing to change the system of electric lighting now in use upon the campus. Those who remember the light that was formerly in Sage Chapel tower will be glad to know that it is to be restored. The present system is old and will be changed for the new one of the Westinghouse Company. This company has presented the University with their arc-light transformers for indoor arc-lighting. An appropriation has been made by the trustees for the change of systems. Among other things the dynamo room has been greatly improved.—A large amount of original work is being done in this department; and for this the present rapid development of the science offers great opportunities. The number of students in Electrical Engineering this year has decidedly increased. In the course of instruction no important alterations have been made.

College News.

HARVARD—The great football game with Yale at Springfield last Saturday was witnessed by 16,000 people. Harvard won by the score of 12-6, Dean and Lee making the touchdowns. A great celebration of the victory was held in Cambridge, Monday night. . . Official announcement appears of the new improvement soon to be made in Memorial Hall, to accommodate its increased demand. . . The baseball averages of Yale are superior to those of Harvard, according to a recent comparison. . . The class of 1859 has just had a memorial window put in position in Memorial Hall. The subject is Cornelia, the mother of the Gracchi, displaying her children as her jewels. The artist, John La Farge, has developed the subject in a very beautiful manner, and the glass has been selected by him with special care. The window is very brilliant in color and is conceded to be the handsomest in the hall.

COLUMBIA—The Saturday morning public course of lectures attracts large numbers. The topics treated range from poetry and art to religion and science. . . The class of '93 has adopted the mortar board hat and will wear it at college for the first time Monday morning next. . . The entering class in the Law School numbers 307, and is the largest on record in that school. The young school of political science has 175 men enrolled against 98 last year, while the newly established school of philosophy has 55 students. . . A new paper, the *Blue and White*, has appeared. It is apparently the organ of the Sophomores. . . The Columbia team disbanded in Ithaca last Saturday after the game here.

IN GENERAL.—Williams won the championship of the league composed of Amherst, Dartmouth, Trinity, Bowdoin and Williams. . . Pennsylvania has delegated one of its medical faculty to investigate the recent discoveries of Dr. Koch. . . The Rutgers alumni have contributed over \$3,500 to the fund for the new athletic grounds. . . A course in sanitary engineering has been established at Union College. A similar course has existed at Columbia for three years. . . New York University has also sent two of its professors to Berlin to study the researches of Koch. . . The literary societies in the University of the South, have resolved to attempt the formation of a Southern Interstate Oratorical Association, and have issued invitations to the literary societies of the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, the universities of North and South Carolina, and Georgia, and to Vanderbilt University to aid in organizing such an association. . . A book of Brown songs, the words and music of which have been written by Brown graduates and undergraduates, is soon to appear. In accordance with the plan announced some time ago, the faculty of Hamilton have adopted the scheme of a college board endowed with advisory powers. This joint committee consists of three members of the faculty, two each from the seniors and juniors, and one each from the under classes. . . The number of students in the Andover, Mass., Academy this year is so much larger than usual that the faculty has been enlarged by the addition of an instructor in English studies. . . The senior class of Swarthmore have agreed upon a new plan for commencement speeches. One honor student from each course is to speak, and two or three other students are to be chosen for oratorical ability.

Among Our Exchanges.

SO SAYS SAM.

Let the European nations
Drop their peaceable relations,
Let the air with smoke of battle now grow murky;
Let the Christian and the sinner
Join in one Thanksgiving dinner,
While each nation takes its proper slice of Turkey.
G. H. F.

REVELLERS BEWARE!

That gobbler gobbles gobler
Would great injustice seem,
But gobbled gobbler's goblin
Gobbles fierce in gobbler's dream.
—*The Brunonian.*

Book Reviews.

WORTHINGTON'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, edited by Annie Cole Cady, Worthington Company, New York.

This forms the second volume of "Our Boy's Library" series, and is in readability and typographical make-up fully up to the first volume of the series. It is written by a lady who has had a wide experience in teaching the young, which particularly fitted her for the task. The book is just what it purports to be, a history for boys. While readability is always the most important feature to be attained in such a work, it has not been done, as is often the case, at the expense of accuracy. A pleasing feature of the work is its numerous portraits of heroes and statesmen, and its illustrations of historic scenes.

THE OLD MEETING HOUSE AND VACATION PAPERS by the Rev. A. M. Colton, Worthington Company, New York.

During a long and active ministry, Mr. Colton wrote numerous articles, many of which have appeared from time to time in different periodicals. The volume at hand is made up of a collection of the best of those articles. Many of them have a fine vein of humor running through them, notably *The Old Meeting House and Reminiscences of Boyhood*, while others are of a more serious character. They are all however, bright, fresh, breezy and wholesome and cannot fail to commend themselves to a varied class of readers.

A HISTORY OF ROME, by P. V. N. Myers, Ginn & Company, Boston, \$1.10.

This is a revision of that part of Prof. Myers' *Outlines of Ancient History*, which relates to Rome, the revision of the parts relating to Greece and the Eastern Nations having appeared some two years ago. Like all of Prof. Myers' histories it is an intensely inspiring book, and the pupil after reading it generally desires to go deeper into the history of the period. In text books of this character, where there is such a mass of material to draw from the chief difficulty is to give proper perspective and balance to the work. This the author has none in his usually satisfactory manner. Especially interesting is the chapter on Architecture, Literature, Law and Social Life. A liberal supply of maps adds to the value of the work, and the numerous cuts and illustrations have been well selected and drawn from reliable sources.

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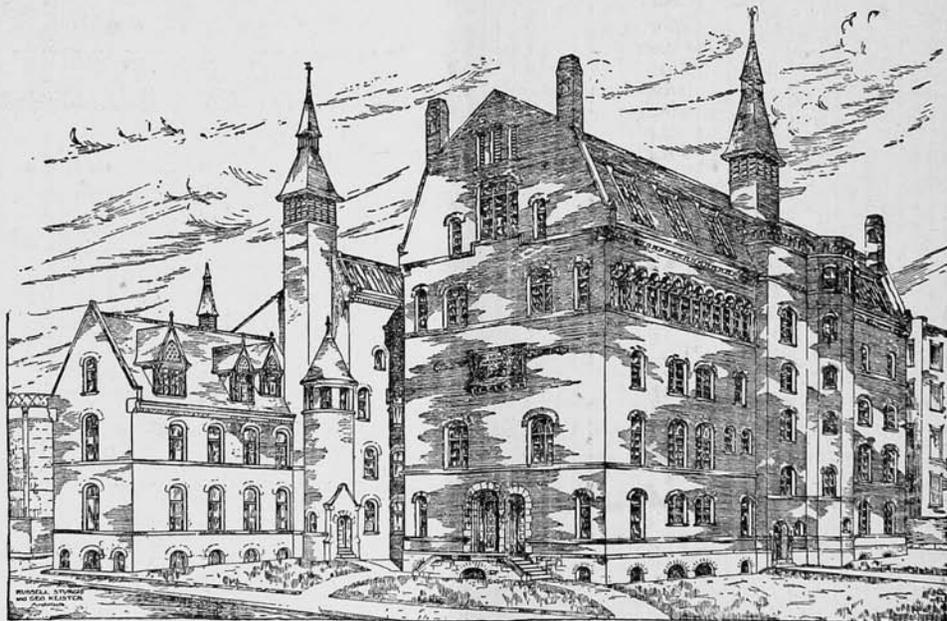
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Editorial.

ON account of the near approach of examinations it is necessary for the editors of the ERA to cease their editorial work for the term with this number. The Board has made the most earnest endeavor during the past ten weeks to represent the best student thought, to publish concisely all matters of interest to the undergraduates and the alumni, and also to give space each week to something of true literary merit; the subscribers can determine what success has attended these efforts. The greatest venture of the term has been the introduction of a page of Cornell Verse. There is really no reason that such a page cannot be easily maintained and in a creditable manner. In many instances if more time and thought were given to the preparation of the verse it would be exceptionally good. However it is certainly impossible for this work to reach a high degree of perfection at the very start, and the Board is convinced from the experience of this term that the page can be maintained with increasing success if those who are so inclined continue to give their attention to it. The Board is greatly indebted to all who have so kindly contributed to the columns

of the ERA during the term, thus giving in each case most valuable assistance to the maintenance of the literary tone of the paper.

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DURING the football season just ended the members of the team have labored hard and have acquitted themselves in worthy manner, closing the fall games with several well earned victories to their credit. Previous to last year the custom had been in vogue to furnish each member of the team with a neat souvenir of the season and, even though inexpensive, it was always appreciated. It seems as if something of the kind might be given to those who composed the team this fall. The necessary expenditure would be comparatively very slight, and it is hardly probable that the question of finance could stand in the way. It is to be hoped that the management will consider such an action feasible, and if any expenditure can be allowed at all it could not be made to any better advantage.

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WORDS commendatory of the students' Guild need to be only words of explanation of its purposes. When once it is known that there exists among us an organization whose aim is to succor the student who may be oppressed by his poverty or affliction by disease, the knowledge will strike a responsive chord in all members of the University, whether faculty or students, that will manifest itself by a generous support. Such a body is the Students' Guild. Through its instrumentality many a worthy student in the past has been relieved in his distress. Its work has been done quietly, without any publicity further than its occasional appeals for funds, but its power for good has been none the less marked. It may even be that its influence has been less potent than it ought to be, for this very reason. Yet the necessary circumstances that determine its activity forbid more than the bare statement that experience justifies the existence of a Stu-

dents' Guild, and teaches the need of maintaining it in its power to meet the demands that may be made upon it. Its aid is not limited to any circle of "members" or contributors, but is extended to any student who may be in need. In its work, it solicits not merely the money contributors of its well-wishers but bespeaks their assistance in bringing to the notice of its officers any cases where its help can be given. The fair to be given in the Armory this (Saturday) evening is to be commended for the reasons that have been urged in favor of the Guild, although the students' beds to be endowed in the Ithaca Hospital by the proceeds of the fair are not to be reserved for only those in need of financial assistance. The proposed endowment of the beds will be exactly in the line of the Guild's work, and may be regarded as an outgrowth of its experience. Nothing can more fitly appeal to the sympathies—and purses—of those who have even slight resources to spare, than these means of acknowledging the community of the brotherhood of man.

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IT has been announced that a petition is being circulated among Englishmen, the purport of which is to urge the British government to exercise its influence with the Egyptian authorities to put an end to the illegal and destructive mutilation of the monuments and sculptures of old Egypt. A list of American names is also solicited for the same purpose which will be forwarded by the Rev. Dr. Winslow to the British museum to be placed in the proper hands. Dr. Winslow is vice-president of the American exploration fund and he makes an urgent appeal to all who are in sympathy with this work to sign the petition and to address him at 535, Beacon Street, Boston. The names of a large number of Cornellians were enrolled on the Delphi subscription list last year, showing considerable interest in the success of this work. The monuments and sculptures of the old Egyptian civilization are also of inestimable value, and it might not be out of place for the University to be represented on this petition.

THE DESECRATION OF HYMNS.

Many compilers of Hymn Books seem to feel at liberty to make whatever changes they please in the hymns which they introduce. Hymns which have been long in use, rarely appear in Collections without showing the rude hand of the spoiler. Why should not a hymn be regarded as sacred from violation as any other form of literary composition? No editor of a Selection of Poems would dare to make changes in a dirge of Tennyson's "In Memoriam," for example, or in a Sonnet of Wordsworth. But hymns seem to be regarded as common property, which anybody may use according to his individual pleasure.

I have recently met with a very remarkable instance of the kind, and that, too, in one of the most beautiful hymns which the century has produced—in English, certainly; I allude to the late Cardinal Newman's "The Pillar of Cloud," better known by its opening words, "Lead, kindly Light."

The last stanza of this hymn reads :

"So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile."

In "Hymn and Tune Book, for the Church and the Home," revised edition, published by the "American Unitarian Society," 1884, the 3d verse of this stanza reads,

"Through dreary doubt, through pain and sorrow, till" [!]

Such a desecration as this, by the translating of the concrete, for which the feelings have affinities, into the abstract, for which they have none, testifies to a spiritual depravity on the part of the spoiler.

Literary vandalism should certainly be visited with at least as severe a condemnation as plagiarism; but when it is brought to bear upon hymns, it seems to be generally regarded as quite a venial offense. The spoiler often, no doubt, justifies to himself, his presumptuousness (to call it by the mildest name), by the reflection, if he reflect at all, that he has made the theology of a hymn more "sound;" or perhaps, as in the case before us, more *vital!* by substituting the abstract for the concrete!

A certain Mr. Greenhill, it appears was puzzled in regard to the meaning of the last two verses of the stanza above quoted :

"And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile,"

and accordingly wrote for an explanation to the author, who sent him the following reply :

THE ORATORY, January 18, 1879.

MY DEAR MR. GREENHILL,

You flatter me by your question; but I think it was Keble who, when asked it in his own case, answered that poets were not bound to be critics, or to give a sense to what they had written; and though I am not, like him, a poet, at least I may plead that I am not bound to *remember* my own meaning, whatever it was, at the end of almost fifty years.

Anyhow there must be a statute of limitation for writers of verse, or it would be quite a tyranny if, in an art which is the expression not of truth but of imagination and sentiment, one were obliged to be ready for examination on the transient state of mind which came upon one when home-sick or sea-sick, or in any other way sensitive or excited.

Yours most truly,

JOHN H. NEWMAN.

(The hymn was written before the author went over to the Church of Rome. In the last paragraph of Part III, of his "Apologia pro vita sua," he says: "I was aching to get home; yet for want of a vessel I was kept at Palermo for three weeks. . . . At last I got off in an orange boat, bound for Marseilles. We were becalmed a whole week in the Straits of Bonifacio. Then it was that I wrote the lines, 'Lead, Kindly Light,' which have since become well known.")

The meaning of the verses appears to be, that, having been led on by the kindly light, "o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone" (the night of his soul, of course,) "those angel faces smile" again upon him which he once loved, in his early days of innocence and spiritual health, but which he afterward "lost awhile," when that spiritual health was impaired.

HIRAM CORSON.

A DUEL.

"Do you want to see a duel?" said a friend of mine.

"Well! Yes!" I answered, with some hesitation.

"Come around then to my house to-morrow morning at four, and mind you be punctual. I shall depend upon you to bandage if necessary."

I must confess this idea of bandaging dampened my sudden curiosity considerably, still I was pleased with my good fortune, the rare chance to witness the lingering survival of an old custom. So many of my friends had handled the sword in their own behalf, and received a "*Schmiss*" as they fondly called the

scars on their faces, that in my estimation a duel had come to mean little more than a somewhat dangerous exhibition of swordsmanship.

Not a soul was astir, when I sauntered out into the oppressive silence of that early morning, and, followed by the echo of my own footsteps I walked down the lonesome streets to the house of my friend. A carriage was already waiting at his door, and as I entered my friend came down the stairs accompanied by an elderly gentleman, who was introduced to me as Dr. ———, I have forgotten the name.

The Doctor was the first to get into the carriage, I handed him his case of instruments while my friend told the coachman to drive us out of town by the Landsberger Strasse, where he should receive new orders, all of us got in and we started. Hearing that I was an American, the doctor asked me whether I had ever attended or seen a duel.

"No," I replied, "and I am glad to have this opportunity to see a genuine encounter with swords."

"Swords," he muttered, "you mean pistols. Pistols, three shots at ten paces."

My curiosity at once vanished. "In that case," said I, "I leave you two gentlemen alone, as it was certainly not my ambition to figure as witness at so serious an affair." I was not to get off so easily by any means, however.

"Your presence is absolutely necessary," declared the doctor emphatically. He was much astonished at my sudden desire to depart. "Your leaving now and so suddenly is entirely out of the question, we must have a witness."

"It seems to me," I interrupted, "that with you two gentlemen, the other physicians, the seconds, the parties, you have already more witnesses than you need."

It was of no use, however, to argue with him, I was told that such a duel must be conducted in strict observance to prescribed rules; such rules made the presence of at least two impartial witnesses essential. As physicians and seconds are summoned by the respective opponents and had constant duties to attend to, they were all barred from acting as witnesses. To be sure, all these rules are merely customary, but the law makes them all important, inasmuch as it distinctly provides, that a duel fought in violation of these minute regulations is murder or manslaughter and punishable accordingly. Personally, so he told me, I became in no way answerable to the law which expressly stipulated that physicians, seconds and witnesses are not punishable for participation in such an unlawful undertaking. "You

know as well as I do," the doctor ended his argument, "that there is not one chance in a thousand that either party will be injured, the bare possibility does of course exist, and in such event your assistance will be very necessary. As a surgeon therefore, I insist on your being present."

That ended it. I stayed. Looking out from my corner, through the window at the dreary landscape, which the dim light of dawn clothed in monotonous grey, I listened to my friend's tale, of how that duel had come about. Heigel was a medical student. He came to Munich from Berlin and entered the former university with a practical skill not equal to his own theoretical knowledge, which had been more than sufficient to admit to him his course.

Awkward in his ways and of no practical assistance at operations, his classmen quietly pushed him aside and made it extremely disagreeable for him to take any part whatever in such exercises. The relations between himself and his fellow students had become very strained, when a casual remark of the professor, depreciating Heigel's abilities, fanned the spirit of animosity to its utmost, and from that time on, a certain Strauss took particular care to render the situation painfully mortifying for Heigel, whose good natured disposition the other man interpreted as a cowardly lack of self-assertion. One fine morning he, Strauss, received rather a sharp reply as answer to his own pointed observations, and as a matter of bravado, he slapped Heigel across the face. It was done on the grand stone stair-case of the University, and created an enormous sensation. The eyes of the entire student body were directed toward Heigel, who calmly walked off. Nothing was said, or done; he attended his lectures for about a week, much as before. He realized in that one week, under the enormous pressure of public opinion, that his career, his social position, were irredeemably lost unless he resented the insult offered him. He then demanded an apology, which Strauss promptly refused with a sneer, whereupon he sent him a challenge. The offense being of so grave a nature, the weapon decided upon was the pistol.

So ended my friend's tale.

About ten miles from town in a park the carriage stopped and we walked into the woods, where the others were already waiting on the appointed spot. The formalities of bowing once over, the situation was, to say the least, embarrassing for me, there was nothing to do and still less to say, so I watched the seconds

busily engaged measuring the required distance, of thirty feet. This done, two small sticks were firmly planted into the ground to mark the distance and in order to render them the more conspicuous, pocket handkerchiefs were fastened to them. Indeed they were plainly visible in the middle of the green woods, these little white flags fluttering in the wind about three feet from the ground and exactly thirty feet apart.

I gathered from these preparations and the instruction given to the combatants, that the two men were to start walking toward each other from a greater distance, but were bound to stop when they reached the handkerchiefs. Each was to fire whenever he wished, from any distance on the line, with this limitation, that one of them had the first shot, which one of the two, I never clearly understood. When this was all arranged, the pistols were taken out of the case, four of them all alike. They were all of them loaded carefully and then two of them chosen by the seconds for their respective combatants. At the instance of Heigel another attempt was made at reconciliation, which proposition was absolutely refused by Strauss. Every communication had to be made through the medium of the seconds so it took a long time before the men were stationed at their places about a hundred feet apart. The seconds cocked the pistols and handed them to the parties, who were to remain standing still until the signal was given. As the pocket handkerchief dropped from the hand of the gentleman, the two men started. Heigel walked somewhat faster than the other man, and I shall never forget those few steps I saw him take, they seemed an hour apart.

Suddenly, I heard a yelling from the road and one of our drivers came running down gesticulating most wildly, the seconds instantly interposed and stopped the combatants, while we learned from the gasping coachman, that a country police guard had inquired of them, what all these carriages meant. He had run down to give warning before the guard himself should appear. In fact here he was, and it was wonderful how we all disappeared.

It was a long way back to town, it rained in torrents before I reached the first houses, tramping along in the mud, with my friend; but it was the happiest walk of my life.

One pistol and two overcoats were irredeemably lost, in the hands of the law. The surgeon, engaged as he was in the services of humanity, was permitted to redeem his instruments, and no questions were asked.

Two months later Heigel shot Strauss under

most peculiar circumstances in a duel. He surrendered himself to the authorities and was sentenced to three years fortress punishment, *custodia honesta*, but by that time I was far away. X.

THE ARMORY FAIR.

This afternoon and evening the much talked of fair for the benefit of a students' ward in the Ithaca Hospital will be held in the Armory. Last week we sketched the attractions of the fair in the briefest possible manner, and now we publish the program for the concert to be given this evening at 8 o'clock:

STRING ORCHESTRA.

Col. Goetting March, Arranged by Dousek,
Dousek's Orchestra.

PART I.

"Catastrophe" Glee Club
"City Guard March" Banjo Club
{ (a) *Leichter Verlust*, Meyer. }
{ (b) *Mädcheulied*, Helmund. }

Mrs. Albert W. Smith.

"La Favorite de Vienne," A. Tërshack,
Mr. Fuertes.

ORCHESTRA.

Awakening of Spring, By Ch. Bach,
Dousek's Orchestra.

PART SECOND.

"Come where the Lindens Bloom," Bok,
Mr. Parkhurst.

Air Varia, Arranged by Daucila,
Miss Bergman.

"Die Zwei Grenadiere,"

Mr. Von Klenze.

"Santiago," Mandolin and Guitar Club
ORCHESTRA.

Loin du Bal—by Gillet.—String Quintet: Miss Louise
Sherwood, 1st Violin; Miss Lena Marsh, 2d Violin;
Mr. W. J. Dousek, Violin; Mr. E. Tichenor, Cello;
Mr. J. Hutchinson, Bass.

PART III.

Thou'rt like unto a Flower, Rubenstein,
Mr. Rappleye.

Persian Love Song, De Koven,
Mrs. Albert W. Smith.

Selection, Glee Club
ORCHESTRA.

Selection from *Martha*, Flotone,
Dousek's Orchestra.

Accompanists—Miss McCormick, Mrs. B. G.
Smith, and Miss M. Wilder.

During the afternoon the articles for sale at the various booths are to be disposed of and ice cream and cake will be served all the afternoon and evening. At four o'clock the gypsy dance will be given by a company of twenty ladies trained by Prof. Prager, who gives his services for the purpose, and from half past five to seven o'clock supper will be served. Following the concert in the evening the gypsy dance will be repeated, and will be followed by general dancing until midnight. The general admission during the afternoon will be ro

cents, supper tickets will be 50 cents, and 50 cents is the charge for the evening concert and dancing. The sacrifice of labor and time made by Miss Viele, the manager of the fair, and by the ladies of the faculty and from Sage in the work should meet with the fullest recognition by the presence of all who can attend and swell the receipts for so worthy an object.

THE MAGAZINE FOR DECEMBER.

The December number of the Cornell *Magazine* will appear next week, and will have for its leading article a paper by Prof. C. A. Collin, on "Debating Societies and the Fraternities." In this paper the value of debating societies is emphasized and their work contrasted with the function of fraternities, which the author considers is properly social. The Mock Congress is commended as an institution that ought to meet with general recognition among all students, for in its work is "almost the only and necessarily the best opportunity for Cornell students to learn to observe and pass intelligent judgment upon the rapidly shifting phases of living political questions and to exercise wisely their immediate duties of citizenship." The congress and the fraternities both suffer by a lack of common understanding, and Professor Collin urges them to come together and arrange for times of meeting that shall not interfere with each other.

Next comes a story by Prof. Charles V. Parsell, '72, which will run through two numbers. It deals with the thought of the previous existence of souls, and is interestingly written.

Instructor Baillot gives a translation from the French of an article in an art magazine that is being patronized by the Queen of Italy, and thereby has a certain standing.

Mr. Noyes, '92, writes of the "Religion of the Oneida Community," a topic on which his intimate acquaintance with that sect makes him thoroughly informed.

Miss Sarah Hawley gives a very interesting contribution to the literature of folk lore in her study upon "Some Games of Children."

The one poem of the number is entitled "Neptune--Pan," in which the author uses the Spenserian stanza, and has caught something of the spirit as well as the manner of Spenser.

"Here and There in the Library" is written by Mr. F. C. Bentley, who follows the usual free and easy criticism characteristic of that department, taking as his special topic new books, among others Ward McAllister's. Then follow the customary book reviews.

THE NEW ITHACA HOSPITAL.

Inasmuch as a great deal of interest is being roused now by the Fair which is to be held in the Armory to-day, for the benefit of a Cornell Ward in the new Ithaca Hospital, it may not be amiss to give some particulars as to the new building and its endowments.

The family of the late Hon. E. S. Esty, wishing to raise some memorial to his memory and knowing that he was much interested in the project of a city hospital, gave \$6000 for the purchase price of a site which had been previously selected as the most desirable possible, and an additional gift of \$2000 for the equipment of the building which was purchased with the site. This munificent gift was presented in a very graceful letter from the family, consisting of Mrs. E. S. Esty, Amelia W. Stowell, Albert H. Esty and Clarence H. Esty, to the members of the recently formed organization of the Ithaca City Hospital.

This is the building in which the Cornell Ward is to be situated, and it supplies a want that would have been filled in even a more satisfactory manner had the conditions of Jennie McGraw-Fiske's will been carried out. Since that might not be, however, Cornell may congratulate herself that through the generosity of one of her sons and his family, students so unfortunate as to fall ill, will no longer be dependent upon friends in the Faculty or the student body for care and attention.

CHANGES IN THE REGISTER.

The *Register* this year has been much delayed by action on important legislation. The first point of difference to be noted is that matriculated students can register hereafter on either of two days and thus avoid the usual rush incident to that ceremony. A year's work in modern languages has been added to the requirements for admission to all the engineering courses and to Architecture, with the option of substituting Latin in the latter course. All English work has been dropped from the Sibley College courses, and Political Economy has been added to the required work of the Juniors in Civil Engineering. All the required Chemistry in all courses has been put in the Freshman year, and another year's work in modern languages has been put in Letters and Science. The long Thanksgiving holiday appears for the first time in the calendar, and is probably a permanent institution.

The changes in the entrance requirements for the more strictly technical courses is in line with the general policy of the faculty to

bring the requirements of these courses up to a standard as high as the nature of the work will permit, and thus enable a selection of the fittest from among the candidates presenting themselves for admission. The changes go into effect next year at the opening of the fall term.

The *Register* will probably be ready for general distribution about the fifteenth of the month.

RECEPTION AT PROFESSOR CORSON'S

Last Thursday evening Prof. Corson offered an opportunity for many of his students to fully appreciate the advantages of being able to meet socially their professors. The occasion was a reception given at his Cascadilla Cottage to the class in the seminary in English Prose. Besides the eighteen members of the class, there were present, from Sage, Mrs. Hooker, Misses Briggs, Fitzgerald, Rogers, and McCaffrey; Prof. and Mrs. Von Klenze; and Mr. Ogden, '91. The reception was entirely informal. All were made to feel at home, and dispersed through the spacious rooms, in an atmosphere of literature and art, the time passed pleasantly and all too quickly away. Prof. Von Klenze favored the company with some German solos, and piano solos were rendered by Messrs. Ogden and Mack. The Sage ten o'clock limit was overrun, and before breaking up, Prof. Corson, in his inimitable rendering, read a selection in which the tragic and comic were brought out in such a manner as only those who have listened to his readings can appreciate.

The whole occasion was one which will remain among those pleasant recollections of college life that "we'll gladly roam among and cling to" long after Greek roots and Latin subjunctives shall represent an "airy nothing."

Sage Chapel.

The Rev. John White Chadwick, of Brooklyn, will occupy the Sage Chapel pulpit tomorrow.

Mr. Chadwick graduated from the Harvard divinity school in 1864. During that same year he occupied the pastorate of the second Unitarian society of Brooklyn, which pastorate he still occupies. He is a strong advocate of the principles of his doctrine, and his sermons have always attracted considerable attention, being often published in serial form. He is the author of many interesting works, among which may be noted: "A Book of Poems," "The Faith and Reason," and "Belief and Life."

Cornell Verse.

BARCAROLLE.

(From Theophile Gautier.)

I.

"Tell me, lovely maiden,
Whither would'st thou go?
My ship is spreading wide her wings;
The breeze begins to blow.

"My oars are all of ivory,
A fleecy cloud's my canopy,
My rudder's made of gold without alloy;
An orange is my ballasting
My only sail a seraph's wing,
A laughing Cupid is my cabin-boy.

II.

"Tell me, lovely maiden,
Whither would'st thou go?
My ship is spreading wide her wings;
The breeze begins to blow.

"Along the calm Pacific's shores,
Or where the stormy Baltic roars,
Or towards the isle of Java shall we row;
To roam o'er Norway's snow capped hills,
Or by Virginia's rippling rills
To pluck the sweetest buds and flowers that
grow?"

III.

"Tell me, lovely maiden,
Whither would'st thou go?
My ship is spreading wide her wings;
The breeze begins to blow."

"Oh! take me," then the maid replied,
"To that green valley's riverside
Where lovers always love with faithful heart."

"Ah! no one ever knew, my dear
Of such a happy shore, I fear
In all the lands where lovers meet and part."

W. C. L. JR.

SONNET.

TO MY CHUM'S PIANO.

If thou couldst know what oft of thee I crave
Then surely wouldst thou lasting quiet keep
And thereby comfort one who oft would weep
When thy sweet power doth drive from studies grave,
Doth steal 'way thoughts of quiz and makes me slave
To that voluptuous might which puts to sleep
When most I should my senses keep.

"No! No!" I cry. "To learn one must be brave!"
Vainly I plead. Though long and earnestly I pray
Thou hast no pity, mercy for poor me.
Thy melody doth swell; like one ensnared,
I lift my feeble head, but still as prey
Fall I to thine o'erwhelming mastery
And thus at quiz to-morrow must murmur "*not pre-
pared.*"

C. J. L.

GOOD NIGHT.

Good-night! Good-night! The rippling stream
Sings to the trees that idly dream
From whose dark tops the night-bird's song
Floats with the babbling waves along.

Good-night! The bright-eyed daisy keeps
Watch while the wild oxalis sleeps,
And looking up reflects a star
In each green meadow near and far.

Good-night! Good-night! The wooded hill
No longer hears the rumbling mill,
But still resounds in echoes weak
The blended voices of the creek.

No breeze disturbs the maple's leaves;
The spider now his cob-web weaves;
And to the full moon, pale and bright,
The whole world sings, "Good-night! Good-
night!"

W. C. L., JR.

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE, ETC.

Social leaders cut her flat
Since her very entrance night;
For *éclat* she said *eclat*,
For *élite*, elite.

W. P. B.

SERENADE.

There is a star I love as mine,
For earth is bright whene'er it shine;
But if a cloud obscure its spark
Then all the world to me is dark.
A lovely face this single light;
Her smile is day, her frown is night.

There is a bell to me most dear
Whose tones ring out with love and cheer
For joyful heart—but sadly toll
In harmony with Sorrow's soul.
A maiden's voice, this sweet-toned bell
Wherein both joy and sadness dwell.

W. C. L., JR.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

Last month the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees adopted a statute making the senate consist of certain officers *ex officio*, together with eight full professors to be elected by the several groups of professors. The full professors of the university, not being entirely suited with the arrangement, appointed a committee to represent them and lay their objections before the Executive Committee. As a result, at a meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 2d inst., the statute establishing the University Senate was amended so as to return to the old method of composition of the Senate, but with new definitions of its powers. The salient provisions of the new statute are as follows :

1. The University Senate shall consist of the President of the University and all the full Professors.

2. It shall be the duty of the Senate to counsel and advise in regard to all nominations for professorships ; to consider and make recommendations in regard to such courses of study as may pertain to more than one faculty of the University ; and, in general, to consider and make recommendations upon any questions of University policy that may be submitted to this body by the trustees, or the President, or either of the faculties.

THE MILITARY-NAVY BALL.

The Military-Navy Ball at the Armory last evening was the last social affair of the term. The military insignia and the crew banners were so arranged as to give a very neat appearance to the Armory. The pleasure of the evening determines the success of any social event of this character, and thus considered the ball gave complete satisfaction, and the committee are to be complimented on the manner in which they sustain their reputation for successful management. The purpose of the ball was to assist the Navy financially, and this endeavor was not in vain, for, to some degree at least, the deficit will be diminished.

Among those present were : Professor and Mrs. Schurman, Professor and Mrs. Bristol, Professor and Mrs. H. S. White, Professor and Mrs. Thurston, Professor and Mrs. Law, Professor and Mrs. Wilder, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Lieutenant and Mrs. Tutherly, Professor and Mrs. Bailey, Professor and Mrs. Ryan, Professor Fuertes, Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Schurman, Miss White, Miss Wilder.

The following were in attendance from out of town : Miss Babcock, Syracuse ; Miss Dana, Syracuse ; Miss Barkelman, Germany.

Cornelliana.

—The *Era* Crew fund is growing slowly but surely.

—Skating has been quite the rage during the past week.

—The Agricultural Association met as usual Tuesday evening.

—The first coasters of the season were noticed on the hill yesterday.

—The gate receipts at the Chicago game amounted to nearly \$3000.

—The Catholic Union meets to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock in Barnes Hall.

—There will be a meeting of the *Era* Board at the office Saturday evening, Dec. 14.

—Prof. Wilder delivered a lecture on the brain in Brooklyn last Wednesday evening.

—The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity gave a progressive euchre party and dance last Friday evening.

—A prize of ten dollars has been offered by the Glee Club to the person composing the best song.

—The Senior oratory class meets next Monday evening in the Botanical Lecture Room, at 7 sharp.

—Prof. Hart is now giving "prelims" to his class in junior rhetoric, in place of a final examination.

—Prof. Laughlin will lecture before his section in Political Economy next Monday, on the silver question.

—The schedule of examinations appeared yesterday. There is very little change from last year's arrangements.

—The Sophomores of Columbia have adopted the mortar board. The class is denoted by a red button with a black tassel.

—Ex-President White will speak in the Unitarian church to-morrow evening on "From Babel to Comparative Philology."

—The readings by Professor Corson this evening will be selections from the works of Oliver Wendell Holmes and James Russell Lowell.

—The fair this evening promises to be a grand success. Enough tickets have been sold to insure a good sum for the hospital fund.

—Prof. Comstock went to New York recently to give expert testimony in a case involving the destruction of a cargo of wheat by the weevil.

—Cornell's two elevens have scored 344 points to their opponents 134. Outside of the Eastern games but 17 points were scored against her.

—About fifty students attended Stanley's lecture at Syracuse last Monday evening. All seem to have been favorably impressed with the great explorer.

—The Unity club will elect officers this evening at the church parlors. The meeting begins at 7 o'clock, and all interested are invited to be present.

—The Board of Supervisors of Cayuga county, visited the University Wednesday forenoon. They were the guests of the Tompkins County Supervisors.

—The December *Forum* contains articles by Ex-President White on "The Government of American Cities" and by Prof. Thurston on "Speed in Railway Travel."

—There will be no examination in Political Economy or Elocution. This arrangement leaves but one examination for many Juniors, and they are correspondingly happy.

—Prof. Smith announced Wednesday that no Junior contest in speaking would take place this term, but one would be held on the first Thursday or second Tuesday of next term.

—The classical association meets next Tuesday evening. The subject will be "The Captives" by Plautus. Papers will be presented by Miss Ball and Messrs. Bates, Beardsley, Norton, Olmstead and Vogel.

—The new dancing society recently organized at Leo's is called the Erminia. The officers are: J. C. Walker, '92, Pres.; M. B. Hatch, '91, V. Pres.; L. J. Doolittle, '93, Sec'y and Treas. The first reception was held on Thanksgiving eve.

—The Ethical Association of the United States holds a convention in New York beginning to-day. J. L. Elliot, '92, and Miss A. H. Palmie will represent the Cornell society, and Miss Hyde, '91, will go as a representative of the Chicago association.

—The Agricultural Association had two very pleasant social meetings during the vacation. The first was held at the residence of Mrs. Mulford, on State street, Thanksgiving night, and the second Friday evening at the residence of Prof. Wing, on Reservoir Avenue.

—At the meeting of the College Association of the Middle States and Maryland held at Princeton last week, Dean White was elected a member of the Executive Committee. The

next meeting will be held in Ithaca on Tuesday after Thanksgiving of 1891.

—It is stated on good authority that by the death of the late D. B. Fayerweather of New York city, Cornell University has received at least \$100,000 and possibly double that amount. The will has not yet been probated and consequently no definite particulars can be obtained.

—Mr. Albert H. Walker, of Hartford, Conn. bar will begin next Monday a series of six lectures on "The Patent Laws of the United States." The lectures will be given in the Physical Lecture Room, the first one at 3 p. m., and the others at 12. They are primarily intended for law students, but also will be of special interest to technical men.

—The bill for a uniform divorce law was defeated in the Mock Congress last Saturday evening, on the ground that it was unconstitutional. No meeting will be held this week on account of the Fair in the Armory, but there will be a meeting next Saturday evening, at which time Prof. Thurston will assume his duties as President of the United States and deliver the annual message.

—It is expected that the Rev. Elijah Winchester Donald, D. D., rector of the Church of Ascension in New York City, will preach in the chapel on Sunday, Dec. 14. Dr. Donald was ordained the year after leaving the General Theological Seminary, secured his present rectorship in 1874. He is a very prominent Episcopalian clergyman and became very popular at the University during his visit here last year.

Personals.

'89. J. Alex. Lindquist has returned to the University to continue his studies as a fellow in History and Political Science. He has for a long time had in mind a comparative study of wages in the United States and England. His experience gained from original work since his graduation will be a great help to him, as will also his acquaintance with members of the Reform Club, with which he was connected before coming here.

'90. It is rumored that should we secure a race with Yale next June, Percy Hagermann, one of last year's crew and now of the Yale law school, will return to Cornell in the spring and take his old seat in the boat.

'90. R. L. Gifford, formerly in the class of '90, has returned to the University to complete his work in the course in Civil Engineering.

'91. L. W. Emerick received a telegram on Friday summoning him home on account of the severe illness of his father.

'92. Alexis Babine, of St. Petersburg, Russia, cataloguer in the library, has been admitted to the Junior class.

'92. Harshman, formerly '92, and who left his university scholarship to accept a government position as successor to Prof. Oliver in making astronomical calculations, will be married on Dec. 9 next to a sister of the Rev. Mr. Hodges, of Sumter, S. C.

'93. J. W. Baier fell on Buffalo Street yesterday and broke his arm.

College News.

YALE.—The defeat of the Yale by the Harvard freshmen in the annual freshman football game has but slightly tempered the joy over the 32-0 victory. . . An unusually large number of seniors and juniors have indicated a desire to try for the special honors which are conferred at the end of the senior year. . . Yale men are complaining again at New Haven merchants and prices.

COLUMBIA.—'92 has won the inter-class football championship. . . A new paper, *The Columbia News* has appeared. . . Extra voluntary classes in French and German have been started and are very popular. . . President Low has begun a series of weekly informal gatherings at his house in order to encourage a greater intimacy among the officers of the college. . . At the recent meeting of the trustees, twelve fellowships for the year 1891, eighteen for the year 1892, and twenty-four for the year 1893 were created. The annual value of these fellowships to be \$500 a year. It was also resolved at this meeting that after January 1st the attendance of students at chapel be voluntary.

HARVARD.—The freshman football victory over Yale and the result of the Yale-Princeton game fills to overflowing Harvard's cup of joy. . . At the recent Thanksgiving game the Harvard men present cheered for Yale. . . The *Crimson* issued a supplement to its number containing the accounts of the Harvard victory at Springfield. . . Of the Yale-Harvard players at Springfield nine were old Exeter players. Of the Harvard eleven the Exeter men were the two Traffords, Cranston and Newell. Exeter was represented on the Yale eleven by the two Morrisons, Rhodes, Barbour and McClung.

IN GENERAL.—Students in the scientific courses at Brown will be afforded greater facilities next term for practical work than have ever before been afforded there. It is expected to have the astronomical observatory complete so that there can be given a course in practical astronomical work. A work shop for the course in practical mechanics will soon be ready for those students intending to devote themselves later to technical work. . . Dartmouth has 462 students, an increase of forty-five over last year. Candidates for the Dartmouth nine began practicing in the cage this week. . . 17 per cent. of Lafayette matriculates have engaged in the legal profession.

Among Our Exchanges.

HOW TRUE!

The sage put on his thinking cap
And this was what he penned:
"You'll find in dealing with this world
You get back what you send."

Now I'm a writer for the press,
And find, my honest friend,
You're right. Nine cases out of ten,
I get back what I send. —*Brunonian.*

SPECULATIVE PHILOSOPHY.

Much we argued, much contended,
How man's knowledge first begun.
She was one of Boston's fair ones,
I was Harvard's favored son.

She with Herbert Spencer sided,
From experience all we knew;
I protested, hotly argued,
Man had intuitions too.

Never mind what proofs I brought her,
She, exploding fallacies,
Said, "experience the foundation
Of all knowledge surely is."

As we walked the beach by moonlight
Bolder and more bold I grew,
Till I asked her "Should I kiss you
What then, think you, would you do?"

Bright she blushed and glancing downward
At the foam's white brilliancies,
Said, "experience the foundation
Of all knowledge surely is."

—*The Dartmouth.*

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, Dan Mason, in "A Clean Sweep," supported by a strong company.

—Friday evening, Dec. 12, The Gormans, and Their Minstrel Revolution.

Both of the above companies are receiving the highest recommendations from the press and are meeting with popular approval wherever they have appeared.

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Book Reviews.

The ERA acknowledges the receipt of the second annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the Statistics of Railways in the United States. The volume contains a vast amount of statistical information concerning the railroads of the United States. Among the more valuable tables may be mentioned; Classification of Railways and mileage for the year ending June 30, 1889, Amount of Railway Capital at the close of the year, Payments on Railway Capital, and Summary of Financial Operations of operating roads, all for the year ending June 30, 1889. The railway mileage for that year was 157,758.83 miles, the number of men employed on railways 704,743, the gross income \$1,089,985,841.00. There are thirty-three roads having more than 1,000 miles each, and sixty-nine whose gross income exceeds \$3,00,000.00 each.

Amusements.

THE SEYMOUR-STRATTON DRAMATIC CO.

Another large audience greeted the Seymour-Stratton Dramatic Company last night that thoroughly appreciated the fine manner in which the play was put on the stage. Every part was taken exceptionally well, while the costumes of both ladies and gentlemen were elegant. In this pretty drama from the French, Miss Lizzie Seymour has an opportunity to display some fine acting in her *dual* parts of wife and daughter, and she is not slow to improve it. Her emotional parts are exceedingly well done, while in her gay and happy moments, she seems all sunshine. Mr. Stratton really did some fine acting, and through his strong powers he more than once brought tears to the eyes of the audience. Little Pearl, as five-year old *Adrienne*, was very clever. Jennie Kay and Kate Rignold each had difficult parts, and each were frequently applauded for their strong acting. Walter McBrayne was very fine in his stern character, and W. D. Carbet should be accorded praise, F. R. Montgomery made a good Irishman, and the other characters were well supported.—*Bridgeton Pioneer*.

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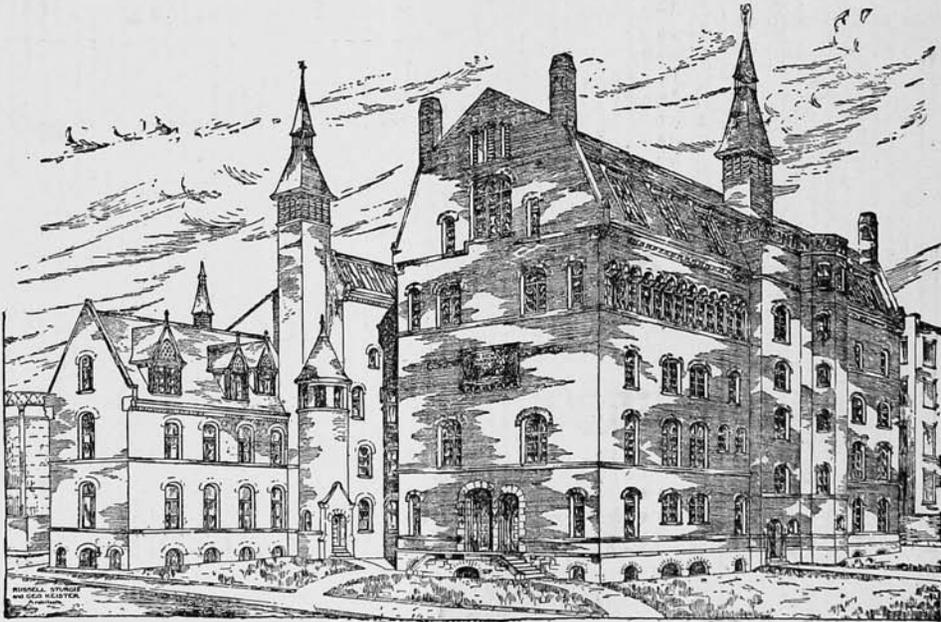
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Editorial.

A NEW impetus has been given to crew matters during the week by Courtney's appearance at the Gymnasium and the initiatory steps in starting the regular training for the crew during the term. A number of the former members of last year's crews began work on Monday, but new candidates seem rather dilatory about entering the pale of the athletic arena. It is especially necessary for the Freshmen who have this matter in view, to commence their training at the earliest opportunity, for it is the steady and constant labor, not occasional and fitful attempts at it, that produces the best oarsman, and furthermore, no one can be a candidate for either of the crews unless he reports every day at the Gymnasium to train, between the hours of five and six o'clock. Another important fact which concerns everyone is the financial support of our crew interests. Mr. Benedict, who has in charge the ERA *Crew Fund*, will be at the Gymnasium each day from five to six o'clock, and subscriptions can be given to him at that time. As has been stated before, the

Freshmen must raise \$1,500 in order to send out a crew, and for the 'Varsity eight the sum of \$2,500 is required. If the entire amount is secured, every student must lend as liberal a hand as circumstances will allow. It is expected that the subscriptions of the various fraternities will be ready for publication in the next issue of the ERA.

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IT is difficult to conceive what a large and important field of work is offered in lending aid and assistance to those in attendance at the University, who may, perchance, require it. But if the number of students is taken into account, and above all, if anyone has had personal experience in work of this kind, its real significance becomes apparent. In view of this, the Christian Association has concluded to inaugurate an Aid Department, which is designed to give assistance in any manner that it may be needed, and also to have in connection with the Department an Employment Bureau. Professors and others desiring work done, and those applying for employment, are to inform the Secretary of the Association and schedule lists of the same will be posted. This plan will not only be of benefit to the applicants for work, but also to the parties desiring their services. Furthermore, whatever anyone can give that may be of service in the branch of work just mentioned, should communicate with the Secretary. The establishment of the Department will appeal to every person having the true interests of the student body at heart, and if it receives their cooperation the success of the venture is beyond question.

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NEAR the close of last term the rooms of the Entomological Department in White Hall, assumed an appearance far from ordinary. The occasion was an exhibit of work by the Society of American Wood-Engravers, which had been secured by Professor and Mrs. Com-

stock, and a cordial invitation was extended by them to their friends and to the public to call and inspect the engravings. This opportunity was, indeed, a rare one, inasmuch as the University is seldom favored with anything in the way of an art exhibition, and among the students, at least, comparatively little artistic taste is developed. However, the interest awakened on this occasion betokened that it was thoroughly appreciated, and well it might have been, since the collection was far from ordinary, being the highest grade of work of the American School and including the proofs sent to the Paris Exposition in 1889. The engravings had been carefully arranged and catalogued, and every attention was shown the visitors who thronged the rooms for the five days that the exhibition lasted. It would be impossible to give a detailed account of the engravings, which, to the number of two hundred and eight, filled every available place, each one being a model of the engraver's art. The collection was scheduled to appear in various cities of the country, and in the interim, between the close of its exhibit in Boston and arrival in Springfield, Mass., it was secured as above mentioned and the University enabled to have within walls the finest wood engravings in the world.

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IT appears that during the present term there will occur a series of entertainments that signify a departure in a new direction, the character of which must surely receive the commendations of every member of the University. The announcement made in examination week of last term that, if possible, three "Chamber Concerts" would be given in Barnes Hall, during the months of January, February, and March, attracted considerable notice, and elicited the general opinion that the idea was a most happy one. It is something that deserves and no doubt will receive the hearty support of the students, since it is by no means often that public concerts of the high merit that these promise to be, are given in Ithaca. A debt of gratitude is due to those persons who have taken it upon themselves to

furnish an opportunity to hear such talented musicians, and the simple mention of the names of the participants, will attest the truth of the assertion. The first concert will be given by Mr. W. C. Wyman and Franz Wilczek; the second by Madame Bloomfield Zeister and Dr. Carl Martin; and the third by the New York Philharmonic Club. Papers were circulated to obtain the names of those desiring to attend, and it is understood that there is still a possibility for names to be added to the lists before they are closed. A certain day will be stated on which the seats can be secured, the price of admission being fifty cents.

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THE project for university and school extension has received a considerable impetus by the completed organization of a body formed for that end. The headquarters of the new society are in New York city, and upon its executive committee are Presidents Dwight, of Yale, Patton, of Princeton, and Low, of Columbia. Its work has already given evidence of the great good to be accomplished in the direction of giving, to those unable to enroll themselves in institutions of higher learning, a share in the advantages of educational culture. The following clear statement of the organization is taken from its constitution: "The design of the university and school extension is to supplement and strengthen the university and the school systems; to increase the culture and to promote the interests of teachers as members of a profession; and to advance and extend the knowledge of letters and of the arts and sciences." The practical means for the realization of this end is as far as possible to act on the English plan of employing professors or advanced students of the universities to deliver lecture courses. Any one can form classes and obtain lecturers on any chosen subject by the payment of small fees. An important phase of the work is seen in the interest that public school teachers take in the formation of classes for their own special needs. Such measures as this scheme proposes for the popularization of advanced knowledge, like the "Chautauqua idea," are a promising

factor in the educational field. College trained men are apt to underrate the value of this work, forgetting that its province is quite distinct from that of the college and that, therefore, no comparison can justly lie between the two means of educational advancement. The multiplication of university and school extension societies should meet with commendation from no class more than from collegians, who should be willing to help others to some share in the privileges they themselves have enjoyed.

'THE BOOK,' THE BROWNING MANUSCRIPTS, Etc.

By "The Book" of "The Ring and the Book," is meant the "square, old yellow book," with "crumpled vellum covers," which Mr. Browning found on a second-hand book-stall, in the Piazza San Lorenzo, in Florence, and which occasioned the composition of the great poem. "I found this book, gave a *lira* for it, eightpence English just, . . . amongst odds and ends of ravage, picture-frames, white through the worn gilt, mirror-sconces chipped, bronze angel-heads, once knobs attached to chests," etc., . . . "one glance at the lettered back of which, and 'Stall!' cried I: a *lira* made it mine."

William Sharp, in his *Life of Browning*, says that Browning picked it up "one June day, 1865." This cannot be correct; for I understood, when in Florence, last winter, from old friends of the Brownings, who had lived there from before the time of Mrs. Browning's death, that Browning left the city soon after her death, and never again returned to it. Mrs. Browning died June 29, 1861. He must, therefore, have found the book before that date. He began the composition of "The Ring and the Book" early in 1866. Vols. 1 and 2 were published in 1868, and Vols. 3 and 4, in 1869. Vol. 1 is in the *Athenæum* list of Nov. 21, 1868; Vol. 2, in that of Dec. 26; Vol. 3, in that of Jan. 30, 1869, and Vol. 4, in that of Feb. 27, 1869. The whole poem contains 21,116 verses, about double the number (10,565) contained in the *Paradise Lost*. Virgil's *Æneid* contains, inclusive of the four verses sometimes prefixed to the first Book, just 9,900 verses.

Some years ago, Mr. Browning told me that after having found the book, and looked it through, which he did, on his way home from the Piazza San Lorenzo to Casa Guidi, he re-

commended a lady who had written a quite successful novel (he didn't say who she was, and I didn't feel at liberty to ask him) to take the subject of this old book, as the groundwork of a novel. She promised to do so, he said, but months passed by without her undertaking the work, or showing any disposition to do so, "and so I," he added, in a quiet way, as if it were no great thing to do, "wrote 'The Ring and the Book'!"

Well, now, what is "The Book"? It has the following title, in manuscript: "Posizione di tutta la Causa Criminale contro Guido Franceschini, Nobile Aretino, e suoi Sicarii stati fatti morire in Roma, il di 22. Febb^o, 1698. Il primo con la decollazione gl' altri quattro di Forca Romana Homicidiorum Disputatur an et quando Maritus possit occidere Vxorem Adulteram absque incurso pœnæ ord^{inae}." Of which title, the following translation is given in the opening section of the poem: "A Roman murder-case: Position of the entire criminal cause of Guido Franceschini, nobleman, with certain Four the cut-throats in his pay, tried, all five, and found guilty and put to death by heading or hanging as befitted ranks, at Rome on February Twenty-Two, since our salvation Sixteen Ninety Eight: wherein it is disputed if, and when, husbands may kill adulterous wives, yet 'scape the customary forfeit."

A reduced facsimile of the MS. title is given in the 8th volume of the last edition of Browning's *Poetical Works*, being Vol. 1 of "The Ring and the Book."

"The Book" is part print, part manuscript. The printed part contains the depositions of witnesses, in Italian, and the arguments of the lawyers, in Latin. The manuscript part consists of "letters announcing the execution of the murderer, and the 'instrument of the Definitive Sentence' which established the perfect innocence of the murdered wife." Someone interested, at the time, in the case, must have collected and bound together the various documents.

This is the book which inspired the poet to write what the London *Athenæum* of March 20, 1860, justly pronounced to be the "*opus magnum* of our generation," "the supremest poetical achievement of our time," "the most precious and profound spiritual treasure that England has produced since the days of Shakespeare. Its intellectual greatness is as nothing compared with its transcendent spiritual teaching."

"The Book" has found its permanent resting-place in the library of Balliol College.

When I visited Mrs. Browning, the poet's son's wife, in London, last June, she told me that she and her husband had recently visited Dr. Jowett, the Master of Balliol, and had delivered to him the precious volume.

Somewhat to their surprise, Dr. Jowett laid claim to the MSS. of Mr. Browning's and Mrs. Browning's poems, which had not been disposed of at Mr. Browning's death, on the ground that he had, at one time, promised them to Balliol.

I did not learn which MSS. the family still had in their possession, except that those of Aurora Leigh and Asolando were included in the claim. These I had the privilege of turning over during my visit. The MS. of Aurora Leigh, which is on small note paper, is beautifully bound in morocco, and does not make a volume much larger, so fine is the writing, than the printed poem in duodecimo. The Asolando MS., though only a verbal change appears in it, here and there, Mrs. Browning told me she knew to be the original and only copy which had been made. The inscriptive letter to Mrs. Arthur Bronson, whose guest the poet was at Asolo, shows no change, if I remember correctly, except that the poet at first subscribed his name in full, and afterward crossed it out and wrote simply his initials, R. B.

The poet left nothing in writing in regard to the disposition of the MSS., and what has been decided in the matter I cannot say. But even if the family hold on to them for some years, it is their purpose that they finally go to Balliol.

During a visit I made to Mr. Browning, some years ago, I had the privilege of turning over "The Book." It is in good preservation, and will, no doubt, if nothing happen to it, continue to be one of the great treasures of Balliol College library for centuries to come, by reason of the immortal poem to which it served as the scaffolding. During the same visit, the poet also showed me Mrs. Browning's books (most of them little books; she couldn't hold big books, he said), which I turned over with great interest, especially by reason of the notes which she had made in many of them. He also showed me books which had been left him by Walter Savage Landor and by Barry Cornwall: all of which, he told me, were to go to Balliol.

The son painted a portrait of his father, a few years ago, for one of the halls of Balliol. It is an excellent likeness. Mr. Browning and Dr. Jowett were, for many years, very warm friends.

HIRAM CORSON.

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The American Historical Association which held its session at Washington during the holidays, proved to be one of great interest to those in attendance. Papers were presented covering work in Canadian History, European History, American Constitutional History and American Economic History. The papers as a class were good. Only a few can here be noticed. Dr. J. G. Bourinot, C. M. G., Clerk of the Canadian House of Commons, read two excellent papers which elicited much discussion, the first entitled Canada and the United States from Historical Points of View; the second, Responsible Government in Canada.

In the course of the second paper the Doctor took occasion to show that the French question was settling itself while the U. S. were confronted with greater difficulty to settle, viz.: the negro question. He criticised severely representative government, showing that it might often happen that the President would be of one political party and Congress of another, thereby blocking legislation while in ministerial government this did not occur. He further spoke against annexation, which he assumed the United States was anxiously awaiting. Senator Hoar took occasion in the discussion to show that both the French and Negro questions would lose their importance by annexation, but that any overtures looking to annexation must come from Canada as the United States did not favor the policy of securing territory by conquest. And moreover, that ministerial government could not be a success here. Our government was the result of growth and our life and interests were bound up in its institutions.

Our government was founded on principles differing widely from those of Canada. We have a definite constitution which can be changed only when there is a decided majority in favor of it and after due deliberation. We believe in the fixity of our institution. Two papers, one by Prof. Geo. L. Burr, and read by Mr. Barnes. the other by W. H. Mace, represented the work of Cornell.

The Fate of Dietrich Flade by Prof Burr represented Flade, the city judge of Tiren, as the most eminent victim of the witch persecution in Germany, and was regarded as a valuable contribution to history. Mr. Mace's paper showed that history deals with the thoughts and feelings of a people and that in making selections from the great storehouse of facts only such should be selected as tend to

show the growth of institutional ideas. The proper co ordination and sub ordination of subjects was to be determined by their importance in revealing the growth of ideas. Both these papers were well received and Cornellians felt that they were well if not extensively represented. No Professor from Cornell was in attendance. Johns Hopkins and Harvard were out in force, the latter furnishing seven papers. Two very interesting papers were presented at the evening session on Wednesday, one on The Philosophical Aspects of History by Dr. William T. Harris, and the other Webster's Seventh of March Speech by James Schouler.

Besides this feast of good things furnished by the Historical Association many of the young members made it an opportunity to visit the public buildings of the Capital, see congress in session and spend a day at the historic home of Washington at Mt. Vernon. On the whole the Historical Association furnished an admixture of pleasure and profit which highly commended itself to all your delegates.

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REMEMBERING ALMA MATER.

The class of '94 is said to be the first in the history of Cornell, that has enrolled among its members children of alumni of the university. One is Miss M. R. Babcock, Philosophy, daughter of J. W. Babcock, A. B., '78, Superintendent of Schools at Dunkirk, this State. Another is S. W. Farnham, Electrical Engineering, son of Whitfield Farnham, C. E., '71, now of St. Louis, Missouri. Regarding Mr. Farnham, the following item from the ERA of October, 18, 1872, is self-explanatory:

"The class of '71 of Cornell University voted, among others, to give two prizes: one, a silver cup to the first son born to any member of the class after graduation; and another, a silver cake basket to the wife of that member who is first married after graduation, both of these prizes have been captured by our City Engineer, Mr. W. Farnham. A year ago he took the silver cake basket, and now his son, a very immature little chap, counting his life only by days, takes the silver cup."—*Elmira Advertiser*.

Since Cornell has passed its majority such instances will gradually cease to be rare, but their first occurrences are of interest.

—At a meeting of the trustees of the C. U. C. A. held on Wednesday no business of importance was transacted, but it is intended to extend the work of the Association in its aid to students and in its work as a bureau of information.

THESIS SUBJECTS.

The subject of theses for baccalaureate and advanced degrees, as far as received by the Registrar on Friday, are the following:

FIRST DEGREE.

- W. J. MacNeil—A Study of the Black Aphid of the Chrysanthemum, together with Some Facts in the Life History of a few other Species of Aphide.
 Miss Louise Robbins—Hawthorne's Mural World.
 Miss Clara H. Kerr—Child Life in the Middle Ages.
 Miss Amelia Shapleigh—Carl Theodor Körner.
 Jared VanWagenen, J.—The Chemical Constitution of Cow's Milk as affected by Gestation.
 Miss Winifred Ball—Lucian's Use of Homer.
 E. M. Sheldon—John the Apostle, in History and in Legend.
 Chas. M. Weeks—The Jury System.
 C. A. Rosegrant—The Rise of the Greek University.
 Louis R. Stagg—Ancient Greek Art.
 E. C. Bailey—The Influence of Civilization upon Capital Punishment.
 W. G. Baker—Molière and Aristophanes.
 E. B. Bentley—The Conflict between the Church and Commerce over Usury.
 Helen Simpson—The Society of l'Hotel de Rambouillet and its Etiquette.
 I. J. Kerr—The Histology of the Insula in the Primates.
 John H. Tanner—The Geometry of the Straight Line and Plane, Treated by Pure Quaternion Methods, together with a Similar Brief Discussion of Some Plane Curves and Surfaces of the Second Order.
 F. O. Bissell—Jeremy Bentham as a Law Reformer.
 Geo. S. Tarbell—An Historical Study of the Development of Tontine Life Assurance.
 E. S. VanKirk and Samuel Jeffrey, (joint)—A Test of the Draught of Farm Implements under Varying Conditions.
 F. C. Bentley—The Influence on English Thought and Life of the Revival of Classical Learning.
 H. M. Bradley—The Development and Probable Future Influence of Technical Education.
 C. C. Dickinson—Electoral Reform.
 J. I. Manierre—Comparison of the Structure of the Myel of the Cat with that of Man.
 F. G. Bates—A Study of the Constitutional History of Rhode Island.
 L. Rouillion—An Examination of Some of the Well Waters of Ithaca.
 H. H. Sanger—The Constitutional History of Michigan.
 T. J. Bridges—The Evolution of the Political Newspaper.
 G. J. Dikeman—Civil Service Reform since 1865.
 Miss L. F. Brown—The History of Geometry and Inquiry as to a Proper Mode of Instruction in It.
 W. L. Esterly—The Rise of the Vice-President of the United States.
 Miss Mary E. Griswold—Wages and Temperance.
 B. H. Heath—The Growth of Higher Education in America.
 Chas. A. Stiles—Some Points on the Theory of Geometric Topology.
 C. S. Stacy—Prosper Mèrimée.
 J. A. Almirall—Duty Trial of a Compound Engine.
 J. F. Booraem—The Brush Transformer.
 P. K. Browd—Electrolysis in Bleaching, etc.
 H. A. Benedict—Electrical Distribution of Energy.

- E. H. Brown—Electrical Currents in Alloys.
 S. G. Barnes—Electricity in Mining.
 G. W. Brill—Steam Separators.
 C. H. Bierbaum—New Compound Locomotive.
 C. J. Canal—Design of Sugar Cane Mills.
 G. R. Chamberlain—Electric Motor.
 S. P. Clephane—A New Phonograph.
 H. B. Clarke—Test of Compound Mill Engine.
 F. B. Carey—Test of Electric Motor.
 F. B. Cowan—Test of Injectors.
 H. C. Cushing—Electric Insulating Material.
 R. E. Danforth—Synchronous Motors.
 P. J. Darlington—Testing Injectors.
 C. L. Etheridge—The Brush Transformer.
 A. C. Field—Automobile Torpedos.
 E. Pitts—Electrical Resistance of Alloys.
 C. J. Levy—England and the Empire in the First Two Decades of the 16th Century: A Study of their Political, Social, and Intellectual Relations.
 J. S. Waterman—History of the Judiciary of the State of New York.
 Miss Ida Hyde—Some Points in the Anatomy of the Heart.
 W. E. Rumsey—Notes on the Life History of *Schizoneura lanigera* (Woolly louse of the Apple).
 M. I. Dunlap—Customs, Tariff, and Wages.
 R. O. Meech—The Dramatic Works of Henrik Ibsen, from a Dramatic Point of View.
 G. H. Anderson—The Development of the Dwelling House in the United States.
 F. W. Smith—Contributions to Goethe's Life and Writings from His Recently Published Diaries.
 Chas. H. Royce, Horace Atwood—Some Variable Conditions Affecting the Germination of Seed.
 B. W. Davis—The English Parliament from the Accession of George III down to 1783.
 Miss Annie Florence Moon—Grammar of the Dialect of Gortyna.
 J. K. Gamsey—The Growth of Humanity in England as Illustrated by the Mitigation of Punishment for Crime.
 L. D. Maynard—The Structure of the Stomach in the Horse and Pig.
 M. Cauffman—On the Decomposition of Some Diago Compounds of Naphthalene with Alcohol.
 F. P. Schoonmaker—The Interdict: A Study in the History of Church and State.
 Miss Ola Beth Capron—Some of the Influences Direct and Reactionary of the French Revolution upon English Literature.
 Miss Alice M. Gilliland—The Spirit and Purpose of George Eliot as Developed in "Adam Bede."
 Olin Farber—The Three Great Compromises of the Constitution.
 B. B. Stroud—The Flocculus in Man and some other Mammals.
 Miss Rose J. Ryan—The Rise, the Studies, and the Methods of the Mediaeval Universities.
 M. B. Hatch, Jr.—Compulsory Education.
 W. P. Baker—The Development of the Executive Departments in the Government of the United States.
 E. G. Mansfield—Alaska, its Purchase, Wealth, and Administration.
 A. A. Bird—The History of the Civil Service of the United States, with Special Reference to the Origin and Development of the Spoils System.
 H. S. Thayer—The History of Opinion Respecting Restraints upon the Re-eligibility of the President.
 Williard U. Taylor—The Political Aspect of the South,
 Miss Matie Adeline Cosad—Tennyson's "Princess" and the "Idyls of the King," as Embodying the Most Refined Sentiment of the Nineteenth Century.
 Miss Collene Van Vleet—The Student Life of the Thirteenth Century.
 T. D. Davis—Sidney Smith in Relation to His Times.
 A. P. Fowler—The Norman in Europe.
 Chas. M. Smith—The Late Financial Disturbances.
 G. J. Vogel—The Medical Procedure of the Priests of Aesculapius at Epidaurus.
 E. Thayer Barlow—Architectural Design.
 J. T. Lewis—The Churches of the Eleventh Century, A Comparative Study.
 Miss Mary I. Hoskins—The Life and Works of Virgil.
 Miss Edith M. Norton—Compare the Influence on Roman Thought and Action of Cato the Elder and Younger.
 Miss Grace Taintor—Future Conditions in Terence.
 C. G. French—A Study of the Genus *Rosa*.
 Philip Ogden—The force of the gemination of consonants in Greek writing.
 Miss Bertha P. Reed—Clauses with *antequam*, *priusquam*, and *dum*, in Terence.
 Miss Eloeon Genung—The Character of Cicero.
 Miss Carrie I. Adsitt—The Philosophy and Religion of Virgil.
 R. B. Foote, Jr.—The Interstate Commerce Act.
 E. L. Phillips—The History of Phi Beta Kappa.
 H. L. Stidham—Tides: Their relation to River and Harbor Engineering.
 A. J. Miller—The Economic Effects of Trusts and Combinations.
 Harry A. Lozier, Jr.—The Causes of the Decline in the Value of Silver.
 Irving B. Easton—The Social Influence of the Introduction of Hot Drinks in Europe.
 A. W. Abrams—The power of Congress to legislate on the subject of slavery in the territories.
 C. S. Marsh—Training of the Will.
 E. E. Waful—Four centuries of Architecture in England.
 J. W. Beardsley—A study upon the necessity for an additional water supply for the city of Ithaca.
 F. W. Bowes—Terminal passenger facilities of the Brooklyn bridge.
 J. P. Brownell—Purification of water supplies by mechanical means.
 A. S. Crane—The Nicaragua Canal: Problems in its construction.
 C. E. Davis—A study upon the necessity of an additional water supply for the city of Ithaca.
 H. E. Golden—Study of the available water power for an electric light plant at Elbridge, N. Y.
 R. L. Gifford—Deep foundations in treacherous soils.
 C. Greene—The Water Front of New York City.
 E. A. Hallock—False Works.
 W. K. Hall (R. G.)—Review of the main truss of the Frederickton and St. Mary's Railway Bridge.
 E. Hillborn—Review of the water works of Canis-teo, N. Y.
 E. E. Fisher—Design of Slight and Lower Station.
 H. Floy—Alternating Current Motors.
 H. R. Graves—Aluminum Modulus of Elasticity.
 J. L. Hull—Test of Electric Railway Plant.
 H. J. Hotchkiss—Aluminum Alloys.
 H. W. Hibbard—Locomotive Connecting Rods.
 O. G. Heilman—Trial of Compound Engine.

- S. E. Hitt—Brush Current Transformer.
 S. W. Hayes—Rail Road Signal.
 E. C. Haggett—Moduli of Aluminum.
 L. C. Jackson—Test of Hot Water and Steam Heat Plants.
 A. T. Kelsey—Steam versus Hot Water Heating.
 A. L. Kuehnsted—Alternating Motor.
 W. W. Kirley—Design of a Stove Foundry.
 J. E. Kress—Aluminum Alloys.
 L. Levy—Storage Batteries for Traction.
 F. Land—Choke Coils.
 E. C. Lombard—Compound Locomotives.
 W. E. Lindsay—Trial of Compound Locomotive.
 M. N. McLaren—High vs. Low Speed Engines.
 W. H. Meeker—Steam Separators.
 J. C. McMyun—Alternate Current Arc and Lamp.
 H. M. Marble—Test of Compound Engine.
 W. M. McComb—Electric vs. Steam Power.
 L. A. Osborne—Description of Electric Light and Power Plant.
 S. G. Pollard—Electric Train Lighting.
 F. C. Perkins—Electric Train Lighting.
 F. Raymond, 3d—Edison-Eickmeyer Motor.
 F. I. Sheldon—Fairbairn's Formula.
 H. B. Smith—Electrical and Aerial Navigation.
 W. C. Shapleigh—Pumping Engine Duty Trial.
 A. D. Stewart—Compound Engine Trial.
 F. J. Tone—Design of Electric Locomotive.
 T. A. Titus—Test of Power Plant.
 H. G. Van Everen—Compound Locomotive.
 C. M. White—The Brush Dynamo.
 E. E. Williams—Engine Governors.
 R. C. Williams—Design of Electric Plant.
 E. M. Wood—Synchronous Motors.
 A. Wood—Compound Locomotive.
 H. M. Wilson—Electricity in Mining.
 H. M. Wharton—Choke Coils.
 E. Yawger—Engine and Boiler Test.
 I. H. Stocker—A Comparative Study of School Systems and School Economy in the United States.
 Charles Russell—The Growth and Development of Physical Culture in Connection with Institutions of Learning.
 B. F. Hurd—The Romanesque Arch.
 Clarence S. Lomax—On the Crystal forms of Some Alkaloids and their Compounds.
 Horace Mack, 2d—L' Hotel de Rambouillet et les Precieuses.
 William G. Newbrook—An Economic Statement of the Condition of Agriculture in New York State—From a Study in Tompkins County.
 David F. Hoy—History of Education in New York State.
 Raymond F. Almirall—The Revival of Architecture in Italy.
 Miss Mary A. J. McIntire—Historical Evolution of Modern Pedagogical Methods.
 Irving Hitz—The Chicago Water-way and Drainage Canal.
 J. A. Knighton—Subaqueous Foundations.
 C. C. Servis—The Zenith Telescope, Its Theory, Constants and Uses.
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 C. H. Niemeyer—The Jersey City Terminus of the Pennsylvania Railroad.
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 J. A. Rogers—Review of the Draw Span of the Thames River Bridge.
 H. C. Hulse—Drilled Wells.
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 C. A. Snider—Review of the Water Works of Cleveland, O.
 W. R. Vedder—The Development of American Railways.
 W. R. Gill—Immigration.
 Miss E. M. Davis—On Different Methods of Determining Mimima and Maxima.
 F. K. Hiscock—Statesmanship of DeWitt Clinton.
 M. J. Holmes—Education and the State, with Special Reference to the Influence of Systems of Education on National Character.
 Miss Alice A. Cox—Hermione, Imogen and Desdemona, as Types of Shakespearian Womanhood.
 Wm. A. Paris—Test of a Brush Electric Motor.
 F. A. Barton and L. W. Emerick, (jointly)—The Investigation and Comparison of 10 H. P. Edison Shunt and Compound Machines.
 F. C. Caldwell and G. R. Chamberlain, (jointly)—An Investigation of the Construction Required in Electric Street Railway Motors.
 W. C. Boyer—Investigation of the Sprague Motor.
 R. T. Burwell and C. J. Arnold, (jointly)—Injectors.
 Miss Sarah E. Hawley—Some Problems in Curve-Tracing.
 M. O. Phillips—The Poetry of l' Hotel Rambouillet.
 H. B. Smith—The Application of Electricity to Aerial Navigation.
- ADVANCED DEGREES.
- Miss Lulu Eloise Hyde, B.S.—Localities of Definite Functions of the Brain.
 A. H. Crist—The Ku Klux Klan; its history and influence.
 Mary E. Cochran—A History of the Republican Party.
 Lola Maddox—Character of Henry V as Prince of Wales and as King, and the dramatic motive of Falstaff in his relation to the Prince of Wales.
 F. L. Robinson—Study of the Orders of Architecture.
 Sarah Frances Pellet—The "Saches" of Plato.
 Anna H. Palmié—Theory of the Krakaton Sound Wave.
 Elizabeth Briggs—The History of Reconstruction to the End of Grant's First Administration.
 Sara B. Rogers—A Comparative Study of Some Federal Constitutions.
 Miriam N. S. Rogers—Characteristics of the Doric *Kouρη*.
 Alice Walton—Ritual of the Cult of Asklepius.
 A. G. Laird—Greek Vowel Contraction.
 Salem G. Pattison—The History of Failure to Amend the Constitution.
 James Edwin Creighton—The Will, and its Manifestations.
 D. Royse—Reduction of Internal Wastes in Steam Engines.
 C. L. Cory—Tests of Electric Motors.
 H. G. Hotchkiss—Properties of Aluminum Alloys.
 J. M. Taylor—Friction of Engines.
 W. E. Thompson—Electro-Magnetic Properties of Iron.
 A. J. Wieshardt—Forced Draught for Boilers.

—Sunday, Jan. 11, is Founder's Day.

Sage Chapel.

The Rev. R. S. Riggs of Auburn, N. Y., will preach in Sage Chapel to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 p. m. Dr. Riggs preached in Sage Chapel for the first time last year and made a deep impression on his hearers. He is a young man of rare abilities, and a preacher of growing power and influence in the Presbyterian denomination.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Professor and Mrs. Corson were presented on Christmas day, with an elegant piano lamp, and a pitcher of royal Worcester ware, by several friends (students and others) who had attended his Saturday evening Readings in Barnes Hall, last term.

The following letter from Mrs. Mary Roberts-Smith accompanied these gifts:

"My dear Professor and Mrs. Corson:

A number of those who have listened to your readings this term, desire to express to you and Mrs. Corson, not merely their great enjoyment, but also their appreciation of your kindness in giving your art so freely for the common benefit.

As their agent, I send you these gifts, with the best wishes of all your admirers and friends, for a Merry Christmas and many New Years of blessing to us all. Yours sincerely,

MARY ROBERTS-SMITH.

December twenty-fifth, 1890."

Professor Corson returned the following reply:

"CASCADILLA COTTAGE,
26 December, 1890.

My dear Mrs. Roberts-Smith:

Most hearty thanks, in greatest measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, render me unto you and all our good friends, for your most beautiful and most useful presents. They made our Christmas merry.

The lamp is, indeed, a *flos lampadum*. Henceforth, we shall spend our evenings together, metaphorically "under a palm-tree."

And the pitcher—that's a beauty, too! May it be preserved unnick'd until long after a certain other pitcher "be broken at the fountain"!

Kindly convey to our friends our united thanks, which will dwell in our hearts "while the lamp holds out to burn,"

et crede me esse
tui studiosissimum
et amicissimum.

HIRAM CORSON."

BARNES HALL CONCERT.

The concert given by university talent in Barnes Hall, last evening, for the benefit of a piano fund for the Christian Association, was attended by about three hundred persons. The entertainment was an entire artistic success, though the financial outcome is not as great as was expected. The selections as rendered by the participants were all well received by the audience and encores heartily demanded. Lack of space forbids extensive mention, and it must suffice to enumerate the performers. They were the Banjo Club, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Miss Bergmann, Mr. F. A. Parkhurst, Madame Von Klenze, Professor Fuertes, Mr. F. O. Bissell, and the Mandolin Club, with Miss Van Dusen, Miss Marsh, Mr. Ogden, Miss Thruston, and Madame Von Klenze as accompanists.

Cornelliana.

—Class prayer meetings will be the same this term as last.

—The American Digest for 1890 has been added to the Law Library.

—Lieutenant Tutherly was promoted to a Captiancy during the vacation.

—Two were "busted" and fifteen conditioned in the Junior Law class last term.

—The floors of the main halls of Barnes Hall have been polished during the vacation.

—The two days for registration prevented much of the crowding of former registration days.

—The lectures in Bibliography will be given at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesdays, instead of Mondays.

—On next Wednesday evening the C. U. C. A. will give a reception in Barnes Hall, to the Faculty.

—The first Junior competitive speaking will occur next Tuesday at 2:15 p. m. in Room 16, White Hall.

—Chapel will not begin until 3:30 this term, instead of at 3 as has been customary in the winter term.

—Offers of positions for eight Cornell graduates are posted on the bulletin board of Lincoln Hall.

—Skating continues to be the prevailing recreation, and the condition of the Fair Ground during the last week certainly has been inviting.

—The football management cleared three hundred dollars from the presentation of "Instructor Pratt."

—The first lecture in Military Science was given Wednesday at 4:15 p. m., at Room B, Franklin Hall.

—Professors Wheeler, Schurman, Burdick and Tuttle were present at the Cleveland dinner in New York.

—Professor Schurman visited the Elmira reformatory during the vacation and spoke twice to the inmates.

—Owing to the great pressure of other matter, the "Cornell Verse" is crowded out this week, but will reappear in the next issue.

—Thus far very little matter has been handed in for '92's *Cornellian* and unless more is sent in at once, the publication will be very much delayed.

—Eighteen Freshmen, two Juniors and three Sophomores were added to the number who left for "other fields of usefulness" at the end of last term.

—Members of the band met Wednesday to practice for Founder's Day. All who practice regularly will be excused from gymnasium work during the term.

—Professors Caldwell, Roberts, Prentiss and Bailey will present papers at the annual meeting of the Horticultural Society of Western New York, at Rochester, Jan. 28, 1891.

—The Mock Congress holds its opening session of the term this Saturday evening in Deming Hall. At the next session President Thurston will submit his annual message.

—The *Congressional Record* is now on file in Barnes Hall reading room. This has been secured by Speaker Duniway, through the kindness of Senator Joseph N. Dolph, of Oregon.

—Courtney was here the first of the week and started the training of the two crews. Those who are training run a mile and a half at present, which will be increased from time to time, until three miles is reached.

—The bust of Prof. Corson opposite the Armory, made by Prof. Williams and Instructor Willis, still continues to be the object of admiration. The likeness is even better than that of Shakespeare which Mr. Williams made two years ago.

—Nearly all the members of '93's Freshman crew are trying for places on the Varsity this year, and Marston, Wolfe, Hill and Benedict of last year's crew, are training again this year. It is reported that Osgood also will return if a race is secured with Yale.

—At the meeting of the Agricultural Association, last Tuesday evening, J. E. Rice gave a report on his visit to the farm of A. H. Davison. Mr. Davison will be remembered as a former graduate student who is now settled upon his 350-acre farm on the Hudson River.

—On Feb. 17, a lecture will be given by Prof. Alex. Melville Bell, father of the Bell or telephone fame, on "Visible Speech Elucidated." Prof. Bell is the author of the theories passing under the name of visible speech, and his lecture will be of great interest to students in elocution.

—As reported by the ERA last term, Mr. Fayerweather, of New York, had left Cornell \$200,000. Since then his widow has begun a contest, alleging undue influence on the part of the executors. Whatever the outcome, it is understood that the colleges to whom money was bequeathed will not be losers.

—A call has been issued for a meeting of the Student Volunteers this Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock in Barnes Hall. Any who are interested in missionary work are invited to attend. A communication has been received from Mr. Miller and will be read at that meeting. Other very important matters are also to be brought up at that time.

—Henry M. Stanley is to lecture in Geneva, Feb. 24, on Africa as he has seen it. President Adams will preside and introduce the speaker. A special train will leave Ithaca at 6.15 p. m., on that date, returning after the lecture. Excursion rates have been secured, and this will be the last chance the citizens of Ithaca and vicinity will have of hearing Mr. Stanley. Tickets are on sale at Finch's.

—At the last meeting of the Cornell Congress held last term, Prof. Thurston was present and delivered his inaugural address. He also announced his cabinet as follows: Secretary of State, Prof. Collin; Secretary of the Treasury, Prof. Burdick; Secretary of the Navy, Prof. Canaga; Secretary of War, Capt. Tutherly; Secretary of the Interior, Prof. Laughlin; Postmaster General, Prof. Fuertes; Attorney General, Prof. Hutchins.

—Professor Corson has decided to change his evening readings, in Barnes Hall, from Saturday to Monday evenings. He will also make his selections, this term, with reference to the Senior and the Junior Course of Lectures—reading such compositions as time will not allow to be presented at the regular lecture hours. The first reading will be given next Monday, January 12, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The selection will be Tennyson's "Maud."

Personals.

'72. Rev. Geo. R. Van de Water, of Brooklyn, an ex-University trustee, has been elected Chaplain of Columbia College.

'78. Dr. C. P. Biggs has recently returned to Ithaca, and is located at 14 E. Seneca street. The doctor has been abroad with Dr. Park, of Vienna, for the past year.

'89. Miss Susan C. Strong was married at Chicago Dec. 25, 1890, to Mr. Charles Randolph, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph will continue to reside in Chicago.

'90. Genung will assume his duties as instructor in Physics in the University in February.

'90. Danforth was in town during the vacation. He is at present in the Yale divinity school.

'90. The engagement of Miss H. E. Warner to Mr. W. A. Viall, former instructor in Pharmacy, is announced.

'90. Miss Ellis wrote an article descriptive of Cornell and co-education, for the December number of *Demorest*.

'92. J. N. Wright has resumed work in the University this term.

'92. M. V. O'Shea has contributed an article on "Social Life at Cornell" for the *College Man*.

'92. B. L. Burrows, formerly '92, who has been away from the University this year, and is now a stenographer in Elmira in the Erie office, visited Ithaca during the vacation.

Department News.

C. U. C. A.—The Christian Association has arranged for a series of Sunday evening lectures during this term, the first of which will be given at 7:30, Jan. 11th, by Prof. Schurman, on "What is Religion?" The subjects and dates are as follows: 1. Professor J. Schurman, "What is Religion?" Jan. 11. (Jan. 18 is omitted because of the visit of Mr. Mott and Mr. Ichihara.) 2. Prof. J. F. Kemp, "A Lay Sermon from a Geologist," Jan. 25. 3. Prof. G. L. Burr, "The Living Gospel," Feb. 1. 4. Prof. E. L. Nichols, "What is the Normal Attitude of the Man of Science toward Religion?" Feb. 8. 5. Prof. B. I. Wheeler, "The Christian Attitude toward Heathen Cults," Feb. 15. 6. Prof. H. S. Williams, "The Effect of Scientific Study upon Religious Belief," Feb. 22. 7. Prof. H. S. White, "The Religious Element in German Literature," March 1. 8. Prof. R. H. Thurston, "A Lay Sermon to Young Men," March 8. 9. Prof. F. M. Burdick, "Christian Manhood," March 15.

College News.

COLUMBIA.—The chapel of the college has been entirely renovated. . . The production of "Lafayette or the Maid and the Marquis" by the college dramatic club last week, in the Berkeley Lyceum was a great artistic and financial success. . . The *Columbian*, the junior class annual, will soon make its appearance. It is probable that the '60 class "Day Book" will also be published in a short time.

IN GENERAL.—Johns Hopkins athletes are making efforts to secure the services of Stagg, the famous Yale athlete, as instructor in gymnastics. . . The outlook of the Intercollegiate Lacrosse League is not encouraging, according to the Hopkins Captain. . . The Yale Junior promenade takes place on Tuesday evening, January 20. The catering and decorations are by New York firms. . . The new Chicago University will open October 1, 1892. Professor Harper of Yale will be the probable president. . . Kappa Sigma has established a chapter at Johns Hopkins lately. . . Princeton has the largest Freshman class in her history. . . The Williams Athletic Association has appointed an advisory committee of seven alumni to take charge of gate receipts and to superintend athletic matters generally. . . The students of Williams are taking measures to raise \$200,000 for a chapter house, to be used in common by the fraternities represented in the college. . . A second expedition will be made this year from Princeton to investigate the gulf stream, the results of last year's trip having been so fruitful. . . There is expected to be a Yale Alumni Association organized in Tokio, Japan. At present there are 50 old Yale men in that city. . . There are 119 elective courses open to academic seniors and juniors at Yale. . . A new building costing \$1,000,000 is to be built at Irvington on the Hudson for the Catholic Manhattan College. . . Thirty-five Exeter seniors intend to enter Harvard, and fifteen intend entering Yale, according to their statements made last September.

Amusements.

SCIENCE AND MYSTERY.

Kellar, one of the most successful and entertaining of scientific necromancers, appears at the Wilgus, Friday evening, Jan. 16, where he will preside over a soiree of magic that has been universally conceded to be the best entertainment of the kind now before the public. The novelty of his tricks, the ingenuity of the mechanical wonders and the number and variety of his own special triumphs in the "black art" make Kellar popular everywhere and his entertainment always successful.

BARLOW BROTHERS MINSTRELS

will appear at the Wilgus, next Saturday evening, January 17th. We clip the following from the Cincinnati *Enquirer*: "The company is without exception, good, and especially must be mentioned James Barlow, who kept the audience busy laughing. Billy Barlow also helped to keep up the merriment. The singing and dancing was admirable, and several novelties were introduced which completely took the audience by storm. The company is an excellent one and can be commended to the places where they are billed."

Book Reviews.

A CHART OF ENGLISH LITERATURE. By George Edwin MacLean, Professor of English in the University of Minnesota.

This is, as the editor says in the preface, only a chart without the fulness of tables of English Literature, and is intended to serve only as an outline. As such it is the best we have seen, being at once up to present knowledge, complete without being confusing, and condensed without being insufficient for its purpose. It will be found valuable for reference, and as a guide to study, so that it may safely be said that every student would find it of constant service in the study of the subject.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Philosophy of American Literature, by Greenough White, A.M. Ginn & Co., Boston. 35 cents.

Q. Curti Rufi Historiarum Alexandri Magni Macedoniae, Libri III et IV, for sight reading, edited by H. N. Fowler. Ginn & Co., Boston. 35 cents.

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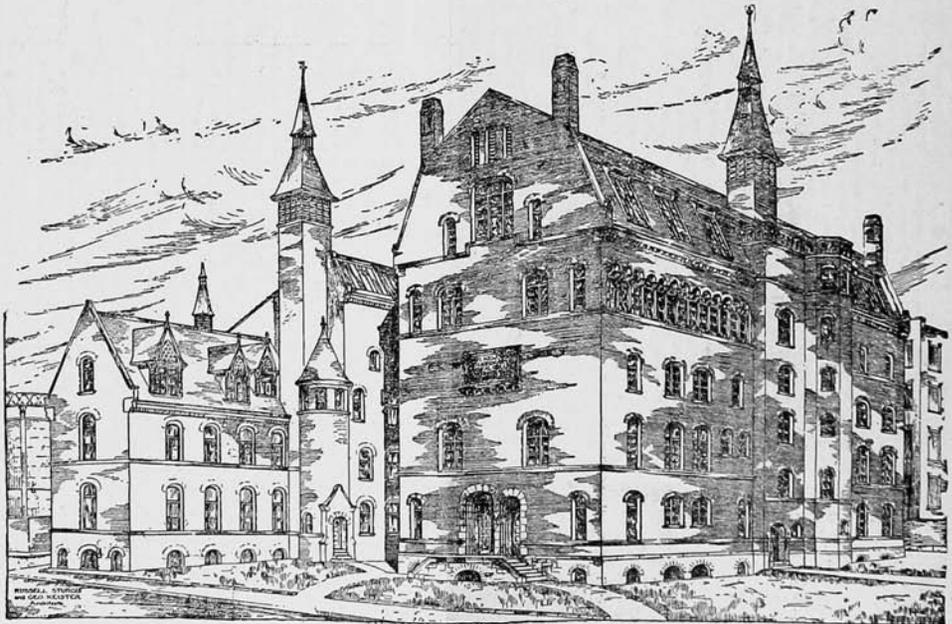
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Editorial.

NOTHING that has appeared in correspondence from Cornell for a long time has caused more comment than an article in the New York *Evening Post* of last Friday. Noting that only one-fourth of the total number of students this year are enrolled in Arts, Philosophy, Letters and Science, the letter finds the cause for this state of affairs in a tendency of the University management to develop the technical departments to the neglect of the general courses. The increases in tuition made in 1871, in 1874, and in 1876 were in each case followed by a check in the numbers in general courses, and the same result was predicted and has come to pass as a result of this year's increase from \$75 to \$125. These may be taken as the main contentions of the article, which is made more pointed by giving publicity to a rumor that professors in the literary departments were dissatisfied and there was danger of some leaving, and by a reference to the fact that the students from New

York State who have free scholarships constitute the main element in the general courses. It must be recognized by the faculty and trustees, that there is much of truth in these statements. The preponderance of the technical element is not questioned, it is numerically and in material equipment the stronger side of the University. This publication is but the crystallization of a feeling that has been general among faculty, students, and alumni, but which has not had expression. While they are not so unreasoning as to dislike the remarkable growth of the University technical departments, the comparative unimportance of other departments is a cause for sincere regret. In spite of the fact that the corps of professors in the literary departments has been steadily strengthened during the last few years, the growth in enrollment of students is almost at a standstill. The last increase of tuition, in that it applies to these courses, is but one of the instances in which the Trustees have allowed the interests of technical work to outweigh consideration for the general university training. The logical outcome of such procedure, if continued, would be to make Cornell little more than a technical school. It is hardly credible that this will be the case. The agitation created by the letter in question is a guarantee that such a condition will not be allowed to come to pass.

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THE interview with President Adams, reported in another column, serves to throw additional light on the matter treated in the foregoing paragraph. His presentation of the advances made in the efficiency of the literary corps, as showing that the trustees do not intend to neglect that kind of university training, is a point well taken, to which full force must be granted, while his statement of reasons why the registration of general students is so small this year, serves as an ex-

planation of the exaggerated features of the case. In a word, the interview as a whole serves to make more sure what has been already pointed out, that Cornell cannot and will not be permitted to become a purely technical and professional training school. With a faculty that is of the very best material, all that is needed to make her non-technical departments grow healthfully, is a proper consideration and regard for means for drawing students to these courses.

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THE system of organization of the Chicago University recently submitted to the trustees is of peculiar interest, since it is unlike that of any of the older Universities and at the same time embraces methods of work common both to conservative and to democratic institutions. The provisions for pursuing any of the courses offered are especially characterized by thoroughness. The student may take the regular course in law, medicine, engineering, music, pedagogy, science or literature, or may register for only a portion of the work in any one of them, but in either instance the requirements will be rigid. Certificates of attendance upon lectures and diplomas of graduation will be given to students completing successfully in each case the necessary work. The University will grant no honorary degrees. The most noteworthy feature of the plan is the advantages given to all classes of students. The student who learns rapidly and whose circumstances permit an uninterrupted attendance can secure a degree in three years, while the one who is less fortunate may spend five or even six years in any of the prescribed courses and receive the regular degree at the close of that period. This outline of the general management was incorporated in the report presented, and the method had been approved by many of the most prominent educators in the country. Among the warmest advocates of the scheme is Professor Harper, of Yale, to whom has been offered the presidency of the institution, which he has not yet accepted but probably will, provided the trustees finally decide favorably on the principles of organization that he believes

in so thoroughly. Situated as the University is in the very centre of wealth and enterprise, and starting out under such promising auspices, its future prosperity seems almost assured.

THE LEGEND OF COBBLESKILL.

In the town of Richmondville, Schoharie county, N. Y., lying on the flats along the Cobleskill creek, is a small pool and marsh which is known throughout the county around as "Bloody Pond." Even at present it is a dreary looking spot with the willows and tall weeds fringing the dark waters. Centuries it lay there when all around it was wilderness, and it was blacker then than now with the great hemlocks casting their shade over it. Only the black ash (those cypresses of the north) stood on the very brink while herbs which may not be mentioned, such as witches gather for unholy use at unholy hours, grew in the water. Only a patriarchial bull-frog with his yellow breast and green back, croaked forth the ancient cry of his race or a water snake glided off a log and swam noiselessly across the oily waters. Sometimes in the spring, an ungainly crane, flapping his way northward, paused for an hour to get his meal from the reedy shores. Close by it ran the foot trail which led by the Cobleskill to the hunting grounds at the head of the Susquehanna. Occasionally two or three Indians in single file, stalked swiftly by in silence without rustling a leaf. Now and then it chanced that on warm summer evenings, the hunter returning with the game on his shoulders, saw the pale, wandering fire, which we in our ignorance, call the "Will of the Wisp," glimmer through the white fog which hung over the pond; then he quickened his pace and prayed to the Great Spirit, for he knew that he saw the camp-fire of a ghost.

Thus the years past and brought no change to the pond. To the east and bordering this beautiful valley, which still bears their name, dwelt the Schoharies. Long had the hatchet been buried, and the warriors had forgotten the war-whoop and the scalping knife. In peace and safety, they slew the deer on their noble hills, or speared fish in the rapids of their river. Once an Indian in those halycon days wandered up a narrow defile on Foxe's creek to where the deer came down to drink. As he lay behind a point of rock, he saw a long line of antlers coming toward him. Silently he drew the flint pointed arrow to the head and released it. Sure was his aim, and a stag lay dead in the ravine. On came the rest uncon-

scious of danger, and each time flew an arrow until seven were dead and then his mightiest of Nimrods was done. Every autumn, the Wilder Hook was yellow with the corn, and they gathered it with mirth and festal joy, working under the shadow of O-nis-ta-gra-wa, or the corn mountain. With the sacred turtle engraven on the birch bark, the braves were laid to rest in the great burying ground of their fathers at Braahabean with only hunting arrows in their quivers. Thus through the golden haze of those times, the Mighty Father smiled on his reverent children.

Now, however, the last years of the Schoharies were drawing nigh, and in the autumn they saw their inheritance invaded, and with the spring came more of the white men speaking the tongues of the Northern Rhine. With the harvest still more came, and so for years; for they who came first sent back strange stories of the abundance of the land, yet for a half century the Indians gave but very little trouble. Still they watched with wonder and alarm, the march of the new people. They saw the wheat wave where their fathers hunted, and the whole land echoed to the ax. Near the pond, then as now, dwelt the Warners, Snyders, Shaffers and Manns. Tall, blonde men they were from the Rhine, who here in the New World spoke the German tongue and sang the German songs. The fertile soil paid them well for their labor and from the rude log cabins, sprang farm houses and barns. But all the while the red men were seeing more and more the destruction which threatened them. A new disease broke out which swept off many, and then they knew that the Great Father was angry with his children for their cowardice and they dug up the hatchet.

Of the long years of war that followed, of how the farmer went into the field at morning and never returned, of the nights when the flames of burning farm houses lit up the valley, of the days when the rifle was never absent from the hand, of the finding of fair haired women and sweet faced children and strong men lying scalped, of the unnumbered dark and romantic tragedies; of those years, of the unwavering endurance, and awful suffering and heroic bravery of the early Dutch and German settlers of Schoharie county, is it not told in the traditions of the people? It was during this time that the pond thus received its baptism and its name.

Between the years 1778-82 a small party of Indians appeared one morning in the vicinity of Cobleskill, and being discovered, the alarm gun sent its note of warning rolling along

the stream. At once the rifle was caught up by these men who never went to bed at night without thinking if they were to be the next on whom the blow would fall. Fighting had been only plain, matter of fact business to these men, and in a few moments a little band had rallied and gave chase. All too readily the foe fled westward up the stream, drawing their pursuers deeper into the woods. Hot with the excitement of the chase and unheeding the danger, they were led to the shores of Bloody Pond, and then too late found that they had been ambuscaded. Suddenly the air was filled with savage cries and from every bush and the very ground itself, sprang forth armed Indians, until the woods seemed swarming with them. Short and fierce was the battle there, with the woods behind and the marsh before. A few shots rang out, mingled with cries of exultation and despair. A moment and all was over, but the Schoharies were avenged. Back whence they came, broken and sorrowing struggled the little band, but some would never return, for in the forest, among the trampled grass and rushes they lay dead, first scalped and then their bodies thrown into the tarn. Slowly the waters closed over them, slowly they sank down among the rotten remains of centuries of vegetation, a few bubbles rose from the slimy depths and all was over. But that night there was gloom and mourning for the dead along the Cobleskill and the name given to the pond, has never been forgotten.

Such was the burial of the heroes of this engagement. There in the unrevealing depths they lie. Never has the Bloody Pond given up its dead, save in one instance when a skull was found in the ice. Yet their requiem is not unsung, for when the magic of the first spring is with us, then with voices like far off sleigh bells when the winter night is still, from the pond there is proclaimed till the valley rings with it, the fate and the valor of the hidden dead.

Now the scene is entirely changed, The valley is cleared and hop-yards and meadows are crowding close to the yard. It is gradually growing smaller and drying up, and perhaps some day, the plows of the farmers may disturb their ancestor's bones. Close to the east is a carriage road and as the farmer passes, he repeats the legend until the heart of his little son grows big with the mystery. Beyond the road is a high rolling hill, one of the first of those which go on in ever increasing folds until they swell into the lordly Catskills. To the west high up against the mountain is seen the black cuttings of the railroad, and the train

winding along it and making echoes between the hills, testifies that even this "Sleepy Hollow of New York" has developed at last. Yet still is the valley beautiful. The same hills shelter it, the same stream waters it and the same sun blesses it as of yore.

J. V. W. JR.

MONDAY EVENING READINGS.

Professor Corson has kindly consented to continue his readings during this term. The selections will be such as to supplement the work of the Junior and Senior classes in English literature. By the request of many, the evening has been changed from Saturday to Monday.

The first reading of the term—Tennyson's Maud—was given last Monday evening. The reader's voice was not in the best condition, as he stated in his introductory remarks. However, the "sad, sweet melody" of the production, as evinced by the reader's voice, was pleasing and entertaining. The Professor stated his expectations of rendering subsequent readings more interesting.

All whom Saturday evening did not accommodate should remember, and place among the most desirable of University exercises, this Monday evening reading at 7:30 by Professor Corson.

On Monday evening next Professor Corson will read Marlowe's "Edward the Second," and will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

RECEPTION AT BARNES HALL.

On Wednesday evening last the Christian Association gave a Faculty reception at Barnes Hall. The rooms on the first floor of the building were placed at the disposal of the guests and refreshments were served in the ladies' reading room. The attendance was unusually large, and the reception proved one of the most pleasant affairs given by the Association. The ladies who received were: Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. H. S. Williams, Mrs. H. S. White, Mrs. Caldwell, and Mrs. Roberts. There were in attendance from the Faculty: President Adams, Professor and Mrs. Hewett, Professor and Mrs. Crane, Professor and Mrs. Bailey, Professor and Mrs. Newbury, Professor and Mrs. Tyler, Professor and Mrs. Oliver, Professor and Mrs. Shurman, Professor and Mrs. Gage, Professor and Mrs. Wing, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, and Professors H. S. Williams, Moler, Hart, Canaga, Wheeler, H. S. White, Hutchins and Burr.

INTERVIEW WITH PRES. ADAMS.

A reporter of the ERA called upon President Adams for an interview in regard to the article published recently in the *New York Post* concerning Cornell University. While the President was not inclined to take up the letter generally, he said he had no objections to answering any specific questions that might be asked. Whereupon the reporter asked:

"What is the attitude of the trustees towards the literary department of the University?"

To this question the President answered as follows:

"The best answer to that question is a consideration of what the Trustees have done for the literary department during the past five years. In 1886-87 the teaching force of the classical department consisted of Professor Flagg, Professor Hale, and Dr. A. C. White. At the present time it consists of Professor Hale, Professor Wheeler, Associate Professor Bristol, Assistant Professor Elmer, Instructor Bronson, and Instructor Botsford. Not only is the teaching force as thus shown, been exactly doubled, but it has been greatly increased in efficiency. The equipment has practically been created within that period. Plaster casts and the other material of great variety now to be seen in the rooms of Professor Wheeler and Professor Hale, have been accumulated within the same period. The seminary rooms have been fitted up and equipped with excellent working libraries, indeed better than are to be found in any other room of the kind in the country, with possibly two exceptions. In both of these departments, moreover, the lantern has been introduced, and great use is regularly made of lantern slides for the purpose of illustrating classical archæology.

In the department of German less has been done, for the reason that the department was already better equipped. Seminary rooms, however, have been provided, a lantern and all the requisite accompaniments have been purchased, and the teaching force has been increased.

During the last year the department of English has been thoroughly remodeled. Five years ago the entire teaching force in this department consisted of Professor Corson, Professor Shackford, Instructor Hayes, and Instructor Huffcut. At present it consists of Professor Corson, Professor Hart, Professor Smith, and Instructors Elliott, Emerson and Coffin. There is no risk in saying that the efficiency of the department and the amount of work done in it for the benefit of students has

been increased in even larger proportion than has the number of the teaching force.

In my inaugural address and in nearly or quite every one of my annual reports, I have called the attention of the Trustees to the necessity of developing and nourishing the literary side of the University. These views have been favorably considered by the Trustees. The Chairman of the Board is so heartily in sympathy with the views presented that he has offered to give several thousand dollars for a collection of plaster casts to illustrate classical archæology as soon as a suitable place for displaying such a collection can be provided. The question of securing such quarters was discussed at length in my report at the close of last year, and I may confidently say that nothing but what seemed to the Trustees to be more imperative demands upon the Treasury at the time prevented immediate action in accordance with the views presented. It is not too much to say then that the Trustees are in full sympathy with the idea that the literary side of the University must be not only kept up, but developed in a large and broad way just as far as is consistent with the University as a whole."

"What is the explanation of the apparent falling off of the number of students admitted to the literary courses as compared with the number in the technical courses."

"There are several reasons. In the first place, through the gift of Mr. Sibley and the impulse that was given to the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering when Professor Thurston came here, that department was made conspicuously superior to any other department of its kind in the country. It has been administered with great ability, and its merits, somewhat through advertising, but far more largely through the representations of the conspicuously able non-resident lecturers that have come here, have been heralded throughout the land. The department has undoubtedly acquired an exceptionally great reputation, and in consequence of this there has been so large an influx of students that the Trustees have felt compelled from time to time to enlarge its equipment. This has been done from sheer necessity, a necessity akin to that which led to the erection of Lincoln Hall primarily for the department of Civil Engineering, and Morse Hall for the department of Chemistry. While there has been no disposition,—as I showed in answer to the former question,—to curtail the appropriations of other departments, the Trustees have felt that there has been an absolute necessity that the appropriations to this department should be large

enough to meet the obvious demands of incoming students. This affords only an indirect answer to your question; but it shows at least how Sibley College has come to have a phenomenal growth. The matter of fees undoubtedly has had some influence. It is not to be denied that the fees in Sibley College are generally smaller than in other institutions of the kind, while the fees in the literary department are generally larger, at least larger than in the colleges and universities west of New England.

"But there is another reason of far more importance. Formerly the classes on the literary side of the University were greatly swollen by large numbers of optional students, who, the Faculty came to think, ought to be in the secondary schools. Before 1889 every student applying for any position in the University, who failed to pass the requisite examinations, dropped into the category of optional students instead of dropping out into a preparatory school. Two years ago legislation was taken by the Faculty, relegating this class to the secondary schools. The effect is seen in the fact that three years ago the number of optional Freshmen was 102, whereas the present year it is only 28. Optional students were formerly classed in the general or non-technical courses. Now what was the result of this change? Whereas formerly all imperfectly prepared students dropped into the category of optional students, thus swelling the number on the literary side, they now drop into the courses requiring the least preparation, namely, those of the technical schools. The legislation of the Faculty, therefore, of two years ago produced the apparent result of reducing the number on the literary side by 75 at least, and increasing the number in the Freshman class on the technical side by a similar number. In other words, the poorest element of the Freshman class was formerly on the literary side, whereas now it is on the technical side. This is shown by the fact that of the 19 students dropped at the end of the last term all, with one single exception, have dropped out of the technical courses. Formerly the optional course was the Adallum's cave into which the incapables fled in time of emergency, whereas now that resort has been transferred to another part of the Campus.

"I would be glad to add one word in conclusion not strictly in answer to either of your questions, and that is to assure your readers that there is no disposition on the part of the Trustees to neglect or to slight any part of the University. In my inaugural address I stated

it as my purpose to be President of the whole University, and not of any one of its parts. I sympathize with every department, and I believe I have no favorites. In this spirit I have had every encouragement by the Board of Trustees. Every thoughtful person will admit that it is impossible to develop all the departments of the University *pari passu*; but if at any time there is any department that feels that it is not developed as rapidly as some other, it has only to await in patience, and above all to demonstrate by its efficiency that it is hopefully as well as earnestly doing its work."

Sage Chapel.

Rev. Jas. H. Ecob, Presbyterian, of Albany, N. Y., will occupy the Sage Chapel pulpit tomorrow. Dr. Ecob graduated from Hamilton College in 1869, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1872. His first pastorate was at Augusta, Me. From there he went to Albany, where he has since remained. Dr. Ecob is a representative of the most advanced thought of the day, and is a very eloquent speaker. He has previously been at Cornell and possesses many friends at the University.

PROFESSOR SCHURMAN'S LECTURE.

A very large audience gathered in Barnes Hall last Sunday evening to listen to Dr. Schurman's discussion of the question, "What is Religion?" The Professor finds the quintessence of religion to consist in first, a sense of dependence on some objective reality; and second, a sense of communion or fellowship with that reality. The content and source of religion is in the feelings, for it consists in emotions and not in doctrines. Christ was the greatest of religious teachers because he had taught this as had never been done before him.

The lucidness and cogency of the lecture was what had been expected from Dr. Schurman, and it needed only to be heard to be appreciated.

THE JANUARY MAGAZINE.

To Librarian Harris's timely article on the Library and its three homes the place of honor is given in the current number of the *Magazine*. The article is a clear, painstaking account of the formation, growth and vicissitudes of the Library and it well illustrates the general development and progress of the University. The second article of this number is the concluding installment of the story

of Our Faggot Party, by Charles V. Parsell, '72. The interest in the plot is well sustained and the difficult character balancing well handled. Mr. Oliver F. Emerson contributes some appreciative verse on our Founder in commemoration of January 11th. The story of Browne's Folly by Mr. W. P. Baker owes its theme to a suggestion of Nathaniel Hawthorne in one of his volumes of tales. The story is well treated, although perhaps the interest could have been made more absorbing. This month's installment of *Here and There* in the Library is ably done by Mr. R. J. Kellogg, but we think the majority of his readers would have preferred that less space were given to the subjects of the first half, and more to the last half of the article. The book reviews are by Mr. Von Klenze, and Mr. H. N. Ogden.

On the whole, this number of the *Magazine* fully conforms to the high standard which the present board has done so much to maintain.

PROFESSOR HART'S INAUGURAL.

Prof. Hart delivered his inaugural lecture Thursday evening last, at Barnes Hall. The audience was small, being composed mostly of members of the Faculty.

The Professor said that the Department of English had been enlarged, and the chair of Rhetoric and Philology had been created in order to allow Prof. Corson to devote his whole time to English Literature, the work which he is so eminently fitted to do. In his department there were two subjects to treat: Rhetoric, an art, and Philology, a science. The work of the first two years in Rhetoric was required, and in this work the students were taught to write clearly and to the point. The last two years were elective, and properly belonged to a University curriculum.

Professor Hart then described an ideal course in Rhetoric, stating that in Junior year he would give thorough instruction in the history of English literature during the Elizabethan period and the three centuries following. In the Senior year a study of Johnson, Gibbon and Burke, or Ben Jonson, Milton and Addison, with exercises in writing in the lecture room. In conclusion he said that in English Philosophy the students were required to be familiar with the texts and must account for everything by rule. The Grammar was studied scientifically, and the student was taught to see how the language had grown up. In this way alone we could hope to make good teachers of the English language.

Cornell Verse.

AT VESPERS.

In the shadowy aisle she's kneeling
 While the organ soft is pealing,
 And the notes come faintly stealing
 Through the heavy-scented air.
 From the windows manifold
 Blazoned there in blue and gold,
 Heroes, martyrs, saints of old,
 Watch the maiden at her prayer.

J. V. W. JR.

TO A PICTURE.

Jolly monk with
 Thy tankard there,
 Puffing a cheroot,
 Never a care
 Has lined thy face,
 Never a sorrow
 Marred thy grace ;
 The calm, sweet joy
 Of cloister walls
 A holy mantle
 Round thee falls
 Whispering sleep,
 Quietness and peace.

K. F. RUBERT.

A MATHEMATICAL CONSOLATION.

The poor poetaster sits and he sighs,
 " Ah me ! for all themes have been sung,
 On every subject a man can devise
 The changes have often been rung.
 I never can sing to the fairy moon's praise,
 Nor chant to the setting sun,
 There are for expressing my love, no new ways ;
 Ah me, and alack ! I'm undone."

The weary musician adds words of this kind,—
 " Alas, my composing is vain,
 For ev'ry sweet passage that comes to my mind
 Is another man's over again.

Beethoven and Mozart, those masters of tone,
 And all from their times till to-day,
 Have squeezed music dry,—yes, as dry as a stone ;
 There is now nothing new I can play."

The mathematician looks up from his book,
 " You sinpering creatures," says he,
 " For once do be practical ; just give a look
 At this valuable formula. See,
 If you have a few things, say an octave of notes,
 Or ideas not amounting to ten,
 Why, you can arrange them some millions of ways—
 At the least, P factorial n."

RUFUS O. GREEN.

HE WAS NOT FROM CORNELL.

There was an electrical engineer,
 A young man with a slim moustache,
 And he sat on an insulated chair,
 And counted his meagre cash ;
 And he sang in a negative sort of a tone
 Which was half a mutter and half a moan,
 To the chink of the nickels scant.

" O I'm an electrical engineer
 But I have n't the faintest remote idea
 Where I can discover the gardeneer
 Who grows an electrical plant.
 It's a sort of a current vine they say,
 A-runnin' two poles between ;
 But I've faithfully studied my Asa Gray
 And I've analyzed everything green,—
 I've trampled the fields and I've scoured the
 woods,

I've examined all flowers and fruits and foods
 Like a busy industrious ant.—
 But exceedingly queer as it may appear,
 Though I'm an electrical engineer,
 I've never discovered nor far nor near,
 Any kind of electrical plant.
 I'd fill a Farad of my stomach dry,
 With a volt of Zinckie's best.
 I'd give the whole of whatever I
 May happen to be possessed ;
 I'd give the half of my father's cash,—
 I'd give the whole of my dear moustache,—
 (And go beyond that I can't),

If I could know
 Just how to grow
 A Thrifty Electrical Plant.

For I'm an electrical engineer,
 With a high potential to my career,
 And I'd face the future without a fear,
 If I had an Electrical Plant."

Cornelliana.

—Skating still continues to be the favorite pastime.

—The Mermaid Club held a meeting at the Zeta Psi House, Thursday evening.

—Four new lathes, one shaper and one wood planer, have been added to the Sibley shops.

—Professor Roberts spoke yesterday at Canandaigua on "Needs in Our Present Agriculture."

—Stanley's lecture at Geneva will be on February 4th instead of the 24th as previously stated.

—A very interesting test is being made in the mechanical laboratory of a built up iron telegraph pole.

—The Glee Club received permission of the Faculty to give a concert in Aurora on Friday evening, January 23.

—The Military Hop Committee has decided to give but one more hop this term, that to come on March 6th.

—The time of the crew training has been changed to 5:50 in order to accommodate those working in the shops.

—The first concert by the Glee Club will be given Thursday evening, Jan. 29th, the evening before the Junior Ball.

The ladies are favored this term with a course of readings by Professor Corson at Barnes Hall on Wednesday afternoons.

—J. K. Garnsey, '91, has been elected to the *Sun* board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. B. Bentley.

—Persons electing Mathematics are requested to meet this evening at Professor Oliver's to form a Mathematical Club.

—The first speaking for the term of the class in Senior Oratory will be held next Monday evening in the Botanical Lecture room.

—Professor Newbury gave an illustrated lecture last evening in Barnes Hall, displaying a series of beautiful views of European scenery.

—Nearly all the tickets for the Chamber Concerts have been sold, and it is earnestly hoped that *students* will avail themselves of the remainder.

—Professor Kemp and A. S. Eakle, '92, presented papers before the Natural History

Society, Thursday evening, both treating of geological topics.

—The meeting of the Baptist Circle that was to have been held last evening was postponed for one week on account of Professor Newbury's lecture.

—Dr. Wheeler is to occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday morning in place of Rev. Mr. Tyler, who is called upon to mourn the death of his wife.

—The Mock Congress meets as usual this evening in Deming Hall. President Thurston will present the reports and recommendations of the various cabinet officers.

—The Senior Electrical Association has elected the following officers: President F. C. Perkins; Vice-President, E. M. Wood; Secretary and Treasurer, L. W. Emerick.

—The Sophomore banquet committee is composed of S. S. MacNider (chairman), G. V. Fowler, R. H. White, E. B. Katté, C. B. Hadden, H. C. Earle, and H. G. White.

—The Medical Society was addressed last Wednesday evening by Dr. Wilder, who told of the progress made in the last ten years in simplification of anatomical nomenclature.

—Prof. A. B. Hart, of Cambridge, Mass., will address the History and Political Science Association, Tuesday evening, Feb. 3d, on "Why the South was Defeated in the Late War."

—Recent changes in the department of Civil Engineering include the appointment of Instructors Mr. John Hill and Mr. C. W. Comstock, of Professor Jacoby, and of Mr. O. Blakesley as mechanician.

—The time of Mrs. Hooker's class is unavoidably changed from 2:30 p. m. to 9:40 a. m., at which hour it will meet next Sunday. Those not able to conform to this change will please see Mrs. Hooker as soon as convenient.

—Universal regret is expressed that the skating match between Messrs. Mosher and Mould will not occur. Owing to circumstances the race could not be skated last week, and this week Mr. Mould left the University to enter a law office in New York.

—The success of the proposed Town and Gown Club seems assured. The full quota of members is secured, and the lists are closed. At a meeting Monday afternoon committees were appointed on permanent organization and to secure a club house or a site.

—The first speaking for positions on the Junior Prize Contest was held in Room 16, White Hall, Tuesday afternoon. Forty-three persons participated, a larger number than ever before. The contest promises to be very close as considerable oratorical ability was displayed.

—Two companies have been organized for drill this term. The separate company is under command of Capt. E. L. Phillips, and held its first drill last Tuesday. The volunteer company is under command of Capt. E. B. Barlow, and will drill hereafter at 4:15 p. m. on Friday.

—The occasion of a notable gathering of Democrats in Utica on Thursday, January 8, was the second annual banquet in honor of Jackson's Day. Among the after dinner speakers is noticed Professor Francis M. Burdick, formerly Mayor of Utica, who made an eloquent speech, in response to the toast "Andrew Jackson."

—Saturday evening at 7:30 Mr. Ichahari of Japan, will lecture before the Christian Association in Barnes Hall, on "The Social, Political and Moral Condition of Japan," and on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 he will discuss the subject "Claims of Japanese College Students on the Students of America." Mr. Cowan, of Princeton, accompanies him and will also address the Association. On Sunday evening Mr. Ichahari will lecture upon "The Character of Joseph Neesima."

Personals.

'86. P. J. Maguire, formerly '86, died on the 23d of November, 1890, at Fort Myers, Florida, of consumption. Mr. Maguire was in the architectural course, and after leaving college was successively employed in New York and Boston, resigning from the latter position on account of the ill health which caused him to go South, where he died.

'88. J. H. Edwards visited friends in town during the week.

'88. Winchester Fitch is vice-president of the Northwestern Association of Alumni, and is with Elwin, Reade & Co., real estate agents of Chicago, Ill.

'92. W. C. Langdon has left Cornell and is now at Brown University.

'92. McKinley, formerly '92, who is now principal of the Candor Academy, with the

aid of his students produced the drama "Esmeralda" during the vacation, for the benefit of the school library, both at Candor and at Spencer.

—W. A. Aber, a former graduate student, is now professor of classics at Deseret University, Salt Lake City, Utah.

—Mr. Schmidt Wartenburg, graduate student in '87-'88, is professor of modern languages in the University of South Dakota.

Department News.

ARCHITECTURE.—The work in this department under the revised schedule is progressing very satisfactorily. The changes have been chiefly in the direction of developing the more directly professional work of the course, specially the two subjects of building construction and design. The practical work in the former is in charge of Mr. Young, who has been able to use the increased hours to good advantage in arranging a course in advanced construction problem, and in detailing, which has been much needed in the past. The number of hours given to design has been also largely increased and by the condensation of the more elementary work it has been possible to gain nearly two terms in the two years' course in that subject. The department is having made under the direction of Mr. Young a sufficient number of vertical drawing boards to supply the senior class. These boards have many advantages over the horizontal boards formerly used, and are being adopted in many of the largest offices in the country, and it has been thought well that students should be made familiar with their working before entering an office. They may be seen by anyone interested, in the Senior drawing room.

BOTANICAL.—The change in the general course in Botany from three hours per week for the spring term to two hours per week for the fall and winter terms, promises to be a very satisfactory one. Under the present arrangement nearly double the available time is given to the subject, making it possible to devote the whole of the winter term to plant physiology. About a hundred students were registered in this course last term, a far larger number than was expected, as in several of the general courses botany has been placed in the Sophomore in place of the Freshman year, thus throwing out the latter class for the present year. In systematic botany a decided and very important improvement has been made in the materials used in laboratory work. Heretofore only dried material, in the form of herbarium specimens, has been available for study, a form of material quite difficult to use, even for advanced students. During the present term, however, alcoholic material has been used with the most satisfactory results. This material was prepared during the past summer when desirable species for class study were in bloom, and it has been found in practice to be even better adapted to laboratory work than fresh material. This change was suggested and carried out by Instructor Rowlee, and makes a decided step forward in the form of botanical work. Among the additions to the collec-

tions of the Department recently made is a very considerable collection of Alaska plants, sent to the department for identification.

College News.

HARVARD.—The college is much excited over the athletic committee's action in refusing the petition of the boat club to secure the services of W. A. Bancroft as coach for three years. . . About seventy men have gone into training for the inter-collegiate team. Almost all last year's prize winners have returned. . . The freshmen have organized a banjo club. . . Prof. R. G. Moulton of Cambridge, Eng., has been delivering a series of lectures on English Literature.

YALE.—Active work in athletics began last Saturday. The outlook is unusually promising, there being an abundance of material everywhere. There are thirty candidates for three places in this year's boat. With the exception of Stagg and McBride the nine will be the same as last year. . . The library has received lately a bequest of 2000 volumes which thoroughly exhaust the history of the Puritans in New England. . . New Haven ladies are busy preparing for the production of the Antigone of Sophocles, the proceeds to go to the establishment of a Yale infirmary for sick Yale students. . . The glee and banjo clubs report a very successful tour throughout the West.

IN GENERAL.—At Princeton a new dormitory, Albert Dod Hall, accomodating ninety students has just been opened. . . The annual Princeton alumni dinner took place at the Hotel Brunswick, New York last Thursday evening. Representatives of Harvard, Yale and Columbia were present. . . The Rutgers faculty has decided to make gymnastic training compulsory in the two lower classes. . . The Columbia athletic union held its first indoor championship meeting on Dec. 18.

Among Our Exchanges.

INJUSTICE.

Just as often now as when
The living Hamlet trod the stage,
The realm of thought is free to men,
And youth may ponder thoughts as sage.

And though one wear an evening dress
In place of Hamlet's gaudy show,
His head may measure none the less,
And may be just as full of woe.

Yet if I sat the livelong day
And looked as wise as e'er did he,
I wager none would think to say
That grand was my soliloquy.

—Columbia Spectator.

CLING, CLING, CLING.

When the friend with pleading tender
Wants to win you wealth and splendor
By investing all your money in a dead-sure thing,
Do not trust him, for he schemeth,
And however kind he seemeth
Put fist upon your pocket-book and cling, cling, cling.

When a winsome little maiden
In a note with anger laden
Says, "You're horrid," and she'll send you back your
"mean old ring,"
Do not waste the time in talking
Or in arguing or walking,
Put your arms around her lovingly and cling, cling,
cling.

When we leave the walls of College
With our carpet-bags of knowledge.
And are parted in the struggle that the world must
bring,
We may deeply sup of sorrow
In the future's long to-morrow,
But the days at old Columbia will cling, cling, cling.
—Columbia Spectator.

Book Reviews.

THE VETO POWER, (Harvard Historical Monographs, No. 1). By E. C. Mason. Boston, Ginn & Co., 1890. Price, \$1.00.

In this work are given the results of diligent research in a field hitherto neglected by students of American history. The origin of the veto-power and its growth in this country down to 1789 are treated very briefly, the body of the work being given to a detailed study of all vetoes, classified according as they affect the forms, distribution, or exercise of the powers of government. From this study it appears that the veto-power has generally been used to check hasty and ill-considered legislation. But twenty-nine of over four hundred vetoes have repassed both houses of congress by the necessary two-thirds majority. Not the least important part of this treatise are the numerous appendices. In one of these is given a complete list of all vetoes down to the close of Cleveland's administration including a number which the Senate Committee on Printing failed to discover.

Amusements.

The Comedy Sunbeam Mora will commence a week's engagement at Wilgus Opera House Monday evening Jan. 19th, opening in the protean drama "Pretty Poll," changing the bill each night. Matinee for ladies and children Saturday at 2 p. m. Popular prices. Admission 10 and 20 cents, reserved seats 30 cents. We clip the following notice from an exchange:

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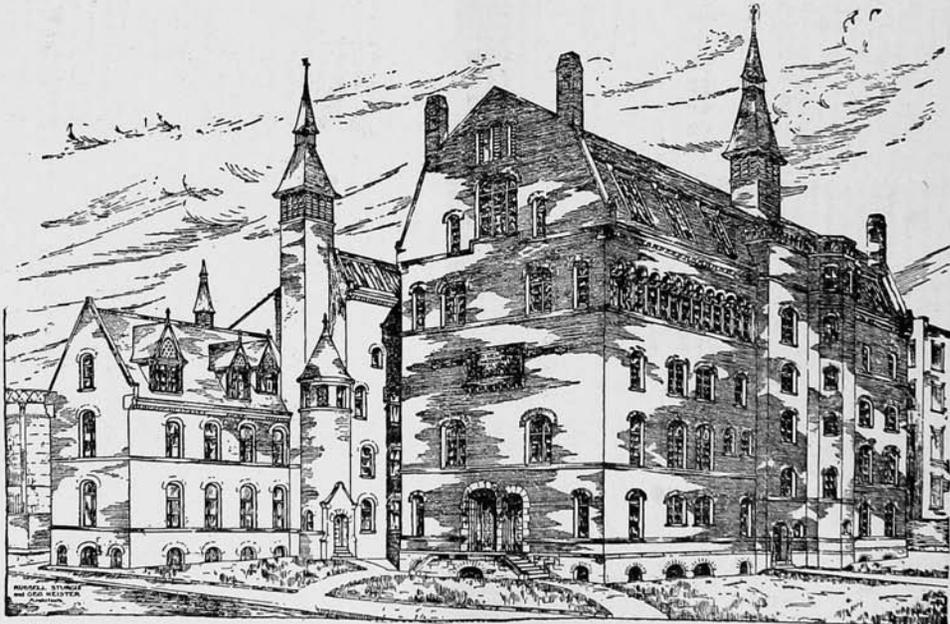
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Editorial.

NOTHING definite can be stated at present concerning the ERA crew fund, but the result of subscriptions thus far solicited fulfills the most sanguine expectations. As soon as the fraternity subscription books are returned, a statement will be made. A special effort must be exerted by the Freshmen to raise the entire sum necessary to support their crew. The fund is mostly secured and the residue should be forthcoming immediately. The training for both crews has been systematically arranged, and in each case the material for the crew seems exceptionally good. The 'Varsity has a superior advantage this year from the fact that there are now in training for it four members from both the Freshman and 'Varsity crews of last year. There is no reason that our boating record cannot be well sustained if the proper interest is taken in crew matters by the students in general.

THE ERA takes pleasure in making editorial mention of a book already brought to public notice, entitled "Ghosts, Devils, Angels and Sun Gods, a Series of Essays Against Superstition," written by E. C. Kenney, of the class of '82. A certain amount of superstition seems inherent in the nature of man, and perhaps it is well that such is the case. But the more notable instances of it that originated in ancient civilization, have survived the centuries and are still often taught without modification, are those especially against which the spirit of this work is directed. The subject is treated in a manner that gives evidence of a most thorough study of history and mythology, and a searching analysis of myths and legends well-known to the present generation. Further particulars concerning the publication will be found in another department of the paper.

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IN the death of George Bancroft, America loses an eminent historian and man of letters. In the department where Prescott, Irving, Motley and Parkman became prominent Mr. Bancroft was, without doubt, the most distinguished, and his remarkable age and mental activity have given to his career a peculiar significance. Monday last, before his class in American History, Professor Tyler paid a worthy tribute to the memory of Bancroft, with whom he has long been acquainted, and he took occasion to call attention to the particularly salient features in the life of the historian. Entering upon his daily labors even before the break of day, he continued until the early hours of the afternoon and, then, casting aside all serious thought of work, he indulged both heart and soul in his favorite outdoor recreations. The life task of Bancroft was shown to have been the result of an unceasing constancy and determination to do only so much as could be done well. A period

of fifty years was spent in preparing that great masterpiece of historical investigation and, although possessing unusual qualifications for the task, it was not possible for the work, which began with the discovery of America by Columbus, to deal with our national history later than Washington's first administration. He engaged actively in the politics of the country and did not consider it incompatible with his position to ally himself with a political party and to honorably sustain its principles. The Professor mentioned especially Bancroft's successful endeavor to free himself from the excessive cares and annoyances of life, which gave him a bright and cheerful manner that made a lasting impression upon all who knew him.

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THE lapse of another week since public attention was called to the comparative standing of Cornell's technical and general courses, has not lessened the interest aroused by the publication. It is a topic vital to the interests of the whole University, and faculty and students alike earnestly discuss the issue. No attempt is made in any quarter to deny the remarkable preponderance of technical students, and the check the general courses have suffered, for these are facts patent to all. On the other hand, the hope is expressed on all sides that the general courses will soon rise to their proper level of representation, and that the interruption of their growth will be only temporary. The marked improvements in the instructing force of the various literary departments are cited as giving reasonable expectations for such a hope, and it is represented that this is an opportune time for criticism when increased requirements for admission to Science and Letters have just gone into effect. But these considerations do not wholly meet the point of the dissatisfaction culminating in the present discussion. However flattering it would be to the pride of Cornellians, it can hardly be maintained that the faculty and equipment of our general courses are of such transcendent worth as to eliminate from our calculations the element of competition with

other institutions furnishing similar instruction. It is from a just appreciation of this fact that the present high rate of tuition is looked upon as one of the hindrances to the commensurate growth of the class of general students. Such an effect was in part foreseen by some of the faculty, and the desire to prevent it will be the motive to cause a reconsideration by the Trustees, if they do so at all.

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THE death of Dr. Heinrich Schliemann brought to a close a life rendered distinctive by persistency and energy, and devoted to the undertaking of making the world better acquainted with classic times. Schliemann was born at Aukershagen in Mecklenburg, in 1822, and received through his early training at home an inspiration for classical study. The loss of property, however, made it impossible for him to pursue his studies, and after undergoing severe vicissitudes and privations he at last secured employment from a merchant in Amsterdam. His zeal for learning won the favor of the employer, and he was allowed time each day to gratify the desire. Under the direction of a tutor he at once began the study of the languages, and a marvelous aptitude for them became apparent when, in a period of six months, he mastered the English language. The eager student was soon able to converse in French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Russian, and the result of his work brought him quick returns. In Russia as an agent for his firm, he acquired in a short time a sufficient sum of money to enable him to sail for California. In the city of Sacramento Schliemann engaged successfully in the banking business, and in July, 1850, when California was made a state, he became a citizen of America. Shortly after this he returned to St. Petersburg and during the Crimean war amassed a large fortune. In the succeeding years he travelled in Europe, Egypt and Asia Minor, and being attracted to the study of archæology resolved to acquaint himself with the Greek language and make use of his fortune in the excavation of Troy, Ithaca, and Mycenæ. He continued his travels, visiting

nearly every part of the civilized world, and as his first efforts to carry out his scheme of excavations were thwarted, he returned to Paris, where he wrote a scientific dissertation in Greek, and, sending it to the University of Rostock, received the degree of LL.D. In 1870 another attempt was made to begin excavations on Mt. Hissarlick, but it was not until the next year that the work could be proceeded with satisfactorily, and three years later was published a summary of his labors entitled "Troy and its Resources." The remainder of his life was given up to work of this character, and the results of his investigations at Mycenæ and elsewhere are well known. Persons who do not believe that Dr. Schliemann unearthed Troy, and discovered the tomb of Agamemnon, must admit that he greatly aided archæological research, and they cannot fail to admire the enthusiasm which characterized his labor.

MRS. ST. JOHN'S "WORDSWORTH FOR CHILDREN;" HER WORDSWORTH LIBRARY.

Mrs. Cynthia Morgan St. John, of Ithaca, has a little volume in press, "Wordsworth for Children," which will present a selection of such poems from Wordsworth as are within the appreciation of the young, and which will serve to tune and fit them for a later acquaintance with the higher ranges of his poetry. The poems will be illustrated with attractive wood cuts in the text.

Mrs. St. John has devoted a number of years to a loving study of Wordsworth, and is peculiarly qualified for the good work she has undertaken.

Such a work should be hailed with pleasure by all who are interested in the spiritual education of the young—a kind of education which, unfortunately, is not much induced by the prevailing systems of the schools—systems whose chief object seems to be to cram the minds of children with various kinds of knowledge, and that, too, before they are prepared for them.

In the words of George Henry Lewes, in his "Ranthorpe," "the child must *feel* before it can *know*; and knowledge, great and glorious as it is, can never be the *end* of life; it is but one of the many means."

Such an early sanctifying influence as Wordsworth acknowledges in his little poem

of "The Sparrow's Nest," may be exerted upon the young, by his poetry, if it be presented to them by those who are fitted to guide them aright, in the reading and memorizing of it.

It is much to be regretted that the memorizing of poems, on the part of the young—of poems which reveal a sanity of heart and which are, at the same time, masterpieces of simplicity of expression—should be so little estimated in these days. But there is no longer any time for this. Knowledge has so much accumulated (and in the opinion of educators it would be a great pity to waste it), that all of life from earliest childhood is occupied in gobbling it up. But what of the soul? Well, that has to shift for itself.

What may be called the informing idea of Mrs. St. John's book, has received the cordial endorsement of Prof. Knight, of St. Andrews, Hon. Secretary of the Wordsworth Society, and editor of Wordsworth's Poetical Works, and of Prof. Dowden, of the University of Dublin.

The numerous and increasing evidences, in the last few years, of a renewed interest in Wordsworth, are very gratifying to all who have experienced the great educating value of his poetry. And those who have contributed to this renewed interest, deserve the hearty thanks of all whose ideals of education, while conceding all due importance to the intellectual and acquisitive faculties, transcend these, and regard the spiritual nature as the ultimate end.

It may not be generally known that Mrs. St. John has collected the largest Wordsworth library in this country; and I know of none larger than hers in England. It contains the thirty-three editions given in the "Bibliography of the Poems of Wordsworth," appended to the "Transactions of the Wordsworth Society," No. VII, pp. 121-129, some of which are now extremely rare. The publication of all these, the poet personally supervised, with the exception of No. 33, "The Prelude, or Growth of a Poet's Mind," which was first published a few months after his death; that was, in 1850. It was composed in the years 1799 to 1805, inclusive, so that it was in MS. after its completion, over forty-five years.

The earliest poems in the "Bibliography" are, "An Evening Walk" and "Descriptive Sketches," both published in 4to, in 1793. Mrs. St. John's copies of these, contain corrections in the poet's own handwriting. In 1889, Prof. Knight knew of only two copies of these works. Since then two more have become known to him. He himself has a copy

of "An Evening Walk," but not of "Descriptive Sketches." Prof. Henry Reed, of Philadelphia, had copies; they are now in the possession of his son, Judge Reed. Charles Lamb's copies of the same, are owned by Prof. Charles Elliott Norton. He wrote to Mrs. St. John, "The Wordsworth Poems (1793) lack title-pages, and their edges have been roughly cut by Mary Lamb's scissors. They were plainly not bound up till they had been sadly injured by lying about, and by wear." I can't say how he knows they were cut by poor Mary Lamb's scissors.

These two works are not even in the British Museum. The Bodleian Library contains "An Evening Walk," but not "Descriptive Sketches."

The next poems in the "Bibliography," are the famous "Lyrical Ballads, with a few other Poems," Joseph Cottle, Bristol, 1798. Also, London: printed for J. & A. Arch, Gracechurch street, 1798. An edition of 500 copies was issued by Cottle, who, some time after, wrote thus of the book: "The sale was so slow, and the severity of most of the reviews so great, that its progress to oblivion seemed to be certain. I parted with the largest proportion of the 500 at a loss to Mr. Arch, a London Bookseller."

Four of the poems in the volume are by Coleridge: "The Rime of the Ancyent Marinere," "The Foster-Mother's Tale," "The Nightingale," and "The Dungeon." Prof. Dowden, in the Preface to his reprint of the volume, published last year, says: "A volume which opens with 'The Ancient Mariner' and closes with the 'Lines written a few miles above Tintern Abbey' may well be considered one of the most remarkable in the whole range of English poetry."

What Cottle wrote of the book reads strange now, when its contents are regarded as a new gospel of poetry which was then given to the world.

Mrs. St. John's library contains a perfect copy, in crushed levant, and copies of all the subsequent separate editions, which are in two volumes, published in 1800, 1802, and 1805. After that they were included in collected editions. Wordsworth's unfortunate "Preface," in which he throws down the gauntlet to the critics, first appears in the 1800 edition, and is considerably enlarged in the 1802 edition. The germ of it is in the "Advertisement" to the 1798 edition. I call it unfortunate, first, because Wordsworth, in setting forth his theory of the poetic, failed to express adequately what he meant; and, sec-

ondly, he unnecessarily provoked a criticism, from the effect of which his poetry did not recover, for many years. What he really meant must be looked for in his friend Coleridge's "Biographia Literaria."

There is a Philadelphia edition of the Lyrical Ballads, 1802, in two volumes, reprinted "from the London second edition" (1800), of which, however, the first volume only is a second edition; the poems in the second volume were published for the first time in 1800. This Philadelphia edition is extremely scarce. I picked up a nice clean copy, in Baltimore, a few years ago, for which I paid the startling sum of 25 cents! Mrs. St. John obtained a copy, a year or more ago, through the bibliographer, Mr. George P. Philes, for which she had to pay a good round sum. The only other copy I know of in this country, is in the Philadelphia Library. It is very badly worn. This edition is eagerly sought for by London collectors.

The space at my command will not allow me specially to notice further the poems in the "Bibliography," of author's editions, and which, as I have said, are all contained in Mrs. St. John's collection. And she has had the good fortune to obtain nice copies of them all.

Her collection contains also all the subsequent English and American editions, some of which are already quite scarce.

The following additional contents of the collection, deserve notice:

Many finely illustrated volumes; a hundred or more volumes exclusively devoted to, or containing, Wordsworth criticism; several of Wordsworth's letters and autographs; a letter written by his daughter, Dora, to a lady friend, afterwards Mrs. Mary Ann Lloyd, who was living, in 1886, a few miles from Chicago, since deceased; this lady gave the letter to Mr. E. H. Woodruff, when on a visit to her, in 1886, and he gave it to Mrs. St. John; prints and photographs of the various portraits and busts of the poet; relics from places associated with him; an old print of Wordsworth's grave, given to Mrs. St. John in 1883, by the son of a schoolmate and close friend of the poet; a copy of the Satires of Juvenal and Persius, from Wordsworth's library, with a note of twelve lines in his own hand writing, written within two years of his death; "A Greenockian's visit to Wordsworth," being extracts from the journal of Rev. Dr. Park, of St. Andrews; a limited number of copies were issued for private circulation by Prof. Allen Park Paton, of Greenock Library, Scotland; a broadside sheet of Songs and Ballads pub-

lished in Dublin, in 1799, which contains a reprint from Cottle's 1st edition of the Lyrical Ballads (1798), of "Lucy Gray" and "We are Seven;" "The Simpliciad, a Satirico-didactic poem, London, 1808," (being a burlesque of "The Lyrical Ballads, with copious extracts therefrom, written, it is supposed, by Mr. Reynolds, a brother-in-law of Thomas Hood); a copy of a sketch of Wordsworth, 1845, by Miss Jane Pasley, a neighbor of the poet, presented by Prof. Dowden; a Wordsworth Floral Album, the flowers, ferns, and grasses in which were gathered by Mrs. St. John, in the Lake District, in the summer of 1883. They are mounted on the recto page of each sheet, and on the verso page are photographs of the several places where they were plucked. Under the flowers, etc., are written appropriate extracts from the poetry. The Album goes into the by-ways of the Lake District, and follows the poet's life from birth-place to burial-place, and all the scenes described in "The Excursion."

Mr. George P. Philes, in a recent letter to Mrs. St. John, writes: "The collection is already becoming famous among book collectors and lovers. . . . I feel so much interested in your success in making your Wordsworth Library the most complete and valuable in existence, that I am inspired with a sort of anxious curiosity, when I hear of anything pertinent, to know if you possess it."

It is to be hoped that Mrs. St. John will have a complete descriptive catalogue of the collection, prepared and printed, and placed in the principal libraries of the country. She would thus render a service to many scholars, such as is indicated by the following extract from a letter to her from Prof. Rolfe, the Shakespearian editor: "I wish I had known of your remarkably complete Wordsworthian collection, while preparing my book (1889) for the press. You could have settled many questions which I had to leave for the time unsolved."

HIRAM CORSON.

—Mr. O. B. Potter, a wealthy gentleman of New York city, interested in agriculture, was elected in Albany this week to the Presidency of the State Agricultural Society. Mr. Potter becomes *ex-officio* a trustee of the University.

—The next lecture in the course opened by Dr. Schurman, will be given in Barnes Hall at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, Jan. 25, by Professor J. F. Kemp, subject: "A Lay Sermon from a Geologist."

THE JUNIOR BALL.

The Junior Ball of the class '92, which occurs on Friday evening next, promises to be an unusually brilliant affair. The large sale of invitations and programmes would seem to indicate that a greater number of people will be in attendance than in any previous year, and the extensive arrangements that are being made by the committee will surely render the occasion a notable society event.

Kuhn's Orchestra, of Buffalo, has been secured to furnish the dance music, and the promenade music will be supplied by Dickerson and Beman's Orchestra, of Binghamton. The invitations placed on sale last Tuesday, were engraved by Tiffany and Co., and the programmes give evidence of exceptionally good work by Mathews, Northrup & Co., of Buffalo. The decoration of the Armory is to be something entirely new, and will be carried out by The Bool Company; the principal feature of the decoration will be the use of Southern moss, ground pine, etc. The catering will be done by Owens of Utica. Since it has been impossible to partition off a supper room sufficiently commodious, an intermission in the dancing has been provided for during which refreshments are to be served on the main floor. Such a division in the long dance order will certainly be appreciated, and the plan which is often used at balls of this character cannot fail to result satisfactorily. Spectators' tickets for the gallery have been placed on sale, but they are being disposed of so rapidly that the committee consider that possibly it may be necessary to discontinue the sale entirely. The three hundred invitations received this week were sold within the first twenty-four hours. Another hundred, however, will soon be secured by the committee. An additional number of programmes has been ordered, on account of the unusual demand, and it will be possible to procure them the first of next week.

—The H. and P. S. Association was favored on last Wednesday evening by a lecture from Prof. Lucy M. Salmon, of Vassar, who spoke upon "The Historical Side of Domestic Service." The changes in the character of the workers in this field in America was exhaustively sketched from colonial days to the present time. Also the peculiarities of this sort of employment that mark it off from the general class of labor, were discussed and their absurdity demonstrated. Miss Salmon made a most favorable impression upon her audience, who followed the lecture with close attention.

Sage Chapel.

The Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied on Sunday next by the Rev. S. R. Calthrop, Unitarian, of Syracuse, N. Y. Dr. Calthrop is of English birth, and was educated at St. Paul's school, London, and Trinity College, Cambridge. After graduating he came to the United States and settled at Syracuse, where he is now pastor of the May Memorial Church. He has given much attention to scientific studies, and has published a lecture on "Physical Education," and an "Essay on Religion and Science." Recently he delivered a lecture in Brooklyn, in which he proved, by the mathematical theory of probabilities, that Mark is the original of the three synoptic gospels, and that it furnishes the skeleton on which the gospels of Matthew and Luke were constructed.

MONDAY EVENING READINGS.

The reading by Professor Corson last Monday was from Marlowe's Edward II. The Professor pursued the plan of reading the most significant and suitable portions of the play, connecting these parts by an interesting commentary upon the progress of the plot and the author's treatment of the theme. The Professor's voice was in splendid condition, and the rendering of the prison and murder scene was especially powerful.

For next Monday evening the selection is Tennyson's "The Two Voices," with "The Palace of Art," if time permits. This is in pursuance of the plan of making the readings serviceable alternately to the Senior and Junior courses in English literature.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

On Tuesday evening, at the Fortnightly Club, Mr. W. H. Austin, '91, presented the first paper, its subject being "Esoteric Buddhism." He described first the growth and aims of the Theosophical Societies that lead in the Western world in this "cult," and second the essential principles of the doctrine as exhibited by its prominent recent writers.

G. R. Chamberlain, '91, in his paper on "Orthodoxy vs. Agnosticism," prefaced his treatment of the subject by saying that for his purposes agnosticism would be taken to mean merely the opposite of orthodoxy. He then proceeded to contrast the methods and results of the two systems, drawing conclusions unfavorable to orthodoxy. Under the term orthodoxy, he grouped, not the beliefs that are

merely tolerated or are in fact the common possession among orthodox believers, but the doctrine as set forth by creeds, catechisms, and authoritative declarations of its devotees. The lateness of the hour precluded the discussion that it was wished should follow the papers.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA RECEPTION.

At the home of Professor Nichols, on Wednesday evening last, the Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta gave one of the most enjoyable receptions of the season. The first floor of the house was placed at the disposal of the dancers, and the arrangement was such that exceptionally good advantages were offered. The orchestra occupied a position near the main staircase in the centre of the house. At the hour of nine the rooms thronged with the many guests who were favored, soon after their arrival, with a most novel and interesting entertainment that took the form of a Norwegian dance, which was given by Misses Shapleigh, Caldwell and Robbins, and Messrs. Shapleigh, Caldwell and Marx. The ever varying and pleasing figures of the dance, and the bright and attractive Norwegian costumes rendered it a distinctive feature of the evening's pleasure. Early in the evening refreshments were served on the second floor, where a charming retreat was afforded the dancers. The early morning hours were passing by before the dancing discontinued, and the guests took their departure having spent an evening of pure enjoyment.

JUNIOR BALL GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

WILGUS OPERA HOUSE, JAN, 29.

The University Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs give their first concert in the programme for the season of 1890-91 at the Wilgus Opera House the night previous to the Junior Ball.

The clubs have been under capable teachers since the opening of the college year, and now present a programme that for brilliancy and novelty cannot be excelled. At their debut in this city, Cornellians will hear for the first time the Mandolin Club. Heretofore the Banjo and Mandolin Clubs have been united, but the delicate sounds and exquisite harmonies of the mandolin are more pleasing with a guitar accompaniment than with the entire Banjo Club. Aside from the soloists of the clubs, the specialists this year will be Mr. Land, violinist, and Mr. W. G. Smith, cellist.

The sale of seats for the home concert on Jan. 29th, opens on Monday, Jan. 26, at 2 P. M., at Finch's book store.

Cornell Verse.

ONE ON THE SAGE.

"All flesh is weak," the sage has said—
How great was his mistake;
He never tackled, happy man,
Our boarding-house beefsteak.

H.

A COPY OF PETRARCH.

Go, little book, be thou the sign—
Written by so faithful lover,—
How deep and true a love is mine,
And whisper it, each dulcet line
To her whose name engilds th' cover.

Recall the days when she and I
By Ponte Vecchio crossed the tide
That towered Florence resteth by—
The purple hills that round it lie—
The nights of stars: all else beside.

Petrarch, thy lot was better far
Than if thou hadst not loved at all.
The rays of one resplendent life
Illumed thy life, nor Time could mar
The bond which held thee Laura's thrall.

If fate, O poet, like to thine
Thus our faithful loves dis sever,
Steadfast, like thee, her name divine
I'll murmur in each mournful line,
That she may live forever.

R. M. P., '81.

A NEW WAY TO PUT IT.

There she sat, with sweet surprise
Mixed with mischief in her eyes;
While before her he stood calm,
Holding in his outstretched palm
A tiny circlet, made of gold,
Chased with figures quaint and old.
" 'Twas my grandma's ring," he said
'Then quite low, with face grown red,
" This offering now to you I bring,
Plead with *you* to take this ring."
From her face the laughter died
As she turned her face aside,
Slowly took the proffered band,
Slipped it on her bare white hand;
" That is right, for don't you see,
I can now your grandma be."

A. G.

TO MY LADY'S PUG DOG.

Cunning little nasty wretch,
Such a lovely neck—to stretch,
My lady loves you, hence do I,
But inborn tastes will not soon die.
You fat, disgusting little pet
I'd like to wring your neck, and yet
My darling hugs and kisses you;
Well—you are safe; I love you too.
So live on, pug, and when you die
No one will mourn more deep than I;
For are you not my lady's pet?
I love you dearly, dog—and yet—

J. A. H.

AN EXCEPTION.

Logicians say that no phrase means
At once both YES and NO.
But they are not correct, it seems,
As one short phrase will show.

(Where it meant "yes.")

I sat one eve with Maude, a miss
Who's pretty, sweet, and coy;
Said I, "Maude, dare I steal a kiss?"
She said, "You silly boy."

(Where it meant "no.")

And in a little while I said,
"Art angry, dear, at me?"
She smiled, and laughed, and shook her head,
"You silly boy," said she.

B. N.

MY SWEETHEART.

My sweetheart's like the gorgeous rose
That blossoms in Sahara.
My sweetheart's like those sad, sad woes
That bring joy to the bearer.
My loved one's like the mighty eagle
That soaring, sings his lovely song,
My love is like the gay-plumed sea-gull,
Glad'ning our eyes the whole day long.
She's like yon valley, high above,
And like a truly perfect king.
My sweetheart's like the Arctic dove;
For, really, there is no such thing.

B. N.

Cornelliana.

—The revised Alphabetical List will be out next week.

—The Catholic Union will meet to morrow evening in Barnes Hall.

—The second preliminary Junior contest in speaking will occur Feb. 10.

—The crew run has been increased from a mile and a half to two miles.

—Alpha Phi Sorority received its friends last evening in the Sage parlors.

—Remember the reserved seat sale for the Glee Club concert on Monday at 2 p. m.

—The mid-year examination in Political Economy will occur in about two weeks.

—The invitations and programs for the Junior Ball were put on sale Wednesday.

—A small party of students attended a concert at Wells College on Monday evening.

—The C. U. C. A. committees for the term have been posted on the Barnes Hall bulletin board.

—Professor Roberts has been in Albany attending the meeting of the State Agricultural Society.

—Delta Chi, a new legal fraternity, has been started here, with about twenty charter members.

—There will be a meeting of the C. U. C. A. Missionary Band this evening at 7:30, in Barnes Hall.

—Sage and Wells Colleges promise to send large delegations to the Glee Club concert on next Thursday.

—The blanks for the statistics for '93's Cornellian will be sent out next week to all Juniors and Seniors.

—The Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs went to Aurora yesterday, to give there their first concert of the season.

—The students of Cascadilla School have showed themselves very liberal in subscribing for the crews of the University.

—The Methodist Alliance held their first meeting this term on Tuesday evening, and the Baptist Circle last evening.

—President Adams occupied the pulpit last Sunday in the absence of Dr. Ecob, who was detained at home on account of sickness.

—Prof. Laughlin devoted the hour Wednesday, in his section in Political Economy, to a criticism of the bill for the free coinage of silver.

—The class of '93 has decided to adopt the mortar-board as a class hat. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the colors.

—A lantern slide lecture on Mexico was given in the Physical lecture room, under the auspices of the Camera Club, last evening.

—A telegram was received here yesterday from a Syracuse party, to reserve twenty-six seats for the Glee Club concert on Thursday next.

—The C. U. C. A. Committee on Neighborhood Work held a meeting Thursday evening to consider plans for the extension of their work.

—The drawing for boxes at the Junior Ball was held at the Delta Upsilon House on Tuesday evening. Thirteen fraternities participated.

—A baseball manager is to be elected this afternoon at 2:30 at the meeting of the Athletic Association, to be held in Kappa Alpha Lodge.

—The number actually dropped last term has been reduced to twelve. The number included seven Freshmen, four Sophomores and one Junior.

—W. K. Hatt has been elected Chief Engineer, and J. Knighton, Commissary, in preparation for the spring trip of the Juniors and Civil Engineers.

—The Freshman crew fund now averages over six dollars apiece for those who have subscribed. About \$1,000 of the necessary \$1,500 has been subscribed.

—There will be a meeting of the Athletic Association this afternoon at the Kappa Alpha Lodge to elect a baseball manager in place of J. H. Garnsey, '91, resigned.

—Professor Newbury continued his series of lectures accompanied by lantern views last night at Barnes Hall. The views were chiefly of points of interest in Southern Italy.

—At the meeting of the Agricultural Association on Tuesday evening, P. B. Roberts, '87, son of Professor Roberts, gave an interesting talk on the Agriculture of Mississippi.

—The December library *Bulletin*, which is recently out, and is being mailed to all professors and University instructors, contains over 600 additions, made from May to November, 1890.

—Professor Laughlin did not meet his sections yesterday, as he had gone to New York to participate in a discussion of the silver question with ex-Congressman A. J. Warner, of Ohio.

—Horace White, of the *Evening Post*, will lecture before the History and Political Science Association next Wednesday evening, Jan. 28. His subject will be the Lincoln-Douglas campaign.

—A new section has been formed in Elocution which recites Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10 o'clock. This was made necessary by the unusually large number taking that subject this year.

—The Mathematical Club will meet this (Saturday) evening at 8 o'clock in the south dome of Barnes Hall, first floor. It is probable that hereafter the club will meet in two sections, and possibly at some other place.

—C. M. Johanson has been elected captain of next year's football team. As only three of the present team graduate this year, Cornell ought to have a good team next year, under a captain who has had as much experience as Mr. Johanson.

—At the meeting of the Mock Congress last Saturday evening, President Thurston presented the reports of the various cabinet officers. At the session this evening the educational qualification for suffrage will be again taken up, and the reports of cabinet officers will be read.

—The pipe which the class of '78 left to be handed down to succeeding classes, and which disappeared in '85, was recovered this week, and is now deposited in the library. It was found by a newsboy behind some boxes on Aurora street about six years ago, but its identity was not discovered until Tuesday.

—The Sophomore and Freshman classes have united in a petition to the Faculty asking that the privilege of holding their banquets out of town, which was denied them by the recent action of the Faculty, be restored to them. They pledge themselves to abstain from the disturbances that have characterized such events in the past, "as detrimental to the reputation of the University, and unworthy of University students." The Freshmen at the same time instructed their banquet committee to consult the ladies of the class and Mrs. Hooker with a view to having the ladies attend the class banquet.

Personals.

'87. Arthur Leland Cornell, formerly '87, was the first son of a graduate to enter Cornell, and the ERA was in error in stating that '94 was the first class to contain children of

graduates. However, Cornell has yet to graduate the first child of a graduate.

'89. On Saturday last at Marion, Ohio, occurred the marriage of Bryant H. Blood and Miss Gertrude W. Langley, both of the class of '89. Mr. and Mrs. Blood will reside at Warren, Penn.

'90. Mr. Frank MacFarland, member of the Senior Law Class, died at the home of his parents in Buffalo on Tuesday night. Mr. MacFarland went home at the holiday vacation ill with typhoid fever. He had nearly recovered from the fever, when the disease changed to pneumonia with the above result. The announcement of his sudden death was a shock to his many friends in the University.

'91. S. S. Menken, L. S., is with the firm of J. S. Menken & Co., in Memphis, Tenn.

A letter to President Adams from Mr. C. H. Hull, who last year went from Cornell, where he was on the library staff, to Göttingen for study, contains mention of other Cornellians. We quote: "B. W. Snow is in Berlin. He finds the lectures there just what he wants and has made some progress on the investigation for his thesis, though he has been hampered by the inferiority of the Berlin laboratory's equipment compared with what he was used to at Cornell. He has been obliged to build a galvanometer because there was none in the laboratory delicate enough for his purposes. E. E. Hale, Jr., is in Halle and is much pleased with his work. Stancliff, H. C., is in Berlin, working on the relation of England to the first Huguenot war."

Harry G. Folts, L. S., who had to leave the Senior Law Class a year ago on account of pneumonia, has returned to complete his course.

College News.

HARVARD.—Three-fifths of the faculty are on record in favor of the reduction of the course of study to three years. . . Capt. Dean of the baseball nine announces his intention of forming a regular second nine which will afford the Varsity nine material assistance. . . The members of the football eleven have elected B. W. Trafford, '93, captain for next year. . . Through the will of Mrs. E. P. Fogg, of New York, Harvard receives \$220,000 for the erection and maintenance of an art museum.

IN GENERAL.—Pennsylvania has taken hold of the University extension movement, and lectures on Mathematics, English Literature, and American History are announced. . . The question of establishing additional technical courses is also under consideration in the Philadelphia university. . . The total amount realized from the sale of boxes for the Yale

Junior was over \$2000. . . The Princeton football men began light training in the gymnasium last week. . . Johns Hopkins has instituted an elaborate course in American constitutional history in which Dr. H. B. Adams, Dr. James Schouler and Dr. Woodrow will lecture. . . A. F. Clark of the New York league baseball club will train the Williams nine next spring. . . Some Bucknell statistics: Endowment fund, \$350,000; eleven buildings; five departments, and 350 students. . . Thirty-seven men are in training for the Columbia Freshman crew. . . The new library building of Pennsylvania will be formally opened on January 31. . . The seventh edition of *Carmina Princetonia* has just been issued. . . The contract for the new steam launch to be built for the Yale navy calls for a speed of fourteen knots per hour for ninety miles.

Department News.

ARCHITECTURE.—A meeting of all the students in the department of architecture was held Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of electing an editor to the *Crank* board. Mr. J. T. Lewis was chosen; also, Prof. Osborne was elected Associate Editor. It is proposed by the *Crank* to give to the departments of architecture and of Civil Engineering, in each issue for the remainder of this year, a certain amount of space, to be entirely at the disposal of those departments; and it is hoped that this co-operation of the three technical departments of the University may lead in the near future to the publication of a Journal of Technology which will take the highest rank among journals of that kind in this country.

Book Reviews.

ENGLISH PROSE FROM ELIZABETH TO VICTORIA. By Prof. James M. Garnett. Ginn & Co., Boston. \$1.65.

This book was intended primarily to accompany Prof. Minto's Manual of English Prose Literature, but can be used equally well with any good manual. The great difficulty with books of selections that have hitherto appeared, has been that they have given selections from too many authors, necessarily making the selections too short to serve as specimens for the study of prose style. Prof. Garnett's book has obviated this difficulty by confining the selections to thirty-three of the principal writers from John Lyly to Thomas Carlyle. The student thus ceases to study the lives of authors and criticisms of their style merely, but studies the authors themselves. They are enabled by having examples of sufficient length at hand to form an intelligent opinion of their own of the justness of the criticisms in the manuals. The book can not fail to commend itself to teachers of English Literature.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

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La Canne de Junc par Alfred de Vigny, edited by V. J. T. Spiers, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. 40 cents. Insecta, by Alpheus Hyatt and J. M. Arms, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. \$1.00.

Among Our Exchanges.

RONDEAU.

A little dear, whose loving sway
Held me a captive many a day;
A willing slave to Love's device
I lived awhile 'neath sunny skies,
I thought my Love would live for aye,
And all the veils which Love supplies
The Blind Boy hung before my eyes.
I thought she was, though mortal clay,
A little dear.

I married then this little fay,
And oh! the bills I've had to pay.
My salary now comes and flies,
I pay the bills with tearful sighs.
I know she is in every way
A little dear.

—*Williams Weekly.*

POINTS OF VIEW.

THE IDEALIST.

O woman fair, what is more rare
Than a modest maiden's beauty
For a poet's theme or a hero's dream,
To urge him on to duty?

THE SPENDTHRIFT.

The maiden's heart and Cupid's dart
Are all gone out of fashion,
For the fellow's gold and her cash so cold
Are the substitutes for passion.

—*Yale Record.*

Amusements.

One of the largest audiences of the season greeted the Mora company Thursday evening at the Wilgus. "The Child's Oath," the production of an Ithaca lady, was the bill presented. Friday evening "Dad's Girl" was given; at the matinee to-day at 2:30 "Cherry Brown," and the company will close a most successful engagement in the evening with "Once Upon a Time."

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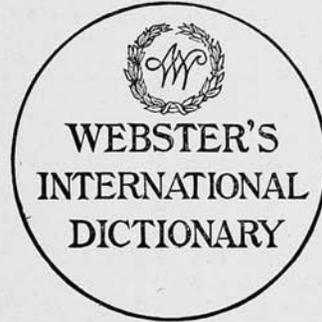
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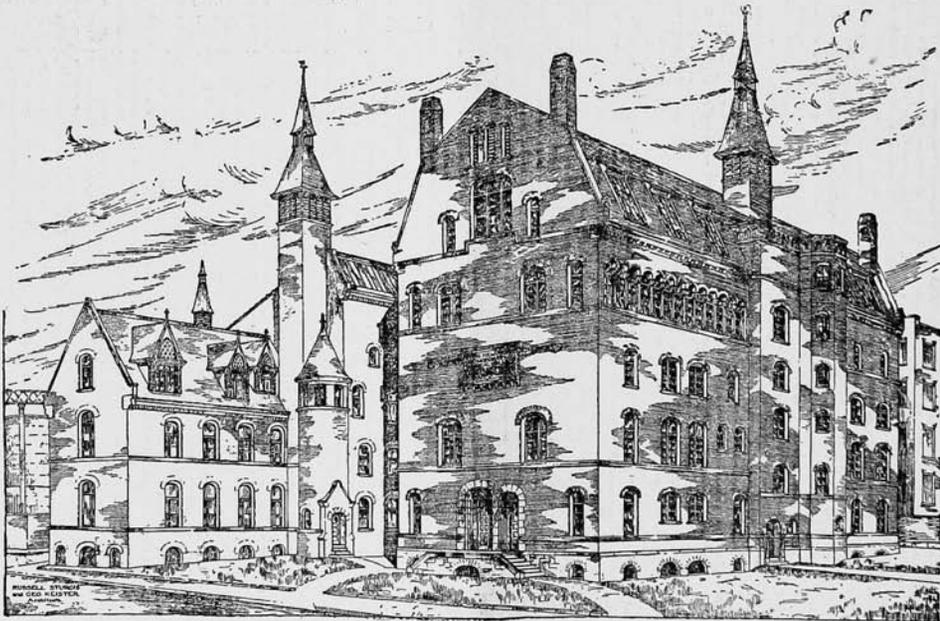
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Editorial.

MUCH speculation is heard at more or less regular intervals, about the reason for the disappearance of the debating society from the ranks of college student organizations. Its decadence must be taken as proof that its days of usefulness in its old form have gone by, and yet great regret is felt that its really commendable features have not survived into the college life of to-day. An article by Professor Collin in a recent number of the *Magazine*, taken in conjunction with a series of interviews published this week in the *Sun*, offers very pertinent suggestions upon this point. The limits of an editorial note do not permit an extended review of the articles in question. Suffice it to say that President Adams, Judge Boardman, and Professors Thurston, Wheeler, Tyler, and Laughlin, unite with Professor Collin in commending the Cornell Congress as "an ideal debating society," not necessarily as perfected in its details, but as embodying in its plan the ideas and principles of a truly useful organization. Their observations as to the value and result of conscientious work upon the part of its members are particularly worthy

of consideration, not only by the considerable number who now share in its advantages, but as well by the larger numbers who have not availed themselves of its opportunities.

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THE social life at the University is mirrored each year in the ball given by the Junior class and in the accompanying festivities. At every successive Junior, not only various innovations are introduced that lend increased pleasure to the affair, but the attendance and general interest manifested in the advent of Junior week, all unite in indicating a constantly growing social tendency among the students. The art of the decorator transforms the Armory into a charming ball-room, and the ingenuity of the committee favors those in attendance with every possible opportunity for enjoyment. However, it will apparently ever be the duty of junior ball committees to carefully consider how much space will remain at the disposal of the dancers after the orchestras have been assigned positions, and the boxes constructed, should this practice be continued. A committee that has placed upon it the responsibility of arranging for a ball, and being accountable for its success both financially and otherwise, should always receive the hearty coöperation of the students in the undertaking. The support given to the present Junior has been very commendable, and an account in another column will prove whether or not the class of '92 was successful in making the ball a brilliant social event in the college year.

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THE recent action of the Faculty in refusing to allow underclass banquets to be held out of town, and the petition submitted from both classes asking that the former privilege be restored to them, calls attention once more to the custom of having class banquets and to the results attending them. There is

nothing more conducive to healthy class spirit and good fellowship than a class banquet properly conducted. However, the annual announcement of an affair of this kind is generally a signal for unnecessary excitement, if for no other reason than to make it a financial success. It does not seem at all essential that a banquet should occasion the usual unfortunate consequences if those participating would use a little thought and discretion, and if, also, the expenses were placed within an appropriate limit. The reputation of the University and of the class rests upon individual action, and were this fact realized by every student a great amount of trouble would be averted. When members of the lower classes are gathered together the spirit of class rivalry is sure to assert itself and if slightly aggravated many things are often done that are afterwards regretted, and which never would have occurred provided a word of caution had been given. Whatever the result may be in the present case, the banquets should be managed in a manner that will avoid any repetition of past experiences and save all concerned from unpleasant complications.

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IN the past year the remodeling of the courses of instruction in several leading colleges in the country has revived the discussion respecting proper methods of education. Advocates of the old theory of education held strictly to the idea that the study of Latin, Greek, and mathematics supplied the necessary training by which the conscientious student acquires the most complete and symmetrical mental development. On the other hand were those claiming that the period of education was employed to no advantage unless spent in acquiring knowledge that could be used in the practical work of life. As time advanced the sciences began to demand recognition as a part of a liberal education, and in American institutions the French and German classics are fast occupying a position formerly usurped by the ancient classics. But ever the conflict continues between the exigencies of life and the claims of learning. This is noticed in the pro-

posed shortening of college courses to three years, and other changes that will allow the student to enter earlier the professional pursuits of life. As the field of work in a college curriculum constantly widens, and the time in which it could be done becomes correspondingly less, it is quite possible that there may be a lack of thoroughness and completeness in the average college work. It is only the concentrated attention and the patience required by severe studies that can produce able and scholarly men. Something, at least, ought to be thoroughly mastered for the proper discipline of the mind if nothing more. The results of such methods of work are seen in every case of a successful professional man. The importance of the discipline is liable to be underestimated by students when haste so largely enters into the consideration of a college education.

THE CASCADILLA SCHOOL.

On the south side of Cascadilla ravine, overlooking the city and campus, stands a new brick building, the home of the Cascadilla School.

While the school building is new, the school itself was established in 1876, by Professor Wait, as a special preparatory school for the university. Professor Wait's wonderful energy, combined with his wide reputation as a teacher in mathematics, brought him large numbers of students preparing for the university, and those university students needing supplementary instruction. The reputation of the school as a means of preparation for the scholarship examinations formerly brought many thither during the summer vacation. Assistants were added from time to time, and the work so grew on Professor Wait's hands that the accommodations at Cascadilla Place, and other facilities, were found insufficient to meet the constantly increasing demands.

In order that suitable accommodations might be afforded, the new building was erected during the past year and the school itself has been thoroughly reorganized.

The building consists of three stories, so arranged and equipped as to make it a model of its kind. On the first floor is the library and office of the director and principal, a large study room and closets. On the second floor are three large class rooms, so arranged as to receive an abundance of light from one side

only, with slate black boards, folding seats, and all the latest approved modern appliances. The entire third floor is reserved for the gymnasium and bath rooms. The gymnasium will be provided with apparatus selected for the school by Dr. Hitchcock, Professor of Physical Culture in the University. In the spacious halls are recesses for reading desks, which will be supplied with the best current magazines and newspapers.

The building is finished throughout in oak, fitted for both electric lighting and gas, has electric bells, speaking tubes, the hot air method of ventilation, heated by steam—in short, it is, according to the most modern ideas, a model school building.

Connected with the school are the athletic grounds of eleven acres on the north side of Fall Creek directly opposite the McGraw-Fiske mansion, and about twenty acres at the mouth of Fall Creek, with a frontage of twelve hundred feet on the lake, which will afford opportunities for bathing, boating and skating.

It is not distinctively a boarding school, yet principal and teachers take personal interest in and care for the boys' conduct and life, in school and out. Although it was distinctly announced that no home accommodations could be offered by the school until the fall of 1891, yet at the opening of the present year it was found imperative to start a boarding department for a limited number of boys. The home selected is on Spring street where Mr. Kinney's school was formerly located. This constitutes a sort of school fraternity or home, one of the teachers having personal supervision. It is now proposed to build near the school house, to be ready for occupancy next year, two large houses which may accommodate teachers and about thirty boys.

With the greatly increased material equipments has come a complete reorganization of the school. Heretofore there has been no regular plan of work; now the school offers three definite courses of study—Arts, Philosophy and Science—the studies in each course being arranged in five grades. Besides the usual studies embraced in a preparatory school's curriculum, there is such advanced work given as to allow a student to enter sophomore in some of the university courses. In all the courses especial attention is given to the teaching of English, that the pupil may learn to read and speak the language understandingly, express himself clearly and correctly, and become familiar with certain master-pieces of English literature.

The principal is James E. Russell, A. B.,

Cornell, '87, who since graduation has been engaged in similar work in Eastern preparatory schools. It is a fact worthy of note that Mr. Russell was the first student to take honors in philosophy under Dr. Schurman. Professor Wait is general director of the school, and still personally directs the work in mathematics. The students thus receive the benefits of his university experience. The active management of the school, however, falls on Mr. Russell.

The corps of instructors, thirteen in all, are each specialists in their respective subjects, and many of them are names familiar to Cornell students. The more advanced students are enabled, in certain subjects, to have the same instruction and the same instructor as they would have in the university. The work in the university is thus anticipated, and the student is prepared, not only to pass the university entrance examinations, but to continue his work after having entered.

Being the only school especially preparing students for Cornell, the "Cascadilla" is intended to be primarily a thorough, excellent preparatory school. To this end, only the very best class of students are sought or admitted. Reliable recommendations are required for everyone. Application blanks are sent to the applicant's parent or guardian, who is required to answer questions, such as the following: Did the applicant leave the school last attended in good standing? For what college or university do you wish him prepared? Does he use tobacco in any form? Does he have your consent to visit places where liquor is sold as a beverage? Does he have your consent to visit public billiard halls or saloons? Those who know the officers of the school know that an affirmative answer to the last two questions, is a bar to the applicant's admission.

After these boys have been admitted who are supposed to be gentlemen, they are treated as such. Correspondence between principal and parents is freely carried on, so that each may know the boy's tendencies and needs, and thus responsibility is mutually shared. Monthly special reports are sent to parents, and detailed reports at the end of each term. The boys are required to do the best they can. All the assistance is given, in and out of school, that is good for them. The boys rooming outside are located in approved places, and are frequently visited by the teachers. The work is made as attractive as possible, and the several prizes, scholarships etc., offered, are all means to this end.

It is not intended that the number of boys at the Cascadilla School shall ever become as large as at Exeter or Andover. The intention is to build up a thoroughly fine home school for one hundred boys. A greater number than this would not, according to the method of the school officers, be conducive to the best results. The instruction aimed at is *individual*. Classes are purposely kept small so that attention may be given to each boy individually, rather than to the class as a whole.

"Our ambition," said Mr. Russell to the *Era* representative, "is to make the school first, a safe place to which any gentlemanly boy may be sent; and second, to furnish a training which shall fit him to take high rank at Cornell or any other leading American college. Boys who wish to prepare for Harvard or Yale usually go to the better known schools of New England. It would seem, however, from the present demand that there is a place here in Ithaca for a high grade preparatory school that shall be the equal of any in the country."

The reputation that the school has already acquired is due to Professor Wait, and it cannot fail to be maintained under the active management of Mr. Russell, who is so well prepared to conduct the work. With its new building; its efficient corps of instructors,—keeping the school in touch with the university methods and life; with its admirable organization and methods, and with constantly increasing attendance, Cascadilla School is destined to fill an important place among the educational institutions of Ithaca.

MONDAY EVENING READINGS.

Professor Corson had been announced to read Tennyson's "Two Voices" last Monday evening, but the unfavorable condition of his voice induced him to read from Ruskin and De Quincey instead. From the former he selected a chapter in "Modern Painters" and from the latter he read portions of the essay on knocking at the gate in "Macbeth." At the close of the meeting, the Professor announced that he will not read next Monday evening, but will as usual on Monday of the following week. The interest in this series of literary entertainments continues unabated, and promises to remain so.

—President Adams has an article in the February *Forum* on "The Next Step in Education."

H. & P. S. ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the H. & P. S. Association was held in the main lecture room of Barnes Hall last Wednesday. The president of the Association introduced Mr. Horace White, editor of the New York *Evening Post*, who spoke on the Lincoln-Douglas Campaign of 1858. Mr. White was eminently fitted to speak on this subject, having been a reporter at the time in company with Lincoln.

Mr. White said that Lincoln was the best stump speaker that he had ever heard, and that his power with the people lay in his intense earnestness. The first time Mr. White ever saw Douglas was in Chicago, at the beginning of the campaign. Douglas spoke here on popular sovereignty and impressed one as having no moral principle. It was his custom to always deliver practically the same speech, thus differing from Lincoln, who never repeated himself.

The first joint debate was held at Ottawa, Ill., on August 21st, and here, as at all other places, the crowd was very large. It was at this meeting that Douglas asked Lincoln the famous seven questions. Lincoln answered them at Freeport and asked Douglas four at the same place. These questions were formed in a conference at Dixon. Of the latter number the second question was: "Can the people of a United States Territory, in any lawful way, against the wish of any citizen of the United States, exclude slavery from its limits, prior to the formation of the State Constitution?" Douglas answered "yes," and his chances for the presidency were ruined, since the reply instantly aroused the anger of the South. At Paris, in Egypt, Lovejoy was one of the speakers; the people seemed to stand in awe of him, and it was his eloquence that carried Edgar county for the Republicans.

At Edwardsville Lincoln made another stirring speech, in which he explained the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. The fourth debate was held at Charlestown. The campaign ended with the election of Douglas, but the Republicans had made large gains.

—There seems to be a general desire among students in the economic courses for a joint discussion of the silver question, similar to the one on the tariff last year. Anti-free coinage has a firm and able advocate in Professor Laughlin, and if some believer in free coinage could be secured, there is no doubt that such a discussion would be appreciated.

FIRST CHAMBER CONCERT.

The hearty thanks of all music lovers are due to the committee in charge of the concerts for the excellent musical treat offered them last Tuesday evening at Barnes Hall. A gratifyingly large and representative audience from Faculty, undergraduates and town assembled to hear the first concert of the series. The performers were Mrs. Walter C. Wyman, soprano, and Mr. Franz Wilczek, violin. The accompanist was Instructor Bronson.

Mrs. Wyman has a sweet soprano voice of moderate range, which was heard to best advantage in its lower keys. Her singing was marked by much fervor and grace and after her rendition of Massenet's *Bonne Nuit*, her audience was particularly enthusiastic. The violin playing of Mr. Wilczek was marked by much power, tact and purity. The accompanist, Mr. Bronson, was all that could be desired, considering the immense strain put upon him by reason of his accompaniment of both artists. In the Spanish Dances of Sarasate, the accompaniment dragged the least bit, which somewhat marred an otherwise exquisite number. The applause and encores were frequent. Altogether, the entertainment was one of which the committee can be justly proud, and it is the general hope that the concert of Tuesday night will prove to be the inauguration of a new musical era for Cornell.

It is to be hoped also that the committee will endeavor to arrange for an earlier date for the third concert, which as it is would deprive many subscribers of the pleasure of listening to what will probably be the best of the series.

PROFESSOR KEMP'S LECTURE.

The audience gathered in Barnes Hall last Sunday evening to listen to a "Lay Sermon from a Geologist," was favored with a very interesting and instructive address by Professor Kemp. The remarks of the Professor were especially noteworthy for the attitude assumed by a devoted student of natural science toward the effects of liberal training on the mind and character of students, and above all in its religious aspects. His principal position was, that in the devotion to the study of natural science, when the constant aim of the scholar must be to free himself, as far as possible, from the "personal equation," there is very little opportunity for the development of one's own inner nature. The truly educated man will need, and must have a place for the exercise of his emotional and spiritual faculties, and it is Christian fellowship that helps to keep alive

and to increase this side of a man's nature. This element should be cultivated in college, since during this period of life a man can best prepare himself to meet the sense of loneliness which often comes upon the young graduate when first plunged into the cares of business life. He who is incapable of a feeling of communion with God is not a perfectly educated man, even if he be master of many sciences.

The value of these Sunday evening lectures cannot be overestimated, and every one should improve the opportunities thus given to learn the attitude taken toward religious subjects by men whose minds are trained in such varied lines of thought.

ALPHA DELTA PHI MUSICALE.

About one hundred and twenty-five guests of the A. Δ. Φ. Fraternity were present at a musicale given at their chapter house on last Wednesday evening. The house was profusely decorated with hot-house flowers, smilax and tropical plants, and all traces of the recent fire had been removed. The programs, which were made up in the fraternity colors of green and white, contained eight numbers, both instrumental and vocal, delivered by the undergraduate members of the chapter. The orchestra, consisting of seven pieces, and the Mandolin Club, of six pieces, rendered some difficult selections in a very creditable manner. The solos also were good, and were well received. As soon as the last number was concluded, supper was served in all the upper rooms, while Dousek's Orchestra furnished music for dancing, which continued until a little after two o'clock, when the last of the guests departed.

Sage Chapel.

Rev William Hayes Ward, D. D. LL. D., Congregationalist, will occupy Sage Chapel pulpit to-morrow. Dr. Ward is a graduate of Amherst College and Andover Theological Seminary. From 1859 until 1884 his time was employed in literary pursuits, when he went to Babylonia, in charge of the Wolfe Expedition, to explore the ruins south of Bagdad. He has been the author of several articles on oriental Archaeology, and on his return from the east published a report of the expedition in pamphlet form.

—About \$1200 was cleared from the Armory Fair last term.

THE JUNIOR BALL.

The great society event of the University year—the Junior Ball—occurred last night (and this morning) at the Armory.

To say that last night's ball surpassed all former ones is trite, yet natural, while its enchantments still have possession of our minds. Yet certain it is, that '92's Junior Ball has been surpassed by none; and certain it is, also, that in point of numbers in attendance, and in uniqueness and elegance of decorations, it excelled all previous balls at Cornell.

As one entered the main door, the effect on the senses was at once bewildering and pleasing.

Directly in front of the main entrance was a large platform, carpeted with deep red, on which were the two orchestras,—Dickinson and Beman's orchestra, of Binghamton, furnishing the promenade music, and Kuhn's orchestra, of Buffalo, the dance music. To the left of the main entrance was the ladies' dressing room, consisting of Lieutenant Tutherly's office, with an addition in the northwest corner.

In the east end, beginning with the annex and north doors on either side, extended in a semi-ellipse form the thirteen boxes occupied by fraternities. The boxes, richly furnished, with their varied-colored portières and tasteful draperies, their rich festoons of class colors hung above and continuous with all the boxes, added much to the beauty of the scene.

A distinctively new feature was the introduction in the decorations of southern moss, which was secured for the occasion by L. B. Keiffer, '92, one of the members of the ball committee, from his father's gardens in New Orleans. From the cross-bars overhead it hung in profusion, hiding the ceiling and gently swaying above the heads of the dancers. Its sombre grayish color, somewhat heightened by the electric light, in contrast with the gayer colors of banners—trophies of Cornell's victories—and bunting, also adorning the cross-bars, produced a very pleasing effect.

Two massive evergreen festoons of ground pine were suspended across the east and west ends, respectively. Evergreen arches extended from cross-bars to posts, and evergreen festoons hung above the windows. The effect of these festoons and arches together with the southern moss directly over head, was to make, as it were, another and lower ceiling, and thus the Armory floor appeared larger than ordinary.

Over the north and the two large east windows, were hung numerous flags with their

Cornell colors. The long windows were hung with wine colored portiers, and the smaller ones with lace curtains. Over the entrance to the Armory and above the boxes at the east end was seen "92," in large white letters, in a setting of palmettos.

The programs, by Mathews, Northrup & Co., of Buffalo, were designed especially for this ball. The cover of the gentlemen's was a dark brown leather. On the front was a copper plate, with "C. U., '92," in a monogram embedded within it. The ladies' program was of white morocco, and slightly larger than the gentlemen's, with the same copper plate and monogram.

Supper was served by Owens, of Utica, in his usually satisfactory manner. No place was reserved on the floor for the caterer, as at last year's ball, and that space was thus saved for the dancers. After the tenth dance, there was an hour's intermission during which tables were arranged and refreshments served in good time and order.

After the caterer's task was finished, the dancing continued with renewed vigor and earnestness. Despite the rather crowded floor and the lengthy program, including four extras, nearly all the dancers remained until the order was complete.

The scene was indeed a gay one. The electric lights at either end of the Armory being shaded by red bunting, caused a pleasing light to be shed over all, and behind the light over the entrance could be seen a solid bank of heads, until long into the morning.

Whatever may be said of the booth principle, it must be acceded that nothing can render the ball more delightful, or aid to a greater extent the artistic arrangement. The hangings used in front of the boxes were heavier than usual, and were draped in such a manner that the interior of the boxes could not be seen from the floor as much as on previous occasions. This caused a darker background to be formed for the lights in the center of the Armory, as viewed from the entrance.

At the hour of eleven there were in all about four hundred and fifty people on the floor, and at least forty couple more than at any of the former Junior balls. Until the attempt was made it appeared impossible to pursue any course amid the whirl of the dancers.

It was nearly half past four when the music for the last dance ceased, and the entrance began to crowd with those departing. The uninteresting delay resulting from such a sudden exodus was made as cheerful as possible by the orchestra, which continued to play at short in-

tervals. To the very end the music had been most gratifying, and both the promenade and dance orchestras acquitted themselves in a very commendable manner.

The floor had been crashed in a way that showed careful work, and only on a very few occasions did it prove necessary to repair a torn place, and this was promptly done, thus avoiding any unfortunate occurrences.

That it was a success in every way, no one present questions for a moment. The gorgeous hangings, the general tropical effect produced by the moss and ground pine, the continuous and superb music of the two alternating orchestras, the varied and elegant costumes, and the electric glow over all and enthusing all, combined to bring pleasure to the hearts of the most aesthetic and to render it in all respects the finest ball in the University's history.

To the Ball Committee, F. P. Ide, chairman, L. L. Warner, *ex officio*, L. B. Keiffer, L. E. Ware, F. J. Platt, J. A. Hamilton, W. D. Young, W. C. Langdon, Jr., W. B. Brooks, Jr., and H. W. Hull, much praise is due for their untiring efforts and painstaking. Capt. Tutherly was floor manager, the duties of which position he performed most satisfactorily.

The patronesses, who had a box reserved by the north door were: Mrs. C. K. Adams, Mrs. W. H. Sage, Mrs. R. H. Thurston, Mrs. E. K. Hooker, Mrs. E. Hitchcock, Jr., Mrs. J. G. Schurman, Mrs. H. B. Hutchins, Mrs. J. H. Comstock.

Beginning at the Annex door, the occupants of the boxes, in order, were as follows:

Phi Gamma Delta.—Mrs. Hooker, Sage College; Mrs. Adsitt, Mrs. Holbrook, Ithaca; Misses Cosad, Capron, Adsitt, Flint, Sechrist, Sage College; Misses Connor and Burt, Sage College; Messrs Jackson, Ware, Elliott, Howe, Hazelton, Pond, Shurter.

Sigma Phi.—Mrs. Sanderson, Scranton, Pa.; Mr. C. S. Hoyt, Canandaigua, N. Y.; Prof. and Mrs. Geo. P. Bristol, Ithaca; Mrs. Brainard G. Smith, Campus; Col. Geo. Sanderson, Scranton, Pa.; Miss Goodwin, Utica; Miss Burrell, Waterloo; Miss White, Ithaca; Miss Blair, Scranton; Miss Gillette, Canandaigua; Misses Parnele, Bacon, Smith, Canandaigua; Miss Hubbell, Ithaca; Miss Law, Campus; W. G. Lapham, Syracuse; Horace Webster, Geneva; Messrs. H. N. Ogden, Phillip Ogden, Sanderson, Messer, Goddard, Preston, Park and Hoyt.

Phi Kappa Psi.—Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Stone, Syracuse; Misses Stone, Hopkins, Wells and Lewis, Syracuse; Misses Wolfe and Norton, Scranton, Pa.; Misses Kerr and Simpson, Sage; Misses Johnson and Comings, Ithaca; Messrs. E. B. Bissell, F. C. Bentley, Tone, Hull, Sperry, Clementson, Wolfe, Springer, Mendenhall, Horton, McGonnigal, Hulburt, Thomas,

Alpha Delta Phi.—Mrs. Henry Russell, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Henry Williams, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Misses Hotchkiss, Hoag, Patton, Albany, N. Y.; Miss Underhill, Bath, N. Y.; Miss Ranlet, Holyoke, Mass.; Miss Jones, Binghamton; Miss White, Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Bradstreet, Rochester; Misses Heyl and Hinman, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Messrs. Bailey, Easton, Gifford, Hall, Lozier, C. Russell, Stagg, Ely, Hamilton, Wright, Southworth, H. Russell, Witherbee, White, Young, Colt, Mr. Kerm Gill, Cleveland, Ohio; Henry Russell, 2nd, Albany, N. Y.

Theta Delta Chi.—Misses Stuart and Williams, Newark, N. Y.; Miss Handy, Canton, Miss.; Miss Barker, Chicago; Misses Schonton and Briggs, Sage; Mrs. Professor A. W. Smith, Campus; Mrs. Barker, Messrs Werner, Connard, Perkins, Barker, Cleaver, Stuart, Roberts.

Alpha Tau Omega.—Mrs. Mayor, Miss Mayor, Mrs. Thompson and Miss Thompson, Owego; Mrs. Card, Miss Card, Brooklyn; Misses Titus and Belknap, Fort Plain; Mrs. Platt, Misses Robertson, Bliven, Stanford, McLaughry, Hanford, Tarbell, Ithaca; Messrs Titus, J. del C. Muñoz, Rubert, Dole, Young, MacNider, Harvey, Atwood, Truman, Barr, Nicholls, Rogers; Dr. Mayor, Owego.

Delta Kappa Epsilon.—Mrs. McCormick, Misses McCormick, Roberts, McCleery, Milton, Pa.; Miss Peltz, Philadelphia; Misses Fitzgerald, and Hubbard, Cortland, N. Y.; Miss Brown, Cleveland, Ohio; Misses Norton, and Swartout, Sage College.

Kappa Alpha.—Miss Pardee, Germantown, Pa.; Miss Belin, Scranton, Pa.; Miss Hayden, Syracuse; Miss Stone, Trumansburg; Miss Archibald, Scranton; Miss Du Pont, Philadelphia; Miss Sage, Ithaca; Miss Jenney, Syracuse; Miss Fuertes, Campus; Miss Bostwick, Ithaca; Miss Cook, Paterson, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. C. Platt, Waterford, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Platt, Scranton, Pa., Messrs. Sanger, Orsborne, Land, Bostwick, Platt,

Katte, Freshman, White, Hagerman, Lyford, VanCleaf, Carolan, Wharton, Hazard, Anthony, Cushing, Gibbs, Hiscock.

Psi Upsilon.—Miss Smith, Detroit, Mich.; Miss Hume, Poughkeepsie; Miss Wyckam, New York; Miss M. E. Cochran, Sage; Mrs. Woodruff, Auburn; Mrs. C. K. Adams, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Hewett, Miss Locke, Miss Thurston, Campus; Messrs. Knapp, Piffard, Brooks, Greene, Woodruff, Register, Taylor.

Delta Upsilon.—Professor and Mrs. Nichols, Professor and Mrs. Comstock, Campus; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Russell, Miss Wilder, Miss Hill, Ithaca; Miss Agan, Syracuse; Miss Gaylord, New Haven, Conn.; Miss Miller, Brooklyn; Miss Marx, Rochester; Miss Greaves, Dayton, Ohio; Miss Grafft, Miss Vedder, Miss Sheldon, Sage College; Messrs. Barton, Fowler, Emerick, Ide, Taylor, Marx, Warner, Breckenridge and Beckett.

Phi Delta Theta.—Ex-Senator and Mrs. Sawyer, Washington, D. C.; Professor and Mrs. Bailey, Miss Smith, Campus; Mrs. Emmet Smith, Miss Mabel Smith, New York; Miss Charlotte Jones, Philadelphia; Miss Beale, Lausing, Mich.; Miss Scofield and Mrs. Johnston, Penn Yan, N. Y.; Mrs. Dinsmore, Misses Creen and Mellor of Auburn, N. Y.; Mrs. Warren, Misses Ross and Pelton of Albany, N. Y.; Messrs. Osterly, Gardinier, Foltz, Hurd, Smith, Holbrook, Jones, Sawyer, Gilbert, Smith, Strait, Freeman, Hapgood, Hickey.

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Others present were: Instructors Willis and Noyes, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Hedden, Miss Thurston, Miss Hedden, Charlton, N. Y.; Mr. Ralph Sheldon, Lyons; Mr. W. V. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Kirkendall, Mr. H. W. Sage, Mr. Wm. H. Sage, Professor Dann, Ithaca.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

The first home concert of the Glee, Banjo, Guitar and Mandolin Clubs took place Thursday night in the Opera House before an immense and enthusiastic audience. It is safe to say that never before in the history of Cornell clubs has there been such a success achieved and deserved as that attending the initial performance of this year's clubs. The event was a complete artistic, social and financial success and was the result of hard, earnest effort by the clubs and management.

The programme was one that gave each of the three clubs an opportunity of distinguishing itself, the Mandolin Club especially making a very decided hit. The Glee Club and its soloists rendered their numbers in a smooth and spirited manner, but fault could be found with their somewhat awkward manner of entrance and exit on the stage. The Banjo and Guitar Clubs deserve credit for their careful, smooth playing. Encores and recalls were frequent for each of the clubs, and after the Romeo and Juliet duet by Gill, '91, and Lozier, '91, the applause was especially loud. Altogether the concert was one of which the management and clubs can be very proud and the great success scored augurs well for the fortunes of their Western trip. Below is the programme:

PART I.

- 1 "Let Her Go" Galop, Huntley
Banjo Club.
- 2 Courtship, Thayer
- 3 Owl and Pussy Cat, DeKoven
- 4 When all the World is Young, Pflueger
- 5 Loin de Bal, Gillet
Mandolin Club.
- 6 Serenade, Tourtellot
Mr. Parkhurst and Club.
- 7 Davy Jones, Molloy
- 8 "The Colored Regiment," Patrol Humoresque,
Grover
Banjo Club.

PART II.

- 1 In Old Madrid, H. Trotere
Mandolin Club.
- 2 Beauty's Eyes, (Tosti) Arr. by H. E. Dann
Mr Bissell and Club.
- 3 Estudiantina, Lacombe
- 4 You Grow more like your Dad, Walker
Mr. Bailey and Club.
- 5 Pride of the South, Lansing
Banjo Club.
- 6 Japanese Serenade, Kan Tsing, of the 4th Dynasty
- 7 Alma Mater, Carm. Cor.

The only possible comment which could be made would be regarding the nature of the

song selections. The pronounced hit of the Romeo and Juliet duo tends to show what a Glee Club audience expects and appreciates, and it is to be regretted that so many sentimental songs found their way into the programme.

Cornelliana.

—A new swinging net has been placed in the gymnasium.

—Professor Collin has been in Albany during the past week.

—Galbreath and Griffith are now training for the 'Varsity crew.

—A new water tank has been put in Lincoln Hall at the south entrance.

—There are now 125 students in the Bible study classes at Barnes Hall.

—Rev. A. H. Grant will preach in the Unitarian church to-morrow morning.

—Lectures instead of practicums were given this week in the course in Physiology.

—The festivities of the past week have been unrivalled both in number and excellence.

—The regular monthly business meeting of the C. U. C. A. was held last Monday night.

—The wet weather has made the walks in front of the new library building almost impassable.

—Remember the "Mikado" next Thursday and Friday evening at the Opera House by the Choral Club.

—Hereafter Professor Corson's seminary in English Literature will meet on Thursday evening at his house.

—Professor Burdick lectured Tuesday and Thursday before the Agricultural students on roads, bridges, etc.

—The class in Logic completed that subject this week and next week will take up the subject of Psychology.

—Instructor Creighton has been granted a leave of absence for next term and will spend the time in studying in Europe.

—The Choral Club which gives the "Mikado" is the same organization that gave the "Pirates" so successfully last year.

—An orchestra of ten pieces, costumes from New York, and a chorus of thirty voices will make the "Mikado" a great success.

—R. C. McCormick, L. S. '92, has been elected baseball manager. A batting cage will be secured and practice begun at once.

—The Freshman banquet will be held Friday evening, Feb. 20. The Faculty have declined the request to hold it in the Armory.

—The new grand Steinway piano has arrived and has been placed in Barnes Hall. Nothing but words of praise are heard for it.

—There was no recitation in Political Economy yesterday, as Professor Laughlin had gone to Brown University to deliver a lecture.

—Professor A. B. Hart, of Cambridge, will lecture next Tuesday evening before the History and Political Science Association, on the Civil War.

—The Freshman banquet officers are: C. S. Hoyt, Jr., Toastmaster; A. F. Weber, Prophet; S. S. Slater, Orator; A. H. Berry, Poet; W. L. Colt, Historian.

—The Mock Congress meets as usual this evening. It is expected that a vote will be reached on the question of an educational qualification for suffrage.

—Prof. G. L. Burr will deliver the third in the Sunday evening series of lectures, to-morrow evening, in Barnes Hall, at 7.30. His subject is "The Living Gospel."

—W. M. Munson, assistant in the Agricultural Experiment Station, has been elected to the Professorship of Horticulture in the Maine State Agricultural College.

—Professor Laughlin occupied a part of the hour last Tuesday in giving a summary of the arguments of both sides of the silver question, as advanced in the debate between himself and Gen. Warner recently.

—Mr. Walter F. Willcox has been chosen Instructor in Psychology during Mr. Creighton's absence. Mr. Willcox is a graduate of Amherst, has studied at Yale and took his degree of P.h.D. at Columbia. Last year he studied in Berlin.

—Next Wednesday evening, Feb. 4th, occurs the lecture of Henry M. Stanley, at Geneva. President Adams will preside and introduce the speaker, and it is hoped that a large number will improve the opportunity to see and hear the noted explorer.

—On the evening of February 4th, Mr. L. V. Flagler of Auburn will give a recital of selections from Beethoven in Sage Chapel. A soloist will accompany him and render some of Beethoven's songs. If this recital is a success, others will be given from Mozart and Mendelssohn.

—At the senior class meeting, yesterday, the report of the photograph committee was

read, which favored Mr. E. D. Evans as class photographer. The class decided to have an album of photo-gravures of the class. After considerable discussion on the relative merits of Mr. Evans and Mr. Howes, the report of the committee was laid on the table.

—On Thursday morning, Jan 22d, a number of the young women of the Christian Association, gave a Harlequin party in the Women's Reading Rooms in Barnes Hall. Eighteen of the young men of the Association were invited and Mrs. Hooker received. Cards containing topics for conversation were furnished the guests, and these topics engaged after the fashion of dances. The last topic for discussion was Coffee, made by the hostesses themselves and dispensed from a prettily arranged coffee table. The design of these parties is to supplement the work of the larger receptions by offering better opportunities for social intercourse among the members. This will be effected by having the parties small, and by providing some special form of entertainment. It is hoped that they will be continued until all the members of the Association have been included

Personals.

'86. Boyd Ehle has been visiting friends in town during the past week. Mr. Ehle is 2nd Assistant Engineer, N. C. C. Co., at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, Central America.

'88. R. S. Miller, Jr., formerly the General Secretary of the Cornell Christian Association, is making a tour of the Western colleges in the interest of the Student's Missionary Movement, which he is shortly to represent in Japan. The following extract from one of his letters dated Dayton, O., Jan. 24th, will be of interest to our readers: "I am having a very pleasant tour among the college men of Ohio. I was quite amused the other night at a conference at the unusual frankness of one of the men; I asked how many universities there were in Ohio, expecting the usual answer. 'Forty,' or 'Sixty,' or 'The number is not known,' but his answer was, 'There aren't any.' I find it quite a revelation to run upon 'Universities' with an attendance of 80 or 90,—and so many of them. I am glad to say my preparatory pilgrimage is nearly over. I touch Cincinnati next Sunday, then Chicago and Minneapolis, then on to the coast direct. The nearer the day comes for sailing, the harder it is to wait in patience."

College News.

HARVARD.—Last Thursday the mid-year exams began in over 160 courses. . . The *Crimson* is full of advertisements of tutoring, unofficial notes of lectures, and unauthorized summaries and reviews. . . The death of Historian Bancroft leaves the Rev. F. A. Farley of the class of 1877, the oldest alumnus of the college. . . The coöperative society reports a membership of 957, the largest in its history.

IN GENERAL.—Johns Hopkins library has recently received a gift of 1000 volumes and pamphlets upon the subject of slavery. They are the gift of the General William Birny of Washington, son of the famous abolitionist agitator. . . The Union students are to perform Sullivan's "Pinafore" on Feb. 5 and 6. . . The Lehigh lacrosse and baseball prospects are stated to be exceptionally good. . . The Princeton Junior Promenade occurs on February 5.

Amusements.

BEACON LIGHTS.

The melodramatic success, "Beacon Lights," in which, in the matter of beautiful scenery and fine mechanical effects, nothing will be found lacking, will be mounted with all the scenery used in the New York production. The story is simple, but romantic, and the action spirited. Its success depends, of course, greatly on the excellence of the company. The utmost care has been exercised in its selection. The result has been that few dramatic organizations ever present such a capable list of members, prominent among whom are Mr. Randolph Murray, Odell Williams, Joseph Mitchell, J. Hay Cossar, Ralph Dorman, Miss Neva Wharton, Miss Jennie Ward, Miss Gracie Howard and the talented child actor, Little Louie. Certainly a strong company.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

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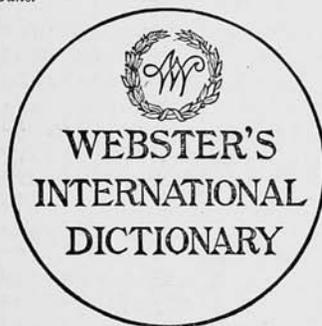
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Editorial.

IN another column the ERA is able to print the names of those having paid their crew subscriptions and there appears also the total amount subscribed by a few fraternities. The date of payment, February 15th, is close at hand and all subscribers will do well to pay their amounts to Mr. Benedict at the earliest possible convenience. The Freshmen and 'Varsity crew funds have not as yet reached the required figure and it is absolutely necessary that they receive immediate consideration. Another matter of vital importance to the success of the 'Varsity crew is that every member of last year's crew at present in college should row on the 'Varsity eight. It is to be hoped that nothing may debar any one of them from regular training. The Commodore of the Navy meets to-day, Saturday, with representatives from University of Pennsylvania and Columbia at Philadelphia to arrange for the spring races. The places in view for holding the regatta are New London, Lake George and Ithaca. The latter place cannot fail to receive careful consideration, since the residents of the city make very liberal offers to secure the regatta.

IT is assumed that the library affords to everyone the same privileges for study, within the stated hours and according to the specific regulations. However, any such ideal condition appears far from being realized, and as the weeks pass by the trouble constantly increases, which is caused by a few students who fail to consider that the confusion they daily create, is greatly to the inconvenience of the majority of those present. It is often impossible, even in the alcoves, to escape from the noise emanating from a group of students eagerly engaged in working out a translation of a passage assigned in either the ancient or modern classics, or debating on the latest phase of underclass affairs. This is entirely the result of thoughtlessness on the part of a few students, who, if they were to change places with the afflicted for a short time, would appreciate keenly any cause of complaint. It is not in accordance with the library regulations, neither is it at all becoming the conduct of a gentleman to take part in any such noticeable disorder as has been prevalent in the library during the past month. The simple mention of this ought to suffice, at least, to alleviate the difficulty for the rest of the term.

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PUBLIC attention continues to be attracted to the comparative growth of Cornell's technical and literary courses. The New York Times of last Monday published a lengthy Ithaca letter upon the subject, arriving at the same general conclusions as the articles previously appearing in the *Evening Post*, and commented upon in these columns. Thus far the point is clearly established that the recent increase in tuition fees tends to militate against the general courses. The only testimony against this is credited to Professor Hewett, and it will be seen by reference to even his averages that there has been a falling off as compared with last year, and owing to the re-

centness of the change in tuition, a comparison can only lie between this year and last. The *Post* last week transferred the issue from the effect of increased tuition upon the general courses to the larger question of its influence upon the classes of students who might come to the University. The present high rates of tuition tend to shut out the most earnest, most desirable class of students, namely, those who have the least available means of support. Let it be well understood that the ERA by no means deprecates the great growth of technical departments, but feels that there are real grievances leading to the present discussion. High tuition fees are more likely to result detrimentally to general than to technical courses because of differences in competition, but their objectionable influence cannot be taken to to cease here.

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THE centennial exercises of the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston not long since, was the occasion of the assemblage of many prominent historians and scholars. Attention is called particularly to this society on account of the valuable work it has performed in accumulating materials relating to every period of American history. The first volume of its collections was printed in 1792, and there have since been added forty-seven other volumes that include reprints of scarce publications, original memoirs, early letters, and other rare documents. A catalogue printed in 1859-60 contained titles of 18,000 volumes, and additions have constantly been made until the library now consists of 30,000 bound volumes and 60,000 pamphlets. Thus a mere outline is given of the historical data possessed by the society. The methods of historical work have been carefully carried on according to the ideas of its founders, and as evinced in the remarks of its members on the occasion above mentioned, the society has been in sympathy with the sentiment of our best historians. It has been, and continues to be, one of the most potent factors in furthering accuracy and rigid adherence to fact in conducting its work, and in freeing the lives of the founders of our

republic from the error and fiction that has enveloped them. Co-existent with the founding of the society a new historic impulse was arising in New England. Each colony had recorded its experiences from the first periods of its life, and in collecting and preserving these records and the autobiographical writings of that epoch, acquaintance was made with the strength and weakness of the early colonists, and even the details of their daily life. During the Revolutionary period the same diligence in obtaining authentic historical data has been observed. No work is more welcome to students of history than this which strives to bring order out of chaos, and if possible free the chronicles of our earlier periods from the contradictory evidence they contain.

THE AMERICA MRS. TROLLOPE AND CHARLES DICKENS SAW.

America has always offered an inviting field for bold travelers of one genus or another. In the fifteenth century, a trip across the Atlantic led to men knew not what—whether to the “wealth of Ormus or of Ind,” or to the end of the world. The sixteenth century, giving the answer that here were new worlds to conquer, brought a swarm of adventurers who held in utter disdain any rights of aborigines to be left alone in peace. The seventeenth century saw the beginning of a migration of home seekers from the over-crowded countries of Europe, while all the time there was steadily going on the acquisition of territory through the instrumentality of daring and unscrupulous explorers.

The next one hundred years effected a wondrous change in the status of the new world. Instead of being a minor element dependent on the mother countries for support, the colonies of America first came to understand their position as standing for new hopes and ideas of government and then courageously broke the galling ties of despair, and made for themselves a free government.

Naturally enough the conflict was one to engender many deep hatreds, and to arouse many lasting prejudices. But the United States continued to prosper despite the prophets of ill-omen who did not believe in her scheme of citizenship. Thus on the one hand conceit was begotten among her people and on the other hypercritical feeling of resentment was

developed among foreigners of aristocratic sympathies.

Consequently, one can but expect to find in books of travel written by foreigners, much that is unfair even though it be true that there is a real basis for their criticisms. That is to say, the America that Mrs. Trollope and Charles Dickens saw should not be looked at through their eyes only.

In 1832 Mrs. Trollope's acquaintance with America began at the mouth of the Mississippi River. She was much disappointed at the aspect of the country. The low banks of the muddy stream, and its strange vegetation, impressed her far from favorably. This is all she says of it. She has no word for the mighty Father of Waters as a highway of commerce, she is in no wise impressed by the majesty of its onward flow, bearing countless burdens to the sea.

She first came in contact with slavery at New Orleans, and is struck by the thought of the misery of fellow creatures bound to the bidding of masters. But Mrs. Trollope soon gives evidence of prejudices that influence her judgment in all things pertaining to social conditions. For, when she sees slaves, apparently happy and contented, singing at their work, and, above all, showing her deference and attention by personal service such as she had received at home, and missed from white servants in America, she is led to condone the evils of slavery and apologizes for the system.

But Mrs. Trollope treats everything American in so superficial a way that her position must not be taken very seriously. And again, it must be confessed that it was far more consistent for her to express such sentiments, since she was a believer in the divine right of the people to be ruled by their superiors, than it was for an American to advance similar views, while at the same time he boasted of "freedom and equality."

In a gossiping way, she tells how the society of New Orleans was divided into Creoles and negroes, and how the barriers between them were never broken down, even by the passion of some Creole "gentleman" for a pretty quadroon. Such attachments either had to be severed, or were kept up in disregard of the law.

From New Orleans a steamboat carried Mrs. Trollope and a Miss Wright to Memphis. The region bordering on the Mississippi was thinly settled and but slightly improved, and the wretched wood cutters made a sorry picture in their lonely huts by the swampy river side.

Miss Wright is an interesting person because

she was trying to assist in solving a problem connected with the condition of the negro. This lady was attempting to educate the black man in the expectation of proving him able to hold his own with the white man if freed and given an opportunity to show his mettle. Her work met with opposition, but at the time did not amount to enough to bring upon her the wrath that would have been her lot a few years later. Her work failed—died of inanition—although the lady herself was possessed of much intelligence.

Cincinnati, where Mrs. Trollope next proceeded, was at the time the leading city in the upper Mississippi Valley. Many scenes and incidents there witnessed by our author seem wonderfully like those that are experienced to-day in many a struggling frontier city in the extreme west. Cincinnati was the pork emporium of the country, and was a pushing, busy city generally. In addition to this distinction, it was making some pretensions to educational advantages and to the furtherance of the fine arts.

One feature of Cincinnati life was certainly very striking. It was the camp meeting revival. A dozen preachers assembled, went to a grove, summoned the neighbors to encamp with them, and joined in a protracted series of religious meetings. Then the excitement began. Hell and its terrors played a conspicuous part in the discourses, and the fears of the crowd were wrought upon to work excitement to the highest pitch. At this point some of the brethren and sisters would come forward to be wheedled, exhorted and excited yet more, and the nervous strain would be kept up for hours every day for weeks. Mrs. Trollope dwelt on such scenes at length because she intended by this means to point out the evils of the unrestricted schisms that result from lack of one common national faith.

The real or fancied inferior social position of American women filled the mind of the English critic with much concern. If the picture as she has painted it was true to life, it was surely pitiable. One cannot but feel, judging from the direction of the energies of many women of to-day that her description was largely founded on facts. Women flocked to church and to religious societies, and lived in an atmosphere totally different from that of the other sex. This, of course, applied to the large body of women, though not to all.

In social assemblies, the custom was for the men to gather in one room, "chew tobacco and spit" and talk trade and politics. The women huddled together in another room,

chattered and gossiped over one another's dresses, servants, houses, and the latest matter of interest in church affairs. A dance was the only social gathering that brought the men and women into each other's society, and even then the men would leave the ladies alone during the intervals for refreshments.

Mrs. Trollope found much fault with the "familiarity of the lower classes." It was not that they were uncivil or ill disposed toward her, but they did not recognize her right as a "lady" to treat them with condescension. It was this fact that made it agreeable for her to go from Ohio into Virginia and Maryland where slaves attended her.

American theatres found no favor in her eyes, nor could she appreciate American actors. New York City was the place most to her taste because most like London.

Ten years later Charles Dickens made a tour of the United States, his advance being everywhere made almost a triumphal procession. His "American Notes" of his trip are very disappointing. In them he reserves for the last two chapters matters that would have been more satisfactory if extended through the body of the book, so as to give his observations local coloring. He had formed his plan of saying nothing about individuals who had helped entertain him, and had followed it quite too consistently.

The America of which Mr. Dickens wrote was, in the main, the America of charitable reformatory or penal institutions. With the politics of the country, he had nothing to do, even considering slavery apart from political considerations.

The appearance of the country in its "newness" greatly impressed him. All buildings seemed light and unsubstantial because fresh and bright, without the discoloration of age.

The charitable and reformatory institutions Mr. Dickens praised for their seeming good management and wise methods, excepting the system of solitary confinement in use in Pennsylvania. True to his sympathy for the unfortunate, Mr. Dickens visited such places assiduously. The work being done in Massachusetts by Dr. Howe for Laura Bridgman called for his special approbation.

Likewise, we are introduced to the factories at Lowell, Massachusetts, where Mr. Dickens noted with much approval the character and surroundings of the working girls, who were publishing a paper edited by themselves.

The one institution in America which excited his severest condemnation was slavery.

There was no other matter before the American people that was so vital as this. That contest between North and South which was to have its fulfillment in the tremendous struggle of the Civil War had already assumed great proportions. Texas had broken away from Mexico and was asking for admission to the Union. Her leaders were men sent to direct her revolution by pro-slavery politicians who sought thus to perpetuate their power in the government. In the halls of Congress it was boldly declared by members from the South that the continuance of the Union depended upon the perpetuation of slavery.

For ten years the mob had ruled in its demonstrations against the hated abolitionists. Lewis Tappan and Gerritt Smith in New York, James Birney in Ohio, E. P. Lovejoy in Illinois, Prudence Crandall in Connecticut and Garrison in Massachusetts had all suffered at its hands. And these few instances are but an index of the rule of terror maintained in America against any and all opponents of slavery. Nor were these acts those of mere ruffians. The mobs were often led and always incited by men of the highest social, political and religious position. When Dickens found the mass of Northerners as well as Southerners destitute of any humanity for the negro or any principle in regard to slavery, his whole soul was roused in protest against the iniquity, and he used the blackest colors in drawing his picture of slavery.

One other feature of American life draws from Dickens words of strongest condemnation. He says:

"Schools may be erected East, West, North and South; pupils be taught and masters reared, by scores upon scores of thousands; colleges may thrive, churches may be crammed, temperance may be diffused, and advancing knowledge in all other forms walk through the land with giant strides; but while the newspaper press of America is in, or near its present abject state, high moral improvement in that country is hopeless." He further declares that among the better people, the well informed and moderate, in all the learned professions, there was but this one opinion in reference to the vicious character of those infamous journals. The only excuse for the disgrace of these vicious publications was that their character was understood and they had not the influence of the reputable journals.

The period of which Mrs. Trollope and Mr. Dickens wrote was essentially one of warfare and growth. The extreme East was not yet settled enough to have lost its character as a

"new" country, and the West was only beginning its development. Mrs. Trollope wrote of an American recovering from foreign wars, Mr. Dickens wrote of an America preparing for an "irrepressible conflict" between its own members.

C. A. D.

PROFESSOR BURR'S ADDRESS.

No brief report can at all do justice to the earnest, scholarly, and at times eloquent words of Professor Burr in his address Sunday evening. It was a plea for the spirit of christianity "which maketh alive," and a caution against the too implicit adherence to the letter.

The relentless but convincing criticism of the modern scholar seems to have demonstrated that little if any of what is called the New Testament was written by those who heard Christ speak. Mohammed had his secretaries to take down his every word; we may reasonably accept certain passages of the Old Testament as the writings of Moses, but Christ admonished his disciples only to preach his gospel; and when this handful of epistles and biographies were penned, one by one, it was with no thought of forming a book—a New Testament; they were writings, rather, *concerning* the New Testament that Christ had made to men. By means of them we have much that Christ said and thought; indeed the most precious of our written religious records; yet how faintly is portrayed that gracious youth,—seen only once, when he questioned the doctors in the temple,—the sweetness, the spiritual strength of that manhood which could inspire the common fishermen of Gallilee to lead lives of unparalleled devotion. Nevertheless it is this gracious youth on which the Book is so silent, this spiritual manhood, this personality, this character which constitutes the true living gospel, still working with undiminished power in the lives of men. Paul saw it in the dying face of Stephen, at one eventful glance. It passed into his life and from him and the other apostles to countless followers. It has found its highest development in modern christian womanhood, yet search as we may through the countless names of mediæval saints, we can nowhere find one who could stand as a fitting symbol of the life and work of the noblest christian women of today; and the life of Saint Florence Nightingale marks the appearance of a new type in the growth and development of the living gospel; that gospel which is most truly of Christ, and yet is far older than His teachings.

THE H. & P. S. ASSOCIATION.

The History and Political Science Association expects to offer a series of lectures on special topics connected with our civil war. For the initial lecture, the Association was fortunate enough to secure the services of Professor Hart, Associate Professor in American History at Harvard. His subject was, "The Cause of the Defeat of the South in Our Civil War."

Different men, said the lecturer, would attribute the South's defeat to different causes. The politician, the general, the soldier, would each give different and characteristic answers. Each would tell the truth, but not the whole truth. Besides the North's superior forces and resources, there were differences in geographical position, civilization and economic conditions, which favored the North.

The experience of mankind rendered it probable that the South would succeed. But slavery, which was really at the basis of secession, was itself all the time weakening the Southern strength and cause. The sole dependence of the South on King Cotton, which became a drug on the market by the blockade, finally starved the secessionists into submission.

The lecture was valuable in that it restated and classified current opinions on this subject, and put forward deeper and subtler causes not generally recognized.

The lecturer, no less than lecture, deserves praise. Enthusiasm sufficient of itself to make an audience attentive, characterized Professor Hart. The voice was clear, well modulated and strong, so that the lecturer could be easily heard in the remotest parts of the well-filled Barnes auditorium.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. Riley A. Vose, D. D., Baptist, of Kingston, N. Y., will preach from the Sage Chapel pulpit to-morrow. Dr. Vose is a graduate of Colgate University and of Hamilton Theological Seminary. While in college he won the highest honors for his scholarship. His first pastorate was in Syracuse, and at present he occupies the pulpit of the First Baptist church at Kingston.

—Professor Burdick has resigned the position of Secretary of the Treasury of the Congress, on account of lack of harmony on political issues with President Thurston. His successor will be appointed soon,

Cornell Verse.

A PARABLE.

Out of the darkness and the storm
 A sudden plunge against the pane ;
 Poor bird ! The room looks safe and warm,
 Such shelter from the cold and rain.
 He beats bewildered wings in vain.

And so, I muse, it fares with me,
 I meet reverse so crystal clear,
 That, like the bird, I cannot see
 The barrier between us, dear,
 And strive, in vain, to come more near.

MAY PRESTON.

QUATRAIN.

You ask " When spring flowers bloom again ?"
 Within thy heart where spring doth lie
 Fair blossoms show to mortal ken
 A place where spring flowers never die.

R. M. P. '81.

A POPULAR SENTIMENT.

[THE PROFESSOR.]

I think that all here will agree
 The action should be praised
 Which caused our small tuition fee
 At Cornell, to be raised.

[THE STUDENTS.]

And we with one voice all agree
 That action *shall* be praised
 Which causes our tuition fee
 At Cornell, to be razed.

M.

A WOMAN'S REASON.

He asked her why she answered "No."
 "You won my heart so long ago,
 And now you seek to break it!"
 After a long and awkward pause,—
 "I said it—that is—well, because
 I didn't think—you'd take it—"

A. G.

"IN A FAR COUNTRÉE."

The Dutchmen swear? Well yes, they do,
 But in a like case so would you.
 With dykes and with dry-land privation
 What would you have from that dammed nation?
 N.

QUATRAIN ADDRESSED TO '91

When on fortune's sidewalk your first steps you try,
 And life's promenade begins,
 Watch where you are going, don't gaze at the sky ;
 And look out for banana skins.

F. S.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS MOTTOES.

" *Sic Itur Ad Astra.*"

" FRESHIE."

The stars are high, and sure am I
 In time to pluck them at my leisure ;
 I'll study hard, pay no regard
 To him who would seduce to Pleasure.

" SOPH."

The stars are high up in the sky,
 My Pegasus will swiftly fly there ;
 Olympian Mount—Parnassus Fount—
 I think I'll stop awhile and tie there.

JUNIOR.

The stars are high, in space they lie,
 But Fame and Glory there await us ;
 The journey long, the motive strong—
 I soon shall have " Divine afflatus."

SENIOR.

The stars *are* high, none can deny ;
 To Earth I'm held by gravitation ;
 With *mortal* fame I'll write my name,
 When I complete my education.

GRADUATE—GRAND CHORUS.

"The stars are high," we used to cry,
 But many things I find come higher ;
 I'd like to sell my 'Cornell yell,'
 And swop for grub 'Celestial fire.'"

R. M. H.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

The subject of "Compulsory Voting" was treated in a very able manner last evening by Mr. F. W. Holls, of New York. The speaker being a strong advocate of this comparatively new and novel idea, presented a very convincing argument in its favor.

In the right of suffrage not a mere privilege but a solemn trust is held by those possessing this right, and every qualified voter owes it to himself his neighbor and his country to fulfill the obligation and to do it honestly and justly. It was shown that very often in municipal elections those who did not vote are more than enough to change the result; and this apparently disinterested class is composed principally of the wealthy and educated members of the community. The fundamental principle of a state law for compulsory voting is to bring this class to the poles. The penalty for failing to perform this duty should be not less two or more than five dollars and in an extreme case disfranchisement. Public or private business would occasionally make it impossible for a person to cast his ballot, hence reasonable excuses duly rendered must be accepted. Evasion of the law would sometimes occur, but, it was claimed, at least ninety-five per cent of the legal voters would be represented.

A bill was introduced into the Legislature of this State last year making abstention from voting a misdemeanor, but it was not acted upon. There is now before the Legislature a bill of the same import, placing the penalty at twenty-five dollars which is to be sued for by the District Attorney; against this feature of the measure Mr. Holls entered strong objections. It was stated further in favor of compulsory voting that it would reduce the expenses incident to a political campaign, and also cultivate a sense of duty toward the State, a principle often lost sight of in the present condition of politics.

The speaker disposed of the various objections that are raised against such a law, by presenting more fully the statements above mentioned. This method of alleviating the existing evils is only one in a series of measures that are necessary to secure the final result. The better element of society must be convinced of the need of their efforts, that the political power may not fall into the control of the illiterate and unscrupulous masses.

—'92's *Cornellian* will be the same size as last year's.

NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI BANQUET.

On January 30 the Northwestern Alumni Association held its fourteenth annual banquet at the Hotel Richelieu, in Chicago. The occasion was marked by unusual enthusiasm, and was the largest gathering of the kind Cornell men ever had in the West. The toasts were remarkably good, and the interest was heightened by the presence of Trustee W. C. Kerr, and his detailed account of the prosperity of Cornell. Among the guests was Hon. Lyman J. Gage, the Chauncey Depew of Chicago.

President O'Neil, '71, presided, and William Gentleman, '77, was toastmaster. The list of toasts was as follows:

"Cornell," Walter C. Kerr, '79; "The Faculty," Francis M. Larned, '85; "Cornell's Athletics," H. B. Seely, '76; "To the Absent," was responded to in silence; "Cornell's Alumni Association," A. J. Rogers, '71; "The College Widows," C. C. Adsit; "Memorial Hall," James H. Peirce, '74; "Cornell's Rivals," C. B. Bradley, '73; "Our Visitors," Lyman J. Gage.

At the conclusion of the speeches the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. H. Thayer, '83; vice-president, Ralph Seymour, '84; secretary, F. H. Jones, '80; treasurer, H. E. Longwell, '83.

Cornelliana.

—A number of Gymnasium lockers are now vacant.

—The new alphabetical lists were given out Monday.

—The usual practicums will be given in Physiology this week.

—Forty-four candidates have presented themselves for the base ball team.

—The Cornell Catholic Union meets Sunday evening at 7:30 in Barnes Hall.

—Congress will consider this evening a bill for the restriction of immigration.

—Now that the mid-year festivities are over, "grinding" is again the order of the day.

—Professor Tyler has been ill the past week, but met his class as usual yesterday afternoon.

—Judge Boardman has presented the Law Library with about 250 volumes, mostly reports of various courts.

—The Fiske-McGraw mansion and a greater part of its furnishings will be sold by the executor on February 19th.

—The second preliminary contest in Junior speaking, will occur next Tuesday, at 2:15 p. m., in Room 16, White Hall.

—The crew work, which was suspended for a few days last week, on account of the Junior Ball, has been resumed this week.

—There will be a discussion of mission work in China, this Saturday evening at 7:30, in Barnes Hall. The public are invited.

—The bill requiring an educational qualification for voting was defeated at the session of the Cornell Congress last Friday evening.

—The meeting of the Fortnightly Club was postponed Tuesday evening, in order to allow the members to attend Professor Hart's lecture.

—The historical students have been particularly fortunate during the past two weeks in having three eminent lecturers to address them.

—The *Nation* of Jan. 29th contains an excellent review of Professor Tuttle's new book "The History of Prussia under Frederick the Great."

—Professor Bailey has been summoned to Washington to attend a consultation upon the work of experiment stations throughout the country.

—On Friday evening, February 13th, the Christian Association will give a reception in Barnes Hall to the Seniors and members of the Law School.

—Statistical blanks for the *Cornellian* have been sent to all upperclassmen, and the board request early replies. The inquiries are especially full for Juniors.

—Since the Sophomores has been forbidden to go out of town, they have given up their banquet, and intend to give a cotillion during commencement week instead.

—The third illustrated lecture by Professor Newbury, will be given this evening, in Barnes Hall, at 7:30 p. m. The views will be of scenes in Rome and Florence.

—The class in Political Economy have begun reviewing the work of the year up to this point. The examination occurs one week from this afternoon, from 2 to 5 p. m.

—For the remainder of the term Colonel Barton will have a class for the instruction of the commissioned officers of the Regiment in the Armory, on Mondays at 3 p. m.

—Owing to the serious sickness of the child of Madame Bloomfield-Zeister, who was announced to appear at the Chamber Concert next Tuesday evening, the concert has been postponed until February 25.

—A. C. Field, '91, has been elected captain of the base ball team for the coming year. Training has been begun under the direction of Harry Taylor in the old rink hall.

—Secretary Galbreath, of the C. U. C. A., is absent at Kingston, Canada, representing the International Committee, at the meeting of Christian Associations being held there.

—Professor Bailey delivered two lectures last week, one before the Western New York Horticultural Society at Rochester and the other before the State Cider and Cider Vinegar Makers Association at Albany.

—Mr. W. M. Munson has accepted the Professorship of Horticulture, in the Maine Agricultural College. His place as assistant to Professor Bailey will be filled for the remainder of the year by Mr. E. G. Lodgeman.

—The mortar-board committee of the Sophomore class have made arrangements with Mr. Willson, the latter, to furnish the class with mortar-boards. All members should leave their orders with Mr. Willson at once.

—It is hoped that those persons who took books from the Barnes Hall Library will return them at once. This Library is not a circulating one but is only for reference. The books are wanted at once for the purpose of cataloguing them.

—On Tuesday evening Professor Bailey gave an interesting lecture on the life of Asa Gray before the Natural History Society. Professor Bailey is a former pupil of Professor Gray and the lecture consisted chiefly of personal reminiscences of the speaker.

—Professor Wheeler will speak to-morrow evening in Barnes Hall at 7.30 upon the "Attitude of Christianity Toward Heathen Cults." Owing to his unavoidable absence from the city a week from this time, Professor Wheeler takes the date for to-morrow and Professor Nichols will speak a week hence.

—A movement has been made by the Cornell Congress, looking toward either a joint discussion on the silver question, or else an address by some advocate of free coinage. It is to be hoped that the former plan will succeed, as the audience would thus have both sides presented and be better able to judge of the merits of the case.

—At a meeting of the Seniors held yesterday afternoon the class finally adopted, after much discussion, the report of the photograph committee recommending Evans as class photographer. Also a special committee of fifteen, five of whom are ladies was appointed to can-

vass the class and faculty to see how many photogravure albums will be wanted.

—Yesterday Courtney posted the list of the twenty-four men from whom the crews will be chosen. They are: *Varsity*—Benedict, Marston, Wolfe, Hill, Witherbee, W. Young, Barr, Kelley, Griffith, Galbreath. *Freshman*—Wagner, 187 lbs.; Kranz, 175; Dunham, 170; W. H. Dole, 156; Daggett, 146; G. G. Wood, 156; Higley, 154; Place, 160; Potter, 157; Young, 148; Gilson, 164; Hapgood, 158; Springer, 163; Root, 155.

—A meeting of Cornellians was recently held in Cleveland, Ohio, to organize a local alumni association. As a temporary step, N. T. Horr, '82, was elected President; A. H. White, '83, Secretary, and E. C. Pope, '82, Treasurer. The next meeting is set for Dec. 31st, 1891, and meanwhile it is expected to secure the coöperation of all Cornellians in northern Ohio. A committee, consisting of Richard Bacon, '73, N. T. Horr, '92, W. J. Hamilton, '90, has the matter in charge.

—A fair sized audience assembled in the Chapel Wednesday evening to hear Mr. I. V. Flagler of Auburn perform selections from the works of Beethoven. The playing of each item of the programme was preceded by introductory remarks of a critical and biographical character which aided much in the enjoyment and comprehension of the selections. Mr. Flagler played with much power, discrimination and sympathy especially in the second and seventh symphonies. The soloist of the evening was Mrs. Isabella Colville.

Personals.

'80. Miss May Preston was recently appointed to the Greek chair in Hastings College in Nebraska. Miss Preston took the degree of Ph. D. at the University in 1880.

'88. A. L. Downs was married Wednesday afternoon at the Aurora St. M. E. Church to Miss Flora V. Gifford of this city. The couple left on the evening train for an extended tour after which they will take up their residence in Mattituck, L. I.

'91. Miss Ball who has been ill with the typhoid fever is recovering slowly.

'93. Walter F. Brown will not be able to re-enter the University this term, on account of the illness that necessitated a discontinuance of his University work last fall.

The Era Crew Fund.

The following paid subscriptions have been received:

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Total,	\$236 00

*No per cent.

The fraternity lists thus far received are as follows:

Alpha Delta Phi	\$230 00
Phi Gamma Delta,	140 00
Psi Upsilon,	130 00

College News.

COLUMBIA.—Rumors of changes in the direction of more elective work in the School of Arts are abroad. The library received an increase of 16,000 volumes during 1890. The net profits of the Junior ball amounted to \$1,152, which it was decided should be expended for class debts and coming athletic amusements. Twenty men are in training for the Varsity crew under Captain Metcalfe. The Seniors intend presenting a memorial window costing from \$300 to \$500 to the college. Three public lecture courses on Aesthetics are announced. They are to be delivered between February and May, and the subjects are: Modern French Art (1790-1890); The Psychology of Music; and Practical Music.

IN GENERAL.—The Williams college men are preparing for the production of an original comic opera, the libretto and music of which are entirely written by two Seniors. It is to be a burlesque on Romeo and Juliet, and the college orchestra is to furnish the music. The New York Philharmonic Club, which is booked for a Cornell engagement, gave a concert recently at Williamstown. The Brown Seniors recently performed some experiments in hypnotism by certain members of the class with interesting results. The Brown musical organizations boast of a glee club, a banjo, mandolin and guitar club, and a symphony society of three first violins, three second violins, a celloist, pianist, drum, two cornets, first and second horn, trombone, clarionet and flute. The Tufts quinquennial catalogue contains the names of 478 graduates. The Wellesley girls have started a class in fencing. Colgate University has 186 students. The New York university alumni have raised over \$20,000 to endow the proposed alumni professorship of history. The amount required is \$70,000. The U. of M. alumni and undergraduates have raised \$13,000 for the erection of a gymnasium. The Yale Junior cost between six and eight thousand dollars.

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FATHERLAND.

Chas. A. Gardner in the part of *Herman Leopold*, the guide in "Fatherland," has won many golden opinions from the press, and new cities will not be lacking in their praise. Of course Mr. Gardner sings many songs during the action of the play, over ten in number—the most prominent being "The Lilac," a song of touching sweetness and power, and "Pretty Bobolink," one of those catchy little numbers which Mr. Gardner knows how well to sing. The company is a fine one, the support numbering twenty people, and altogether a fine performance will be given.—*Ex.* He will appear at the Wilgus Feb. 12th.

Book Reviews.

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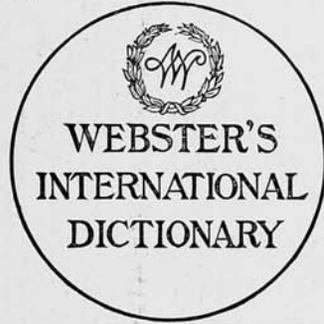
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Editorial.

IT is always strange, but ever true, that present opportunities are never fully appreciated. A new illustration is before us in the general student body's indifference toward the course of lectures now being given in Barnes Hall on Sunday evenings. Here is presented a series of most valuable addresses that it would be worth any person's trouble to go far to hear, and yet it is counted a large attendance when three hundred students out of more than thirteen hundred attend! The worth of a university education, the dignity of its full development and rounded symmetry, can not be appreciated by men and women who persistently neglect its best opportunities. Without detracting from the value of close application to a definite line of study, insistence cannot be too strong upon the necessity of a broad-minded culture. These professors who have given their time and attention to the religious topics treated in their Sunday evening lectures, stand forth by that act offering their testimony against blind following of a single beaten track. The cause for lack of widespread interest in these lectures is not a conscious disregard of the timeliness of the topics,

but it is rather to be found in a habit among large numbers of students, of neglecting everything that does not come "in their course." The ERA cannot too strongly urge upon all such to get out of the rut. A decent respect for the learning of men in other branches than one's specialty demands it, a wholesome consideration for the proper education of oneself counsels it. The Barnes Hall Sunday evening lectures are only a text for the larger lesson to be enforced.

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THE recent accounts of the formation and reunion of Alumni Associations are welcome news indeed to the undergraduate body, and all concerned in the prosperity of Cornell. Detailed reports of the efforts of the Alumni in this direction signify a noteworthy earnestness and a hearty coöperation on the part of those who have taken up their residence in the West. At the meeting of Cornellians in Denver, Col., in the last week of January, to make necessary arrangements for a permanent organization, fifteen of our Alumni were in attendance. In Cleveland a similar step has recently been taken, and the success of the Northwestern Alumni Association is well-known to all. It is in these gatherings of the Alumni that there is a crystallization of feeling that proves how sincerely they have at heart the welfare of their Alma Mater. The success of every institution of learning, granting a proper management, rests in the main upon the support of its graduate members, and nothing augurs better for the future of Cornell than this constantly increasing tendency among her Alumni to unite, revive and discuss college affairs. It is not, however, in the annual banquets and reunions, occasions when enthusiasm always runs high, that the real current of feeling is alone disclosed, but it is in letters often received which contain an expression of individual concern in the general University topics of the day. The ERA regrets that these letters are not for pub-

lication, but it will suffice to say that our Alumni are thoroughly acquainted with every question agitated in college, and in a few instances their influence, before long, may have a significant effect. The athletic interests never pass unnoticed, and the crew will not fail to receive substantial aid from this source.

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EDITORIAL mention was made not long since of the Archæological Survey of Egypt and the American fund for carrying out the project which has been placed in charge of Rev. W. C. Winslow of Boston. A recent statement has appeared that gives a definite outline of the proposed scheme, and shows that an exhaustive survey has been decided upon. During December last work was begun in the southern part of the province of Munich, in Upper Egypt, a region which is reported very rich in sepulchral monuments of the XII dynasty and among them many of the most noted tombs. The manner in which the survey is to be conducted will render the results of special value, from the fact that the monuments will be carefully measured, inscriptions copied and photographed, and note made of all the depredations recently committed. This will give to the world the first exact record and authoritative work on this portion of Egypt which is of such peculiar interest to student's of history and archæology. The results of each year's work with maps, photographs, translations and summaries of inscriptions, will be published in volumes uniform with the "Annual Memoirs of the Egypt Exploration Fund." In order that the survey may contain the greatest amount of accurate information possible, it is the purpose to collate the existing texts with the earliest available copies that were made, to indicate beyond doubt the damage that has been done since the beginning of the century. Copies have already been made of texts in the possession of the province of Munich, and also of the drawings in the library of the British Museum. It appears that many foreign scholars are lending assistance to this object and the unpublished records of several

European Museums have been placed at the disposal of the surveyors.

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IT is not always the large things in this world which are the causes of the greatest movements; to trivial things may be traced some of the world's greatest events. The cackling of geese saved Rome, a drummer boy won the battle of Marengo, a word in the snow clad Alps may bring down an avalanche. So we have reason to believe that directly or indirectly a very trivial thing has caused us to lose the right to excavate at Delphi. After the efforts of the committee to raise the required sum within the stipulated time, which the Greek government very kindly extended, it is to be deeply regretted that anything directly or indirectly should have deprived the United States of the right to bring to light all that remains of the Delphic shrine. Now that the heat of the struggle has worn off, it is natural to inquire into the causes that led Greece to coquette with the United States and favor France. Beyond and above all other nations politically inclined there is a forceful ebullition, a never-ceasing boiling and bubbling in Greek politics, that had its beginning before Solon was elected. The fact is, since Harmodius and Aristogeiton sought to interview Hippias and Hipparchus, Greek politics have not been in a settled state. At present there exists a cheerful feeling of antagonism that induces the party just acquiring power to systematically undo the work of the party before it. Though not officially informed we have a right to suppose that our defeat is due to politics and currants. Why currants should stand between the American people and Delphi is a natural question. That politics, and currants, and Delphi should have anything in common is somewhat preposterous, but currants appeal far differently to the Greek mind. Currants have been the Jenas and the Waterloos of political parties. What wool is to the American politician, currants are to his Greek brother, but appealing to him with treble force, for the imagination of his ancestors that peopled the mountain tops with gods is in him

devoted to making political forecasts. The great national question of the day is the currant question, and the legislation of the day is the currant legislation. Tricoupis and his party who were favorable to us have fallen, and what wonder then that their rivals gave to France, the country of most vital interest to them in the currant question, the coveted privilege of excavation, when they could at the same time aim a blow at a fallen ministry. Let us not then accuse Greece of coquettishness, let us remember the mutability of human affairs. Let us lay the blame where it belongs—on currants and politics.

AN OLD SETTLER'S STORY.

Some few years since, an old Scotch settler lived in a secluded hut on the edge of a solitary little lake in Lower Canada. The decrepit, time-worn dwelling modestly rested beneath a mass of foliage which girdles the lake, but peeped out here and there, like some good old soul still a little fond of the world in his retirement. The occasional dip of a huntsman's oar, the music of the birds, the rhythmical play of the water on the shore in stormy weather, the dreamy murmur of the summer wind, or the boisterous onrush of the winter blast, were almost the only sounds that broke the silvan quiet.

The old gentleman himself was still a fine specimen of manhood, even in the late December of a stormy life. In fancy, I can see him now, seated just without the threshold of his little dwelling on some fine peaceful evening, when the gentle ripples of the lake are dancing in the glow of the departing sun, and all nature is wrapped in a mystic hush. But, to me, the sweetest sight was the settler's massive face, with its deep lines of thought and care ever and anon lighted up by some cherished fancy of the past, and darkened again by some sombre cloud of memory. Often, there was a strange, far-away look in the full gray eyes, and often, too, an irresistible merry twinkling. The broad, prominent forehead was half concealed by the shaggy white hair that tossed recklessly over it, as a brawling stream of the Highlands leaps down some vast precipice. And that hearty open laugh! How loudly it pealed through the forest, awakening all the echoes, startling the nymphs and satyrs in their evening gambols, and dying away in the distance!

Though living far from the old Scotchman,

I never failed to pay him a visit at least once a year. It was then, that with gleaming eye and impressive voice he was wont to relate the thrilling adventures of the clan of Mac Donald in times long past; how bold Robert sprang across a chasm twelve feet wide to elude his pursuers; how bonny Jean, the fairest, bravest lass in Scotland, right through the enemy's ranks fearlessly carried the news of the hostile arrival. There was a story too, an Indian legend which an old chief had told him years ago. He related this to me in one of his sadder moods, on the occasion of my last visit. It ran somewhat as follows:

In the early part of the eighteenth century, two tribes of Indians inhabited these regions, one on the north, the other on the south side of the lake. Strangely enough, they were deadly foes, rudely breaking every bond with which fair nature had joined them. Many a time did the fierce warwhoop ring through the "forest primeval," many a whizzing arrow and many an unerring tomahawk sped on their fatal mission. And so too, at evening, lay stiff and cold the bodies of the heroic brave who had been called by the Great Spirit, and were gathered to their fathers. A lofty contempt of death was still depicted on the stern faces upturned in the moonlight.

The chief of the people on the northern shore had a beautiful daughter, one of those fairy creations that linger rather than live among us. She talked low to the flowers and mosses, sang her wild sweet plaints with the birds, and wandered at will through the forests. She loved not all this war and trouble; and when the great chief playfully called his Winnememah no true daughter of the tribe, she did not care what he said, but would laugh a rippling silver laugh, and fly away to her silvan bowers.

In one of her wanderings, the maiden came upon the still form of a young brave, lying wounded in the high grass. Trembling, she darted back and would have fled, like the fawn rudely surprised in his arbor; but a feeling of pity swept through her bosom, and overcame her. He might be badly hurt, and surely in need of assistance. So, she dipped her hands in a cooling stream, that near by stole its way through the forest, blushing knelt, and bathed his heated brow. Then, coyly, she glanced apprehensively at him, and with each timid look, felt her little heart beat but the faster. His trappings showed him to be one of the enemies of her tribe, but she cared not for that, and almost thought, if she had dared to think, he was rather handsome and manly.

Slowly reviving, he suddenly opened his great black eyes, and caught in their infinite depths the unsuspecting glance of the maiden. Then, he told her of his capture, his vain attempt to escape on account of weakness, how her touch had again aroused him.

Now was enacted afresh the old, old story, always sweet, ever new. In revenge, perhaps, the handsome brave stole the heart of the chief's daughter; yes, fair Winnememah. Often thereafter did the lovers secretly meet on the shore, when all was quiet save for the sleepy murmuring of the tiny waves, or the far-off challenge of an owl. Finally, flight was determined upon, for never otherwise could they be united.

It was a beautiful, calm night in early June, when, toward the midnight hour, a light canoe shot out from the darkness that wrapped the southern shore, and with swift, noiseless stroke sped across the lakelet, where a maiden awaited. With its new occupant the boat darted out on the bosom of the lake, heading toward the foot. All nature was at rest. The queen of night, riding high in her starry course, passed from behind some sullen clouds; and, seemingly, made more glorious by the temporary obscurity, bathed earth and heaven with a flood of light. The dull glow of the camp fires, with the columns of smoke curling skyward, dimly defined the prostrate forms of the sleeping sentinels.

Suddenly the shrill barking of a dog aroused one of the camps, and in a trice was re-echoed from the other shore. Their flight was detected.

A dozen canoes quickly took up the pursuit, and pressed on with fearful speed. At the end of the lake was a series of dangerous rapids, through which the seething waters leaped with a mighty rush. The alternative to capture was to pass these rapids.

Winnememah nodded to her brave. Then, straight and swift as an arrow, the boat flew through the angry waves, and plunged down the abyss. Never before nor since has any craft entered that boiling caldron and passed safely on to the placid waters far below; yet, for many moons after, a young brave was wont to tell how he saw the little skiff shoot through this wild waste of water, and glide calmly on in the peaceful river beyond. And rumor from the far, far South faintly whispered of the happiness of Winnememah and her gallant young warrior husband, while to this day, these rapids are called the Lovers' Leap, or in the sweet Indian tongue, Hahadaga.

C. E. L.

PROFESSOR WHEELER'S LECTURE.

"The Attitude of Christianity Toward Heathen Cults" was introduced by Dr. Wheeler, last Sunday evening, as a topic that has direct bearing upon a pushing question of the day. No more important issue faces our religious world to-day than that of Christianity's attitude toward religions of other peoples.

A national "cult" was defined as a body of national usage, as distinguished from a reflective, philosophical religion. It is an unconscious folk development, of which little is left to Indo European peoples. Usage is the center and substance of a cult, which was further marked by an absence of creed, by its limitation to the tribe, and by its allegiance to political organizations, while Christianity stands for allegiance to spiritual ideas. Christianity of to-day is no rival of the cults. Drawing its inspiration from the civilization of the whole world, it stands for the community of man with man and of humanity with God. It is no duty of ours to get a primitive Christianity, for that would be an anachronism. We want the spirit of Christ, and that is with us. Christianity is justified in its claim to be the absolute religion, by reason of its simplicity, its plan of loving God through loving loving humanity, and its method of character building through the love of man.

This sketch can give little insight into its spirit, but the lecture was marked by Dr. Wheeler's strong enthusiasm, directness of speech, and clearness of insight into the heart of his subject.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Club on Thursday evening, discussed the educational problem. Instructor Von Klenze's paper upon "The Decay of Old and the Need for New Educational Ideals" served as a very fitting and interesting introduction to the evening's discussion. He characterized the Greek ideal as one of serenity and lack of exaggeration, leading to an all-roundness of development of which our modern standards are the exact antipodes, being marked by feverishness and an abnormal exaggeration. Showing that we have at present no adequate substitutes for the old and departing ideals, Mr. Von Klenze closed his paper by propounding the query, "Can the study of science and of modern languages come to take the place of classic culture?"

Classicists were but little represented at the meeting of the club, for the consensus of expressed opinion was for an affirmative answer

to the question. It was urged that the extension of modern knowledge in the first place rendered it impossible for one to be versed in all departments, and what was studied made not so much difference as how one studied, while modern literature is so near to the life of the time that it is best suited to fit one to understand the life that is about him.

At the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, will be presented a number of short papers upon the general topic "Faith." At that time also, the officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

PROFESSOR CORSON'S READING.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather last Monday night it was a comparatively small audience which gathered in Barnes Hall to hear the reading of Professor Corson. The poem read was "The Rime of the Duchess May." By way of introduction the Professor made some very interesting remarks on the style and subject matter of the selection. It is one of Mrs. Browning's greatest poems. The rare artistic completeness of the poem is not less remarkable than the quality of its detail drawing and local coloring. It is a weird and fantastic tale. The Duchess of May is a most admirably drawn figure—every line so definite, every tint so bright and gay. Defiance of Mindred, scorn of all the terrors of midnight, perfect confidence in the encircling arms of love, are some of the qualities which go to make up the character of the Duchess. Here, as in most of her poems, Mrs. Browning shows that only the rugged crags of the real can serve to raise our imaginations to the heights of the ideal. She could herself have leaped from the battlements as did the Duchess of May. The Professor's voice was in prime condition, and the audience was delighted with his perfect rendering of the piece.

Sage Chapel.

The next sermon from the Sage Chapel pulpit will be delivered by David J. Hill, LL.D., Baptist, President of Rochester University. Dr. Hill was born in Plainfield, N. J., in 1850; graduated from the University of Lewisburg, Pa., 1874, and three years later was made professor of Rhetoric in that institution. As an author he is well known, and among his works are: "Science of Rhetoric," "Elements of Rhetoric and Composition," and many publications on Philosophy, Sociology and Religion,

THE FEBRUARY MAGAZINE.

The February number of the Cornell *Magazine* is an unusually able and interesting one. It is more popular and less instructive in its contents than the majority of its predecessors, and does not lose in interest to the larger part of its readers through this fact. While the contributions are of a popular character, however, they are treated in a scholarly and delightful manner that leaves little to be wished for. If anything might be suggested, it is that the sombre character of the single poem presented with this issue, might have been set off by others of a brighter cast. While the poetry which the *Magazine* prints is always good, the end of variety might be better attained if an occasional bit of light verse supplemented those poems that were of a more serious character.

The first article of the number, "From Winter to Summer," is a charming account by Professor Laughlin, of a trip through Hayti and the Bermudas. It is written in a style suited to the subject, but becomes at times a trifle obscure.

O. L. Elliott, '85, contributes the most interesting article of the number in his "English as She is Writ at Cornell." Amusing as this little article is, it points a most formidable moral. That students who murder English as his citations show, should be allowed every year to graduate from this University, is indeed a fact to be deplored. A year's course in Rhetoric, under a competent instructor, should be the least required of every student entering the University not able to pass up such work, but now not even this is required of the technical students.

J. A. Hamilton, '92, furnishes the verse for this number, and the treatment of the theme of the production reflects credit upon the author.

"Psychical Phenomena" is the title given to an interesting article by G. H. Emerson, '91, L.S., which presents certain remarkable facts in the history of somnambulism and hypnotism. Miss Hawley contributes "Some Games for Children," and W. C. Langdon, formerly '92, the book reviews of this number. "Here and there in the Library," taken in charge this month by P. Ozden, '91, deals with Rudyard Kipling and Jerome K. Jerome in a very readable manner. With the book-review, the February number closes.

—Professor Corson's readings in Barnes Hall, will be suspended for the remainder of the present term.

Cornell Verse.

TO CUPYDDE ESQ^R.COMPL^{mnts} OF Y^e SEASONNE.

Deare Cupydde—

Now's y^e Time
When youthe doth runne to Rime,
& every Prettie Mayde y^t hath a Lover,
Doth worshippe at y^e Shrine
Of olde S^t. Valentine,
& alle y^e lyttle Loves y^t round h^m Hover.

Y^e Shy & Bashfulle Swaine
Hys Pipe doth tune, & Faine
W^d calle upon y^e Muse to voice hys Passione,
& sittinge at h^r Feete,
Hys Phyllis doth entreate,
& woos h^r in y^e goode olde Rustick Fashione.

Y^e Daintie Tricked-out Beau
Hys Ladye faire w^d shew
Y^t he cann be a Poete, if he minde ;
Soe alle y^e common-place
Y^t answers to y^e case
He puts in Rime—& getts it back in Kinde.

Butt, Cupydde, to *my* Deare
I ne'er cann wryte, I feare,
For I'd not dare to worde my Passione tender ;
Soe tell my Love butt th^s,
" Accept, Deare, th^s one Kysse,
& take y^e Hearte of h^m who is

Y^e Send^r."

J. A. H.

A TALE OF TWO MICE.

(Translated from Horace, Sat. II, vi, lines 79-117.
Abridged.)

Upon a time, I've heard the people tell,
There lived two mice who knew each other well.

But why relate at length? The country mouse
Received his city friend within his house.
He grudged him not his hoarded oats and pease,
And strove in every way his guest to please.
Between his teeth he brought a plum dried hard,

And likewise little bits of nibbled lard,
Desiring, by a varied bill of fare,
To cause his guest *his* appetite to share.
But no ; the proud, fastidious city mouse
Scarce put the sev'ral dainties to his mouth.
And when his humble friend he saw
Outstretched upon a bed of last year's straw,
Then, turning to his simple-minded host
He said : " My friend, how can it please you most
To pass your life contented here, alone,
A rocky wooded ridge thy lonely home?
And would you not in mansions rather dwell
Than here in such a rugged woodland dell?
Come, old comrade, come along with me,
And my advice shall prove a boon to thee."
These words the country mouse can not resist,
A new and pleasant yearning fills his breast.
With nimble spring he gaily leaves his den,
And both set out to seek the homes of men.
Already Nox possessed the vaulted sky,
Strewing with inky black the heavens high,
When both set foot within a palace grand,
Displaying signs of wealth on every hand.
Around about a gorgeous banquet hall
Stood many an ivory couch, and on them all
Were shining robes of costly crimson hue,
Which mighty Jove would not disdain to view ;
The tables, richly carved, were standing by,
And many baskets heaped with dainties high ;
For servants thus had left till break of day
The remnant of the feast of yesterday.

The city mouse is lying quite at ease ;
The blessings of his altered lot he sees.
But suddenly they hear a rumbling sound.
The lofty halls with creaking doors resound.
A fearful jar ! The mice with piercing cry
Down from their ivory couch in terror fly.
Around the hall in headlong haste they run.
But ah ! their breathless race is just begun,
When suddenly the banquet-hall resounds
With angry barking of Molossian hounds.
Then sobs the country mouse : " I think, dear friend,
My sojourn here is drawing to an end.
I have no wish for such a life as this,
Not though it yield a bounteous store of bliss.
I'll keep my cave, my spelt and tares and rye ;
And so, good host, I bid you a long good-bye."

E. L. P.

RECEPTION AT BARNES HALL.

The reception given by the Christian Association to Seniors and members of the Law School last evening, was a highly successful affair. The entire lower floor of Barnes Hall, brilliantly lighted, was thrown open to the guests, who were distributed through its capacious apartments where many pleasant retreats were provided. Light refreshments were served through the evening. In the assemblage of a large number of students from various courses, many are brought together for the first time, and on this account, nothing could have added more to the evening's pleasure than the effective work of a large and happily selected introduction committee. At the hour of eleven the guests departed, and the evening's entertainment had proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given by the Association.

The reception committee was composed of the following ladies: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. Schurman, Mrs. Collin, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Prentiss, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Hitchcock, Miss Shapleigh, Miss Taintor, and Miss Ryan. Among those present from the Faculty were: President Adams, Professor Collin, and Professor Hutchins.

Cornelliana.

- The Congress meets as usual this evening.
- The Medical Society met Wednesday evening.
- The Mermaid Club will hold a banquet Friday evening, Feb. 20.
- The class of '94 have adopted cardinal and gray as their class colors.
- Tickets are now on sale for the Freshman banquet. They are \$3.00 apiece.
- The Alpha Delta Phi fraternity will give a ball in their chapter house, June 17.
- Professor Schurman left the city for New York Thursday and did not meet his classes yesterday.
- The Chamber concert which was to have been given Tuesday evening has been postponed until Feb. 25th.
- The C. U. C. A. Committee on neighborhood work, hold meetings regularly Tuesday evenings in Barnes Hall.
- The Baptist Circle held a meeting at Barnes Hall, Thursday evening. A musical and literary program was given, followed by a social.

—The examination in Political Economy comes this afternoon, from two to five in the large chemical lecture room.

—Professor Tyler will give his second preliminary examination to his class in American History on Friday, Feb. 27th.

—At the meeting of the Congress this evening, a bill will be discussed for the creation of a permanent tariff commission.

—Prof. Ryan lectured yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, before the Electrical Association on "Drum Armature Winding."

—The number of orders for '93's mortar board which are being handed in shows that this innovation may be a success.

—The meeting of the Classical Association which was to have been held last Thursday evening was postponed for one week.

—The Senior class have decided upon Evans for class photographer. He requests all to make their sittings as soon as possible.

—Several candidates for next year's football team are now beginning work in the gymnasium under the direction of Captain Johanson.

—Prof. Burdick still persists in resigning the office of Secretary of Treasury, but will continue to hold it until his successor is appointed.

—Next Friday evening, Feb. 20, the Freshmen hold their banquet at the Ithaca Hotel. Preparations are being made for a very enjoyable occasion.

—It is reported that the '92 *Cornellian* Board will introduce features (still a profound secret) entirely different from anything in previous *Cornellians*.

—The sentiment of the Freshman class seems to be in favor of a hat instead of the mortar board. A committee has been appointed to look up the matter.

—The lecture in Barnes Hall next Sunday evening will be given by Professor Nichols. His subject is "What is the Normal Attitude of the Man of Science towards Religion?"

—The floor of Room 16, White Hall, has been covered with matting, preventing, to a great extent, the echoing which has heretofore been of great inconvenience to the speakers.

—The State Y. M. C. A. Convention will be held at Lockport, beginning Friday, Feb. 20th, and lasting three days. Quite a number of delegates will attend from the C. U. C. A.

—Forty-two participated in the second preliminary Junior contest last Tuesday afternoon. At the next contest, which will occur sometime

this term, the number who compete will be limited to twenty four.

—The Lodge Immigration Bill passed the Mock Congress last Saturday evening. Strangely enough this is the first bill to pass the Congress in a year and a half. It has received President Thurston's approval.

—In the absence of Dr. Schurman, Mr. Elkins lectured to the class in Ethics yesterday morning. Mr. Elkins did great credit to himself as a lecturer, making clear and simple the ambiguous and involved sentences of the textbook.

—Professor Laughlin attended a mass meeting, held in Cooper Union, on Wednesday evening, to protest against the free coinage of silver. The principal speakers were ex-Secretary Fairchild, Wm. E. Dodge and Professor Laughlin.

—Numbers 13 and 28 of the *Cornell Sun* and 17 and 20 of the *Era*, for the last college year, are lacking in the University file of these publications. The Library is willing to pay for these numbers, and any one having copies of these numbers, will confer a favor by taking them to the librarian.

—Section A of the Mathematical Club will meet this evening at 7:30 at Professor Oliver's. Messrs. Shoemaker and Snyder will open the discussion of the philosophy of the calculus methods of limits, rates and fluxions, infinitesimals, etc. Then there will follow the discussion and proposing of problems by the club.

—The meeting of those interested in track athletics, at the gymnasium last Tuesday, was well attended. Quite a large number are now running with the crews, and indications point to the development of good material in this branch of athletics. A trainer will be secured later in the season to help the men to remedy their defects and to improve their good qualities.

—The Unity Club will meet next Friday evening, Feb. 20, at 8 o'clock, at the Unitarian Church parlors. Mr. W. H. Hudson will open the meeting with a short address, giving personal reminiscences of Herbert Spencer, and Mr. J. E. Creighton will follow with a paper on Mr. Spencer's Ethical System which will be the subject of a general impromptu discussion. All are invited.

—A meeting of representatives from Cornell, Columbia and University of Pennsylvania was held in Philadelphia last Saturday to consider the question of the spring races. It was decided to row at New London, as formerly, both Varsity and Freshman races. An

effort was made to have the races on Cayuga Lake, but Columbia objected because she had already arranged for one race at New London.

—Professor Smith yesterday announced the twenty-six men who will compete at the next Junior speaking contest. The selection is made on the basis of work so far this year. They are: Allen, A. J. Baldwin, L. D. Baldwin, Booth, Breckenridge, Derham, Duniway, Elliot, Hamilton, Haring, Hoxie, Keiffer, D. C. Kreidler, Laidlaw, Lewis, Marble, Mosher, Nichols, O'Shea, Shurter, Soulé, Sparrell, Taylor, Tuttle, Whicher, Wolf.

—Professor Babcock has drawn plans for the proposed new gymnasium annex, that show a very convenient building for the purposes desired. The building (if erected) will be three stories in height, 40x80 feet, containing dressing rooms, spray and swimming baths, offices, a supplementary training room for the crew, batting cage, bowling alley, and other conveniences. The completion of the building before another year is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

—There will be two winter meets during the present term. The first will be held on Feb. 28th, program to consist of boxing, wrestling, fencing, etc. The second will occur on March 7th, and will include all other indoor contests. The entrance fee will be fifty cents for each event, and entries for the first meet must be in before 6 p. m. on Wednesday 25th; for the second, before Wednesday, March 4th, at the same hour. All entries must be sent to E. C. Bailey, President Athletic Association.

—The Bible Study Committee will give a Bible Study Tea at Barnes Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 18, from five to seven p. m. Supper will be served at 5:30, and the program will commence at six. Short talks from members of the faculty on different phases of the Bible study work, have been provided for, leaving time for a brief discussion of problems. Professor B. G. Smith has consented to preside. All members of Bible classes, and those interested in Bible study are invited to be present.

—Services will be held at St. John's church every day during Lent, at 5 p. m., except Wednesdays and Fridays, when the service will be at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday's lectures will be given on the following subjects: 1. The Foundations of the Church, are they Human or Divine? 2. Why have we three orders in the ministry? 3. Why do we baptise infants? 4. Why do we use a Prayer book? 5. Faith and popular opinion. 6. The prospects of Christian union. 7. "His own place." Students are invited to attend.

—The impression has become general that Secretary Galbreath does not train for the crew, because forbidden to do so by the Executive Committee of the Christian Association. Statements to this effect that appeared in the *Sun*, were totally unauthorized. Mr. Galbreath himself decided that his duties in the University, and in his position as general secretary, would not permit his taking time to train. Consultation with the Executive Committee merely confirmed his previous intention, that body not assuming authority such as was indicated by the report.

—The Natural History Society met Thursday evening. Instructor Rowlee presented a paper on the "Functions of the Knees of the Bald Cypress." He showed these "knees" are more or less differentiated excrescences of a loose, spongy texture, growing upwards from roots ramifying near the surface of the earth. It is believed that their function is respiratory, absorbing oxygen for the good of the tree. Mr. Thomas gave some notes on the growth of hyacinths in different conditions and exhibited a mechanism of his own design to register the periodicity of growth in plants.

Personals.

'88. Chas. Psotta is visiting friends in town.

'92. E. E. Studley is teaching at East Ashford, N. Y. He reports success, and expects to return to Cornell next year.

'93. Peck has left the University to accept a position in New York. He expects to re-enter the University next fall.

'93. Cook has been obliged to leave the University on account of sickness. He hopes, however, to be able to resume his studies soon.

Department News.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.—Workmen are busy making ready for new testing machines, which will allow of more advanced work than formerly.—An iron floor in the boiler-room is now being constructed over the boilers. This economizes room, and will be used exclusively as a testing-room. It will allow of more direct connection with the boilers, in experiments where such connection is required, and much of the work formerly done in the mechanical laboratory will now be done here.—The students in this department are to have some practical work in testing boilers, etc., in the city. Next week the boiler and engine at Small's planing mill, and at Reynolds & Lang's machine shops will be tested. The week following they will test the dynamos, boilers, and engine of the city electric light plant.—Messrs. Bierbaum and Fitts have been making some original and

valuable experiments in fire-proof material. The results of their experiments will be utilized in the construction of the new library building.

LAW SCHOOL.—The following Cornellians were admitted to the bar at Binghamton last week: Messrs. Cornell, Clock, and Thomas, of the class of '89; Strong and Chapman, class of '90.—Additions are constantly being made to the law library.—The Moot Court is of great interest at present.—There is a strong movement now on foot, which is being watched with much interest by many students, to incorporate the law faculty into the general University faculty, and to make it possible for a Cornell graduate to graduate from the law school in one year.

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College News.

HARVARD.—There are 20 candidates for the Harvard freshman crew. . . The members of the victorious eleven have received the cups presented them by the New York Harvard Club. . . The new library reading-room fund amounts to a trifle over \$20,000.

YALE.—The Sheffield freshmen have ordered class canes. They are of cherry root with oxidized silver handles, having '93 S. in raised letters upon them. . . The Yale Exeter and Andover Clubs will give a joint banquet on February 25.

IN GENERAL.—The faculty of Boston University have voted to allow work on the college paper, *The University Beacon*, to count as hours in the course, allowing four hours per week to the managing editor and two hours per week to each of his assistants. . . About thirty-five men have appeared at Lehigh to train for the lacro-se team, and about the same number for the ball nine. . . The first Junior Promenade ever given at Amherst occurred last Wednesday evening, and was a great success. . . Amherst has received a gift of \$100,000 conditional on the raising of \$150,

000 more. . . The opening exercises of the new library building of the University of Pennsylvania were held in Philadelphia last week. Addresses were made by H. F. Howard and Talcott Furness. The building is a handsome fire-proof structure of brick and red sandstone. The library now contains about 100,000 volumes and is rapidly increasing.

Among Our Exchanges.

A PRAYER FOR FAME.

A youth bowed at the shrine of Fame,
And there prayed for a deathless name;
Genius had marked him even now
With hazel eyes and noble brow;
Ambition's fire his spirit burned,
And thus, with fevered lips, he yearned:—

"Oh save me from the common lot,
To live, and die, and be forgot,
As o'er me cold oblivion rolls
And rocks the bell that for me tolls!
Oh, lift me out of death's quick-sand,
And place my feet on glory's strand!

"Behold," the oracle replies,
"A flowery plain around thee lies;
But rugged steeps thy feet must climb;
Far lies the summit; short, thy time;
But they shall win, stern Fate decrees,
Who climb; and score a life of ease."

—*The Brunonian.*

NOT THE SAME.

HER NOTE.

"O Jack, you are cruel, I hate you,—there now!
O! how could you write you enjoyed our last row!"

HIS NOTE.

"My dear, what's the matter? I'm sure I don't know.
Pray, is it a sin to enjoy our last row?"

—*The Bruonian.*

Amusements.

M. LE LA GROS IN THE FRENCH SPY.

Concerning this attraction at the Wilgus this evening, the Philadelphia *Ledger* says: "No such piece of realistic acting has ever been seen on the Academy stage, and will be remembered for a long time to come."

ONE OF THE FINEST.

The Toledo *Blade* says: "E. J. Hassan's One of the Finest Company opened a three night's engagement at the Wheeler last evening before a fair-sized and delighted audience. The play is a comedy drama and is an excellent one of its kind, and was presented last evening in a most satisfactory manner. The scenery is good, and in many instances very elaborate, and everything connected with the working of the play runs smoothly."

At the Wilgus Tuesday evening, Feb. 17.

"PECK'S BAD BOY."

"That well known, mischievous urchin, 'Peck's Bad Boy,' was presented yesterday at the Harris by

the Atkinson Comedy Company in a most entertaining manner. This well-known comedy, as given yesterday, was a vast improvement over the given by the same company last season. The boy tenor, Willie McDermott, as Henry Peck, made a hit by his truthful portrayal of the bad boy and his songs. Fred Wenzel, as the 'groceryman,' made the most of the character, and kept the audience in a continual roar of laughter. Messrs. John Morris, McPherson, and the Misses Annie Martel, Lizzie Anderson, and Annie Shark, each came in for their share of applause, and their specialties were encored, and did much towards making 'Peck's Bad Boy' the hit it made."—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

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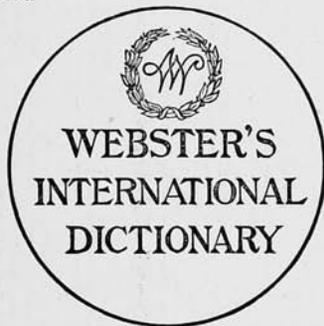
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Editorial.

IT is becoming quite enigmatical how the urgency for immediate assistance to the crews can be impressed upon the majority of the students. It is certainly idle talk to continually present the plain facts and allow that to be sufficient. The idea has apparently become prevalent that inasmuch as arrangements have been consummated for supplying the shells with oarsmen and entering the 'Varsity eight in the spring regatta, that the requisite aid for our crew interests is a foregone conclusion and no need of any special effort is demanded. It must be distinctly understood that those immediately concerned will not bear the responsibility if the money subscribed does not equal the required sums which are the lowest possible estimates for sending out the crews. The success or failure of our boating prospects rests purely in the hands of the students, and the sooner this fact is realized the better; and should need of money thwart the endeavor to secure the 'Varsity and Freshman eights, those on whom this part of the burden rests can blame none but themselves. The appeal for subscriptions does not imply that a

person must give a stated amount, but simply what he can afford, and were this done there could be no fear of ill success. On February 15th it was expected that the greater part of the fund would be received. However, the paid subscriptions published in these columns show that a very small amount has been credited. In reviewing the books it is found that for the support of both crews about \$2,600 has been subscribed, and four hundred and seventy-five names are on the list. Thus a large majority of the students are not represented at all, and the crew fund is far from complete.

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ALTHOUGH the religious privileges offered at the University are eminently of a superior character they, nevertheless, often receive unfavorable criticism, and usually from those prejudiced against the non-sectarian principle that the University upholds. At the close of every college year some new feature of religious work has been inaugurated that attracts the attention of all classes; and this is effected either through the Christian Association, which receives the earnest support of many members of the Faculty, or by the action of the University authorities. Non-sectarian Cornell certainly is, but few denominational institutions favor their students in a better manner, neither can they boast of a greater proportional attendance at regular services even when it is made compulsory. A recently published statement of the Rev. G. R. Van DeWater, D.D., rector of St. Andrew's, at Harlem, and a chaplain of Columbia College, is of interest in relation to this subject. From a passage in which he comments on the various religious methods in vogue in educational institutions the following extract is made: "Of course the free system is the best. Christianity needs a free atmosphere, and religion thrives best when left to stand for itself. Look at Cornell. It is professedly non-sectarian.

By its charter, its faculty or board of trustees can never have a majority in favor of any religious body or of unbelief either. It is the strongest Christian college in the country today. * * * * There is a permanent chair of Christian philosophy, whose present occupant, Professor Schurman, delivers what are positively the most popular lectures in the whole university course. The whole thing shows just what can be done when religion is given free course to justify itself."

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IN a recent issue of a prominent western daily appeared an editorial entitled "A Plea for College Songs." We wish that we had space to give it here entire, for it voices in a terse, impressive manner the sentiments of very many undergraduates of this University, as well as of the "old boys" for whom it was written. "The lamentable fact is," says this writer, "that the happy old days of legitimate college song have been killed by the fatal so-called advancement in musical culture. Music teachers have sprung up, and to all intent their sole purpose has been to supercede the peculiar college melodies with the sentimental ditties of the concert hall. . . In sooth, the club as well represents a singing society from where you will, for the college flavor is very faint." This is but putting in a concrete and forcible form, what many have said and more have thought, this year, concerning our University Glee Club. At their concert here during Junior ball week, few criticisms other than favorable were heard on their singing and yet anyone who has attended many of their concerts in the past can remember occasions where the enthusiasm was twice as great, over singing not more than half as good. What is the cause of this? Is it because the audience was less enthusiastic? It is not likely; audiences do not change greatly from one season to another. It is because the class of singing has been "elevated." It is because the songs and their method of delivery denote so much more "musical culture" than ever before. What representative audience, expecting the

good old college songs can be aroused to any extraordinary degree of enthusiasm over "Grandma," or "Cottage Wee," or "Kiss Me Once Again," even though they be pretty, lackadaisical airs. That Abt's "Summer Night" is a beautiful thing, none will deny, and yet, sung by our glee club two years ago, it was nearly a flat failure. It is bound to be so. No one expects extracts from the "Messiah" or the "Creation" at a glee concert, any more than he would the "Dead March in Saul" or Handel's "Concerts in G Minor" from the Banjo Club. Learn from experience. "Romeo and Juliet" "takes" "Imogene Donohue" "takes," "Dinah Doe" "takes." If the glee club expects enthusiastic and satisfied audiences on their trip, let them give them an evening of *college song*, not love sick ballads, and not grand opera.

COL. WM. BYRD AND HIS WRITINGS.

AS SHOWING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN THE SOUTH DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD.

In the year 1650 one Captain William Byrd, gentleman, emigrated from England to Virginia. He soon became prominent among his associates, obtained large grants of land, was raised to the rank of Colonel, and was appointed receiver of royal revenues. He married and had one son also named William. Now, this latter Colonel William Byrd, the second of the name and title, was born at Westover, Va., March 16, 1674, and died at the same place, August 26, 1744. It is to this gentleman that we owe the unique and interesting Westover Manuscripts. The epitaph on his tomb at Westover has in itself a quaint suggestiveness of the society in which he moved and of which he wrote, and is here quoted: "Being born to one of the amplest fortunes in this country he was sent early to England for his education, where under the care and direction of Sir Robert Southwell, and ever favored with his particular instruction, he made a happy proficiency in polite and various learning. By means of the same noble friend, he was introduced to the acquaintance of many of the first persons of the age for wit, virtue, birth or high station, and particularly contracted a most intimate and bosom friendship with the learned and illustrious Charles Boyle, Earl of Orrery. He was called to the bar in the Middle Temple, studied for some

time in the Low Countries, visited the Court of France and was chosen Fellow of the Royal Society. Thus eminently fitted for the service and ornament of his country, he was made Receiver General of his majesty's revenues here, was thrice appointed public agent to the court and ministry of England, and being thirty-seven years a member, at last became President of the Council of this colony. To all this were added a great elegance of taste and life, the well-bred gentleman and polite companion, the splendid economist and prudent father of a family, with the constant enemy of all exorbitant power, and hearty friend to all the liberties of his country."

It is the testimony of his contemporaries that this tribute is none too high, for all accounts show him to have been a man of most intelligent interest in colonial affairs, and one of the most trusted and influential men of the time. Though occupying high official positions, enabled by his wealth to live in a princely style, his writings give us not alone glimpses of a higher, social life, but also of the every day humdrum of the average colonist, and are of the kind to be expected from the character of the work he has left us.

The Westover Manuscripts in the main deal with the history of the dividing line between Virginia and North Carolina. Colonel Byrd was one of the Commissioners appointed on the part of Virginia to set the location of the line, in conjunction with commissioners from North Carolina. Of this expedition he wrote a narrative, that is much enlivened by running comments upon the customs of the people whom he met, and is full of suggestions about their political, social and religious environments. His writings are in fact, a medley of visits, religion, ailments, natural history, gossip, business, and politics, made spicy by humorous bits of by-play.

The first thing to be noted is that there is in his writings not a word about separation from the mother country. He has all the Englishman's love for the glory of England and when he takes occasion to tell the story of how Raleigh gave Her Majesty some tobacco, he speaks of "Queen Elizabeth of ever glorious memory."

The comments of Colonel Byrd upon the different policies pursued by the English and French in their treatment of the Indians make much of the fact that the English would not intermarry with the Indians. For, he remarks, the Indians were no worse heathens than most of the adventurers, and at any rate "the Indian complexion might be blanched

in two generations." Then, too, he says the souls of the Indians could have been best saved by intermarriage, for there is no better missionary than a sprightly lover.

The finding of some Quaker meeting houses, one with a kind of steeple,—“a piece of foppery for a sect of so much outside simplicity,”—led to praise of these people for remarkable diligence and frugality. Yet he betrays his prejudices by saying that the Quakers in remote districts were successful solely through “lack of a decenter way of getting to heaven.” He also discusses a choice morsel of scandal telling how Penn was enabled to obtain a grant of land from a Catholic king. At the end of it all he naïvely adds: “This piece of secret history I thought proper to mention to wipe off the suspicion of his having been popishly inclined.

The attitude of Colonel Byrd toward the liquor question is that of one who believes in moderation, but not in abstinence. In one place Norfolk vessels are denounced for debauching the country by importing rum, “which, like gin in England, breaks the constitution, vitiates the morals and ruins the industry of most of the poor people of this country.” Further on, it is said that “rum, that cordial of life, was never more necessary than in this dirty place [the Dismal Swamp].” Instances abound where he and his friends made merry and were regaled by wines.

In religious matters Colonel Byrd was a member of the Established Church, giving assent to its outward forms at least. In various passages he has given utterance to the devout “Thank God!” where threatened calamities have been avoided. The chaplain who was sent by the Virginians with the commissioners of the boundary line was taken along “rather because the people of North Carolina, who have no minister near them, might have an opportunity to get themselves and their children baptized.” During the trip they rested and had services on Sundays, except when pressed by circumstances, and in each case excuses are given pleading the necessity of the work. When the surveyors were in the midst of the Dismal Swamp the commissioners and chaplain “did the best they could for their suffering friends by giving them a place in the litany.”

From the lack of preachers in North Carolina marriage had become a civil contract, while christening was left to chance, and if no minister came along the children were allowed to grow up as “arrant pagans as the parents themselves.” The reason why clergymen did

not abundant in North Carolina was that the tobacco (the staple in which they were paid) was poor in quality, and only indifferent preachers would accept poor tobacco.

It would be difficult for one not having lived in a "new" country to appreciate the description of life in Virginia and North Carolina. The people of that day were engaged in stealing government timber, locating land and prospecting for mines in the manner that is to-day characteristic of the methods of western settlers. How natural it seems that they "like true Englishmen" should have built churches costing £50 and taverns costing £500. That class was found, also, who keep on the outskirts of civilization that they may live "in a state of nature" requiring the minimum of labor and permitting the maximum of laziness. There were some, too, who followed the trade of blackmailers, sheltering runaway slaves and exacting of them such amount of labor as would make them pay dearly for freedom. The indolence incident to living in a region where nature provides almost all the means of sustaining life seized the men rather than the women. This fact leads our author to a digression to narrate an Indian tradition that women by sin brought labor into the world and so must bear it. "But," says Colonel Byrd, "the truth is, the weakest always go to the wall, and superiority has from the beginning ungenerously imposed slavery on those who are not able to resist it."

As is universal in thinly settled communities, the most unbounded hospitality was extended to all comers. "Mr. White keeps open house on Dosier's Island for all travellers that debt or shipwreck throw in his way;" "At Mr. Goodwin's were treated with abundance of primitive hospitality," are instances illustrative of this kindly feature of the life of the pioneers.

In the "Journey to Eden" and a "Progress to the Mines," Colonel Byrd, in describing his own journeys and explorations gives a characterization of the spirit that was to build up and develop their material resources.

The play of his wit must be taken into account to separate fact from fancy, but that scarcely detracts from the value of Colonel Byrd's record of southern colonial history, and his work deserves to be better known.

C. A. D.

—Professor H. S. White will lecture to-morrow evening on "The Religious Element in German Literature."

PROFESSOR NICHOLS' LECTURE.

A somewhat larger audience than usual assembled in Barnes Hall last Sunday evening to hear Professor Nichols speak on the question, "What is the Normal Attitude of the man of Science towards Religion?" The Professor said that the Church in all ages seems to have admitted the truth in scientific matters grudgingly, considering it a dangerous thing. This is due to the fact that she has failed to appreciate the attitude of the man of science toward religion. A result of this is that what the Church accepts for science is sometimes a very poor substitute for it.

Science viewed casually and from without seems opposed to religion. The man of science is slow to accept, without evidence, statements which to those who look merely at the surface seem quite true. Considering the universe as a vast mechanical system, he sees that there must be that back of the system which applies the motive force, and that ceaselessly, and he thus arrives at a conception of God. Following along this line he notes the entire dependence of the universe upon God. The man of science is a religious man, with a deep reverence for nature and for nature's God. A man to whom nature is holy cannot be far from that state of communion with and recognition of God which is but a step from Christianity. From the works of Darwin we may see how he, though far from Christianity, worshipped God through nature. The scientist may be a religious man, however, and not be a Christian, and it is through other means, ordinarily, that he is led to Christ.

VISIBLE SPEECH "ELUCIDATED."

Professor Alexander Melville Bell lectured in the university course last Tuesday at 12 o'clock, in Barnes Hall. He devoted the hour to explaining his system of speech representation. In this field of investigation, Professor Bell has probably done more than any one else to bring the study of language, and especially phonetics, to a truly scientific basis. By his system of symbols any language may be written so as to be correctly read by any person familiar with the system. The possibilities for the usefulness of this plan can hardly be estimated. In the first place it is extremely easy to learn, its characters being formed from the simplest elements and each denominated so that its name is at once suggestive of the mode of formation of the sound symbolized. Its adoption would solve all vexed ques-

tions of spelling reform, and render much easier the acquirement of foreign languages.

Professor Bell is delivering lectures upon this subject in the effort to popularize the adoption of "visible speech." He hopes to have it introduced in the primary schools as the most essential step for its widespread adoption. He made a plea for younger men to devote themselves to this important study, and become prepared to give *visa voce* instruction for the advancement of scientific phonetics. His lecture was attentively followed by a large audience, who seemed particularly taken with the illustration of Shakespearean tragedy as it was spoken when written.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, Congregationalist, of Elmira, N. Y., will preach at Sage Chapel to-morrow. Mr. Beecher was born in Litchfield, Conn., 1824, graduated at Illinois College 1843, was engaged in teaching until 1852, when he became pastor of the New England Congregational church at Williamsburg, now a part of Brooklyn, and in 1854 removed to Elmira to take the charge he has since held. In 1863 he served for a short time as chaplain in the Army of the Potomac. He has published "Our Seven Churches" in book form, besides many essays and sermons as pamphlets. Mr. Beecher ignores sectarian feeling, being known as a philanthropist, and is one of the most noted preachers in his denomination.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

A good-sized audience gathered in Professor Tyler's rooms, by 7:30 Thursday evening to hear the Frogs of Aristophanes rendered by members of the Association. All was ready, Dionysus, and Hercules, and Xanthias and the rest were there, but the chorus did not appear. Minute after minute slipped by. Finally a door slammed and a smile of expectation was general. Footsteps were heard. Presently after a decorous pause, a newly-elected member walked in and gazed in perplexed surprise at the smiling faces. The chorus, strange as it may seem, appeared simultaneously and was greeted by a burst of rapturous applause. The scene between Xanthias, Dionysus and Hercules was a most laughable one and was rendered in so realistic a way that Aristophanes would have smiled approvingly. Aeschylus and his "little jug" scored a point, and when Dionysus accused

Euripides of an acquaintance with Bohn, the anachronism passed unnoticed midst the loud and feeling applause. Taken all in all, there was a vim and energy and reality in the rendition of the comedy, that did far more than mere class rooms could toward showing the spirit of Aristophanes.

THE NINETY-FOUR SAGE BANQUET.

The ladies of '94 took their '93 rivals unawares, and had all preparations made for their banquet before the latter caught the meaning of the sly smiles and divers secret conferences seen about Sage during the first of this week.

The banquet was held last Tuesday evening at Barnes Hall. Besides the twenty-five members of the class, there were present Mrs. Hooker, and a goodly delegation of '92 ladies, who had successfully piloted the freshmen through the stormy scenes of the afternoon, and whom the reporter recognized as among those who had bravely borne yet fiercer storms at their own freshman banquet.

The first page of the dainty and tasteful menu cards bore the following program :

President's Address,	C. E. Schouton
History,	H. C. Connor
Essay,	H. M. Harris
CHORUS.	
Poem,	M. M. Hoppé
Prophecy,	G. A. Burrage
CHORUS.	

Each speaker received marked attention and well-merited applause. The following was the toast-list :

Toastmistress,	Miss E. C. Smith.
Class of '92,	C. E. Smith
"Thou art my guide, philosopher and friend."	
"James,"	C. W. Brown
"Not to know me argues yourself unknown."	
The Class of '93,	N. E. Hoag
"He who will give the devil his due."	
'94 Co-eds,	B. M. Brock
"Call a spade, a spade."	
"Cuts,"	F. E. H. Flint
"Consider the end."	
"The Sage,"	Mrs. E. K. Hooker
"A bevy of fair women."	
Freshman Banquet of '92,	L. S. Dickey
"There was a sound of revelry by night, The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men."	
Men,	C. H. Swartout
"Man is the noblest work of God. Get one."	

Wit and merriment were the order of the evening, but space forbids our noting the many bright and happy hits of the several respondents to toasts. College songs were interspersed in the program, and anon was heard the class

yell. The company broke up at a late hour, more than satisfied with the evening's entertainment and pleasure.

It was one of the most cleverly planned and most successfully carried out of any banquet which has been held under the auspices of The Sage.

THE FRESHMAN BANQUET.

Upon the class of '94 Fortune has indeed smiled; and Fortune in her happiest mood was present at the crowning event of the Freshman year, the class banquet, which was held last night at the Ithaca Hotel.

The prelude to the banquet was the safe return of the toastmaster, Mr. C. S. Hoyt, who had been kidnapped by the Sophomores, and it furnished no end of excitement to the Freshmen within and the large crowd of spectators without. The corridor of the hotel was filled to overflowing during the early part of the evening with those interested in the occasion, and the announcement about eleven o'clock that the toastmaster would soon be received by the class, caused a dense crowd to gather about the main entrance. After considerable delay a passage was forced through the crowd, and the toastmaster was escorted by his friends to the main stairway of the hotel, amid great enthusiasm, that made the halls ring with cheers for '94. The '94 flag which had been buried at the base of the Sibley chimney was secured by a party of Juniors and brought to the hotel before the hour for the banquet as a memoir of a class exploit on the day previous. These successes of the evening, aroused a spirit of class rivalry that did not fail to secure an enjoyable time for the one hundred and sixty-one members of the class who were present.

At 11:30 p. m. President Hall at the head of the class, led the way to the banquet hall. Never had the spacious dining room of the Ithaca Hotel looked more inviting to a hungry throng. Festoons of Cornell colors were suspended across the west end of the room, and immense flags covered the north and east walls. Across the east end, and extending the width of the hall was a strip of white bunting bearing the class yell, "Who! 'Rah! Roar! Who! 'Rah! Roar! C. U., C. U., '94!" and from the ceiling above southern moss hung in profusion.

President Hall called for silence, and addressed the assembled members upon the past and the future of the class. The class had developed good athletic material and had made some enviable records. The failure of the

class games had occurred through no fault of '94. "The class has always been ready to hang its banners from the topmost walls, both of fame and of Sibley. To us belongs the honor and duty of upholding Cornell's reputation upon the water against Eastern oarsmen. We must not fail to add another to Cornell's unbroken lists of triumphs, and close our Freshman year as we began it, with victory. In point of scholarship, the class has no less claim to distinction, and the men of '94, who win the badges of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, may justly be proud of a well earned honor. It remains for us to foster a hearty and healthful class spirit. Not one that delights merely in petty annoyances and injuries, but a broad, generous spirit, capable of bringing forth the greatest good for both class and Alma Mater; and under such an influence the future success and prosperity of our class organization will be assured."

After the long continued applause that greeted his remarks had ceased, the president announced that owing to the lateness of the hour, the banquet officers would not speak until the courses had been served.

After the last course of the extensive and elegant menu had been submitted and discussed, President Hall introduced in turn the following banquet officers: Orator, S. S. Slater; Historian, W. L. Colt; Prophet, A. F. Weber; Poet, A. H. Berry.

Mr. Slater, the orator of the evening, delivered a very interesting and scholarly address. By his earnest and pleasing manner he held the undivided attention of all throughout. The general tone of the article can not be too highly commended. The speaker called attention to the future influence of the class upon the world at large and said in part: "Without a constant progress toward high scholarship and high morals, no matter how successful in athletics, the class can claim from right thinking people only the respect that is given the prize fighter for his brute strength. Not only the University but parents and friends demand from each man his best effort. Class patriotism and gratitude should impel all to make the most of these years of preparation for active life.

"A triple responsibility, therefore, rests upon you toward improvement in mind and moral tone, a responsibility to class, to parents and friends, and greatest of all responsibilities resting on man's shoulders, the responsibility of self-culture."

The historian, Mr. Colt, recounted in glowing colors the successful and famous career of

the class of '94. We give below a brief epitome of his production :

"In deeds of valor we have surpassed any Freshman class in the University's history. Our feats far out-number any minor defeats. We entered 376 strong, smaller in quantity than some preceding classes, but stern and lasting in quality. Of course we won the cane rush. It was thought that the Sophomore's defeat would spur them on, but no, what they couldn't win fairly, they tried to win by cunning, but it was no go. They introduced the feature of walking runners, etc., for second prize award at the fall meet, but all fair-minded judges accorded '94 the victory. Our election was successfully carried on in true democratic fashion, at a public voting place, not at 3 Central avenue. Of our classmates at Sage we feel justly proud. They have recently proven that they, like ourselves, can hold a class banquet, despite the deep laid schemes of Sophomores."

The prophecy of Mr. Weber was marked by striking originality and happy allusions. He showed how the military drill had prepared the class of '94 for the next Indian war, which they would successfully put down; how her students in the engineering departments would become the projectors and builders of a Transcontinental railway between North and South America; how her students in the literary courses, led by Messrs. Bogart, Reynolds & Co., would make famous Delphian excavations, Mr. Lanfield making the mathematical calculations, and how President Hall will become a New York State senator. The prophet then closes with what Cornell hopes and believes will prove a true prophecy: a '94 victory at New London.

Mr. Berry read a poem which though short was pointed and enthusiastic. It had the true class ring and abounded with telling hits and was received with great applause. He was interrupted at every stanza with cheers. The voice was strong and clear, and his reference, in closing, to the Sibley chimney and flag was thoroughly appreciated.

As soon as order had been restored after the reading of the poem, President Hall gracefully presented Mr. Hoyt, the toastmaster of the evening, who, after remarking on his recent experience, submitted the following

TOASTS.

- '94, J. B. Landfield
- "We are the People,"—G. Washington
- Cane-rush, E. P. Young
- "We scrapped by the light of the moon,"
Spartacus, B. C., '94

- Mathematical Faculty, R. A. Linke
- "For whom we grind (H) all (K) night and flunk each day,"—O. W. J.
- Athletics, W. C. White
- "The biceps is mightier than the cerebrum,"
B. G. Wilder
- Junior Toast
and
Sophomore Roast, } C. E. Rogers
- "Saints and sinners meet together here,
The first we love, the second do not fear."
Theo. Zinck
- The modern "Sage," J. K. Lathrop
- "I'm so shy,"—Belva Lockwood
- Freshmen 8 o'clocks, H. H. Burroughs
- "Do no brain work within three hours after eating,"—E. Hitchcock, Jr.
- When we are "Sophs," L. R. Simpson
- "We'll teach the young idea how to rush,"
Kane's Rus(h)sian Tactics
- Ithaca Land-ladies, A. B. Norton
- "The hand that pounds the steak rules the Campus."
ChaWcer.

CRUMBS FROM THE BANQUET TABLES.

- President Hall's long arm was often raised aloft with striking effect.
- All the respondents to toasts deserve special notice, but our space forbids.
- Mr. A. C. White made one of the most effective speeches of the evening.
- The class of '94 owned the Ithaca Hotel last night and a good part of Ithaca.
- Many critics thought that the sentiments under the toasts were more cunning than in good taste.
- The steward in a paper cap had perhaps more persuasive eloquence than any speaker of the evening.
- Landlord Freer, with his bevy of waitergirls, constituted an admirable combination for holding a banquet.
- The Sophomores were not forced to give up toastmaster Hoyt, but they were forcibly persuaded to do so.
- Mr. Hoyt may not be able to handle thirty Sophomores, but he knows how to handle himself as a toastmaster.
- Mr. Young's toast was short but to the point. "He who fights and runs away, will live to fight another day."
- The menu cards were very elegant, a new feature being the printing of the class song on the card, instead of on a separate sheet.
- When the Toastmaster was explaining his presence at the banquet, he made some dark hints very suggestive, but said he was not free to commit himself.

—Mr. Slater arose in the midst of a storm of applause and—? but by his earnest and determined manner he "rode the whirlwind and conquered the storm."

—A clever bluff game brought Mr. Hoyt to the banquet. '94's success in the bogus legal game of Friday promises well for the standing of the class when they engage in genuine courts.

—The '94 flag from the Sibley chimney hung in the banquet hall during supper just below the large banner on which was inscribed the class yell. It was later cut up and divided among those present.

—Much credit is due to President Hall, and the efficient banquet committee: O. Payne, chairman, F. J. Hamilton, J. Westervelt, D. R. Collin, J. M. Stoddard, M. B. Griswold, J. R. Kendrick, Jr. Mr. Payne was last evening "first in the hearts of his countrymen."

—Invited Juniors present were R. L. Wae-ner, president '92; C. A. Duniway, representing the *Journal*; L. E. Ware, the *Sun*; and E. D. Shurter the *ERA*; also, seated at the tables were Messrs. Horton, Wolf, L. D. and A. J. Baldwin, Werner, Auell, Taylor and Erisman.

Cornelliana.

—The Catholic Union meets to-morrow evening in Barnes Hall.

—The Mermaid banquet which was to have been held last evening has been postponed for one week.

—*ERA* subscriptions are now due and may be paid to Andrus & Church, or sent to the Business Manager.

—The first order of one hundred mortar boards for '93, has been sent on and a second order is now being made out.

—A class tax of ten cents per capita was voted at the Junior class meeting, Thursday, to be paid at the spring election.

—The Methodist Alliance will give a social at Barnes Hall next Tuesday evening. A short program will be presented.

—The Christian Association is represented by eight delegates at the meeting of the state Y. M. C. A. at Lockport this week.

—Next Monday evening occurs the annual election of officers of the C. U. C. A. Nominations may be sent to Messrs. Galbreath, Kellogg and Hoyt.

—Lectures instead of practicums were given in Physiology this week.

—There was no lecture in Military Science last Wednesday as Lieutenant Tutherly had gone to Elmira to deliver a lecture to the National Guard of that city.

—The recitation in Faust was omitted Thursday. The next recitation will be next Tuesday, when Professor Hewett will deliver the first of his course of illustrated lectures.

—The class in Political Economy began Monday the subject of banking. Professor Laughlin will lecture until the arrival of the text books, which will probably be some time next week.

—The election of captains for the two crews was held at the gymnasium last Saturday afternoon. J. M. Wolfe '92 was elected captain of the 'Varsity and S. D. Higley of the Freshman crew.

—Mr. H. A. Benedict will be at the gymnasium every afternoon from five to six o'clock to receive crew subscriptions, and they may also be sent to the Phi Gamma Delta House, No. 42 Eddy street.

—The number of candidates for the baseball team has been reduced to the twenty-five most promising men. Practice continues each afternoon under the direction of coach Harry Taylor and Captain Field.

—Many of the Faculty members are strongly in favor of adopting the cap and gown for official occasions. The matter has been referred by the general faculty to the University Senate. As yet no action has been taken.

—The bill to establish a permanent tariff commission was passed in the Congress at its last meeting. A bill was also passed authorizing the Secretary of War to issue five thousand stands of arms to the states of North and South Dakota.

—A meeting of the Junior class was held Thursday noon to consider the question of a class hat. A motion to adopt the mortar board was tabled indefinitely, and a committee of five was appointed to look up the matter and report at a subsequent meeting.

—At a meeting of the Freshman class held last Tuesday, the mortar board was unanimously adopted as a class hat. The style will be the same as that adopted by the Sophomores and the distinguishing mark will be the button, which will be of class colors.

—The Faculty has appointed a committee to look into the question of having Cornell represented at the Columbia exhibition at Chi-

cago. The committee consist of Professors Fuertes, Babcock, Thurston, White, Wheeler, and Newbury, together with the President.

—Hon. Gardiner G. Hubbard, President of the American Geographical Society, will lecture in Barnes Hall, at 8 o'clock this evening upon "South America." Mr. Hubbard comes under the auspices of the H. and P. S. Association, and is the guest of ex-President White.

—The McGraw-Fiske mansion was sold Thursday to Thomas H. McGraw of Poughkeepsie, one of the heirs of the estate, for \$35,000. The paintings, tapestries, et cetera, were sold to various persons, mostly heirs, bringing altogether nearly \$6,000, making the net proceeds of the sale about \$41,000.

—The final examination in Course 10 American History will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th, instead of on the day put down in the schedule. This change is made on account of conflicting examinations in other courses, and the impossibility of securing a sufficiently large room on any other date.

—Mrs. Professor Comstock has about perfected her arrangements for exhibiting her very choice collection of wood engravings for the benefit of all connected with the University, who may desire to view them. Beginning next week, she will be "at home" in room 19, White Hall, on each Wednesday during the afternoon after 2.30.

—In order to raise money for the City Hospital the managers have decided to give a large Charity Ball. It is to be held Monday evening, March 30th, in the new Savings Bank building. As the committee will be composed both of students and of town people, it will be a brilliant affair, being equal to the class balls both in elegance and *éclat* and should receive the attention of the student body.

—Friday morning, between the hours of four and five o'clock, the Freshman banquet toastmaster was kidnapped from his room at 34 Stewart avenue, by an organized band of Sophomores. Two Freshmen who were with their toastmaster recognized a number of the abductors, and later in the day warrants of investigation were sworn out for those who were prominently implicated in the plot.

—A race between Payne '94 and Roberts '94 took place in the gymnasium last Monday afternoon, the former walking and the latter running. Payne was given two minutes the start during which time he had made about six and one half laps. Roberts made as good time as possible owing to the sharp turns which

he was obliged to make but was unable to overtake Payne, who won by one and a half laps. Time about 7:33.

—The Fortnightly Club will meet next Tuesday evening in Barnes Hall, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected, in addition to the usual business and program. The topic for the evening is "Faith," upon which short addresses have been secured from Instructor Creighton, Mr. Earl Barnes, M. V. O'Shea, G. R. Chamberlain, L. H. Galbreath, and two or three others whose names we were unable to obtain at this writing.

—The ERA acknowledges the receipt of a check for seventy-five dollars, which has been turned over to the Commodore of the Cornell Navy, from Mr. James H. Pierce, Treasurer of the Northwestern Alumni Association. This sum was contributed by members of the Association at the recent annual banquet held at Chicago, to be applied in reducing the debt still outstanding on the new boat house. The receipt of this amount made it possible to liquidate entirely the above-mentioned indebtedness.

—A Bible Study Tea was held in the Reading Room of Barnes Hall last Wednesday evening, lasting from five to seven. After a short social, supper was served by caterer Andrews. Following this remarks were made by various members of the faculty, led by Professor B. G. Smith. Professor Bristol spoke on "Bible Study for General Culture," Professor Burr, "Present Need of Bible Study," Professor Burdick on "Bible Study in Relation to the Scriptural Life." Mrs. Hooker remarked on memorizing Scripture passages. About seventy-five were present, and all had a most enjoyable time.

Personals.

'88 H. S. Miller has written to his University and Ithaca friends an interesting letter under date of Feb. 16, from Minneapolis, Minn. In it he gives a detailed sketch of his trip among the colleges of Ohio, and states that he expected to arrive in San Francisco on Monday of next week, from which place he will sail for Japan on Thursday of the same week. He mentions having met during his tour several Cornellians. There was at Akron, Crankshaw, formerly '92; at Youngstown, Cummings, '89; at Wooster, Price, '89; at Toledo, Miss Lang formerly '91, and at Minneapolis E. B. Barnes, '88.

'89. Haywood is in town for a few days.

'89. Miss Tupper visited friends at Sage during the past week. Miss Tupper occupies the pulpit of the Unitarian church at La Port, Ill.

'91. C. R. Plumb, formerly '91, has been teaching near Rose, N. Y., for the last two years.

Department News.

CIVIL ENGINEERING.—Donations received by the department, during the present term, aside from the government publications, amount to about \$1700. Among other contributions, the Viceroy of India has sent eleven folio volumes on Bridge Construction in India.—A considerable amount of material for public works is under test in the laboratories. The building stones of Kansas, and cements now in use in the public works at New York and Washington are at present receiving especial attention.—Many of the students are afflicted with the grip; and classes are being conducted with considerable difficulty on account of the quarantine of professors, whose children have the measles.—The library is open from 2 to 6 p. m. daily. All students, whether belonging to this department or not, are perfectly welcome to the use and comfort of the reading-room.

College News.

HARVARD.—The Juniors held their class dinner last Monday. . . Twenty-five candidates for the nine have begun practice. . . A cricket eleven is in process of formation. . . The Prospect Progressive Union has been formed with the object of extending the influence of college culture among the wage-earners and the class who cannot afford the time and money for a college education. . . The executive committee of the athletic association have decided to hold only two winter meets this year instead of the usual three. . . The regular semi-annual change in the management of *The Daily Crimson* has been made by the retirement of the '91 editors and the assumption of the management by the '92 editors.

YALE.—The elections to the junior societies come off in a few weeks and several prominent sophomores are already pledged to D. K. E. and Psi Upsilon. The latter society obtains a son of the President of Yale and W. H. Vanderbilt, Jr. The glee club concert in New York is given on May 2d. A New Haven concert will be given in aid of the Yale students in need of pecuniary assistance.

IN GENERAL.—Oxford this term numbers 2420 undergraduates, according to the *Oxford Magazine*. The University of Pennsylvania opened its new library building two weeks ago. . . Edmund Clarence Stedman begins a course of eight lectures on "The Nature and Elements of Poetry" on March 4th at Johns Hopkins. The *Columbia Spectator* completed its twenty-seventh volume with its issue of last Thursday. . . A canoe club has been organized at Brown and the purchase of a "war canoe" accommodating twenty to twenty-five men has been decided on.

Book Reviews.

HEAT AS A FORM OF ENERGY. Robert H. Thurston. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 1890. Price, \$1.25.

In the volume the Riverside Science series receives an addition at once valuable and entertaining. Dr. Thurston has succeeded perfectly in his endeavor to place before the general reader a clear exposition of a subject essentially technical in nature. The work opens by tracing in some detail the growth of ideas concerning heat, a high tribute being paid to an American scientist not generally known, Count Rumford. Thermodynamics is discussed in a manner intelligible to all. To a historical and descriptive study of the steam-engine is devoted the space which so important a theme demands, and the work closes with a general summary of results. The book is one which every man who would be liberally educated should possess.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Materials for French Composition by C. H. Grandgent, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 15c.

The Reproduction of Geographical Forms by J. W. Redway, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 25c.

Der Fluch der Schönheit by W. H. Riehl, edited by Calvin Thomas, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, 25c.

Amusements.

A "PAIR OF KIDS" TO-NIGHT.

Buttons are in great demand, to-day. From our theatre-goers ascends to heaven one wild, unanimous shout for "more buttons." This remarkable unanimity is witnessed in the large audience that greeted Ezra Kendall, in a "Pair of Kids," at the Opera House last evening, and the ardent desire for buttons has a two-fold significance. First, nearly every auditor lost most of his buttons through violent and incessant laughter, and the second is a yearning to see that inimitable comedian, Mr. Kendall, as "Giles Buttons," once more. Funny? Well! There hasn't been a funnier or a more laughter-exciting farce comedy on the Opera House stage in its history. Ezra Kendall is a master of facial expression, which adds materially to his ability as a comedian, and he gives an entertainment that keeps his audience in one roar of applause.—*Iowa City Republican*.

The "Kids" will be at the Wilgus, this (Saturday) evening.

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Editorial.

THE recent action of the Trustees in deciding to reduce tuition fees is a source of much gratification to the ERA, in common with the many friends of the University who have felt the unwisdom of continuing the present rates. But it is only fair to say that the change which has been ordered—namely, the reduction of tuition fees, beginning next fall term, to \$100 a year for the general courses, the law school and the medical preparatory course—can be regarded as only a step in the right direction. No one can doubt the decided change that has been wrought in the last few years in the class of students who come to Ithaca. The proportion of self-supporting men and women who can afford to attend Cornell, formerly known as a poor students' college, cannot but be diminished by our increased rates of tuition, while nothing can be more certain than that our founder wished to help just this class whose way has been made harder instead of easier. It is therefore a question whether fixing tuition at \$100 is anything else than a temporary compromise be-

tween two tendencies—one leading to the disregard of the interests of students handicapped by poverty, the other maintaining the founder's policy so far as is consistent with the general welfare of the University and its power for good in the world. With the prosperity of these later years it is easy to surrender to the former of these tendencies, but it is none the less important to conserve the nobler purposes of the University's existence. Upon the other phases of the tuition problem, the ERA has already sufficiently explained its position, and nothing further need be here said about its bearing upon the relation of our technical and general courses, but the ERA is pleased to see the suggestions recently published so soon crystallized into law by the Trustees.

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A MOOTED point that is just now coming into prominence in discussions about Cornell's future policy with regard to professional studies and general education, is whether a student shall be permitted to take both the degree of Bachelor of Arts and that of Bachelor of Law in five years. It has been decided in the affirmative already at Harvard and Columbia, and precedent for like action is not wanting at Cornell. It is understood that our Law and Arts faculties are in favor of the scheme and it only remains to secure the consent of those having authority in the matter. Its results would be advantageous to both Law and Arts courses, inducing men who would not otherwise take the time for it, to obtain a preliminary general education before entering upon professional studies, and permitting others to pursue the study of law in the University who are now forced at the end of a four-years' course to go out into active business life. The faculty now permit one who is registered in Arts to take his Junior and Senior work in the engineering courses, and it would seem equally desirable to permit Arts men to

devote the Senior year to law and thus be enabled to shorten their time spent in preparing for professional work from six to five years. Students would be sure to rejoice at such a change, and it is a matter worthy of careful attention and speedy settlement.

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THE baseball prospects of the coming season are regarded with more than ordinary interest by the many lovers of that sport in college. We are unusually fortunate in the possession of a coach of so much worth and experience as Harry Taylor, '88. The number of candidates training is quite large and include some promising individual players. What is very encouraging is the fact that they all enter into the drudgery of the work with great zest and willingness. The management has been active in securing an excellent schedule of home and foreign games which is not yet complete, but correspondence is now going on towards its final completion. The most prominent college teams are booked to play either in Ithaca or abroad. A repetition of the mistakes of last year's management in regard to playing with comparatively unimportant teams need not be feared. Owing to different causes, the team is handicapped at the outset by a considerable debt left over from last year. This fact together with the necessarily heavy expenses incident to the organization of a team, made the circulation of subscription books imperative, in order to insure the management a suitable financial basis. Thus far the subscriptions have not come in with desirable rapidity, owing probably, to the general belief that the sport should be self-sustaining. This is quite true on the face of it, but those making this objection must be reminded of the adverse circumstances above mentioned. In view of these facts, the ERA urgently appeals to the alumni and undergraduates for the support of a cause that is so deserving of success. With a good financial basis to start with, and a team that promises so well, there is no good reason why baseball should not rank on a par with the most prominent athletic ventures at the University.

WITHIN the last few years the Military Department of the University has made rapid advancement and it can safely be asserted that at present any student taking a degree in one of the regular courses and having pursued in the meantime the proper work in this department, can be as well prepared for the duties of an army officer, as in any military institution barring West Point. In regard to the number of students registered it certainly compares favorably with any of the other forty-nine schools and colleges in the country where military instruction is given, and which are entitled to the appointment of an army officer. The Annual Report of the Inspector General for 1890 shows that there were four hundred and ninety-two students in the department last spring placing Cornell, numerically, first on the list, the second being the University of Illinois with the total number of three hundred, and from this the numbers dropped to a much lower figure. In 1889 a board of army officers in consultation with a special committee of college presidents outlined the methods and regulations, respecting military instruction, that should, as far as possible, be adopted in the various colleges to secure fuller co-operation with the War Department. All the suggestions made at that meeting have been fully carried out by this department. In the regular course of instruction it is noticed that provision has been made for target practice and where practicable, castrametation. The former, Lieutenant Tutherly expects to inaugurate in the spring, constructing a rifle range for the purpose, and the latter he also has under consideration. At present the Corps of Cadets consists of forty commissioned officers and five hundred and one non-commissioned officers and privates, making a total of five hundred and forty-one. During the spring term the Lieutenant will drill the regiment as a brigade mounting such officers as are necessary. The history of this department at Cornell is of exceeding interest and with this issue the ERA presents an article containing many facts relative to its early existence.

SOME NOTES ON THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

When the war of the Rebellion broke out there was at once felt in the North a great need of men who knew something of military affairs and tactics, so in order to remedy this fault the framers of the Act of 1862 thought it wise to incorporate in the foundation of the Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges a provision for instruction in Military Science and tactics. As is known to all, Cornell University finally was made the military college for New York State. In reading these notes one should constantly keep in mind the great war the country had just passed through, in order that the discipline in vogue at that time may not seem strange. The facts are collected from the orders issued by the Military Department covering the period from the opening of the University to the year 1872.

When the University opened in the fall of 1868, those students who cared to live in the University Buildings—Cascadilla and Morrill Hall, then known as University Hall—were obliged to live under military discipline. There were six companies, each containing one-sixth of each of the three upper classes. Company "A" was quartered in Morrill Hall, Company "B" in the south wing of the same building, while companies "C" "D" "E" and "F" lived in Cascadilla. The location of each company was decided by lot, and the room each man was to occupy was also determined in the same manner.

Reveille was sounded by the bells at 5 a. m. from April to September inclusive, at 5:30 a. m. during March and October and at 6 a. m. during the remainder of the year. At this sound all students were supposed to arise, arrange their rooms, and get them ready for inspection, which occurred half an hour after reveille. Breakfast was served at 7 a. m., dinner at 1.15 p. m. and supper at 6 p. m. When the bells sounded for meals the captains formed their companies and marched them to their places in the mess halls. At breakfast the roll was called and all absentees reported at once to the captain, who reported in turn all absences from meals and inspections each day to the Commandant. Students were assigned places at the tables at the beginning of the year and were not allowed to change them except for cause. From motives of economy for all, only the minimum number of waiters was employed in the mess halls, and the students were requested to be courteous and helpful in

passing dishes from the carvers to those below them at the tables; no one except the carvers was allowed to call upon the waiters for anything. The carvers were appointed by the captain.

The hours between reveille and breakfast, between 8. a. m. and dinner and between 7 p. m. and tattoo—9 p. m.—were study hours when the halls and rooms were supposed to be quiet and visiting between the rooms was to be avoided. At 9 p. m. tattoo was sounded on the bells and the captains at once inspected the rooms to see that all were in for the night.

Drill was held daily at 4:15 p. m. except on Saturdays and Sundays, and when the weather would not permit. At first Freshmen, and students of the higher classes living in town, were not obliged to drill. The upper classmen who desired the benefit of military instruction were not debarred if they cared to come up the hill. The students were required to attend church at least once on Sunday, and at a signal by the bells on Sunday mornings squads were formed and marched to the different places of worship.

The students were not allowed to lock their rooms, measures being taken to keep strangers out of the buildings. Beginning with the year '69-'70 the corps was divided into two battalions of four companies each. The first battalion consisted of those students living in the University buildings and in the immediate vicinity. The second battalion was composed of those men quartered in town. This battalion drilled on Willow Avenue or in Washington Park. About this time a call was made for two musicians for each company. The call asked for those having a natural talent for music, and who could learn to play the drum or fife.

There seems to have been no cases of discipline for about a month after the University opened, but in the following November we find an order which reads as follows, names being omitted: "For disorderly conduct in the University Mess-Hall after supper on the 29th ult. and exciting others thereto, and for disobedience of the lawful and proper orders of his superior in the discharge of his duty in the suppression of said disturbance, Cadet— of Co. F. is hereby deprived of the privilege of residence in the University Buildings during the remainder of the current academic year, and will forthwith leave the same." Expulsion from the buildings was the punishment for disorder in almost all cases. When an officer did anything out of order he was reduced to the ranks as is seen from the fol-

lowing: "For aiding and abetting another cadet, in the dangerous and annoying practice of blowing into the gas pipes, whereby the comfort and pursuits of his fellow students and of the families residing in the Cascadilla Building were disturbed and human life endangered through the explosive power of illuminating gas when mixed in certain proportions with atmospheric air, First Sergeant— of Company D, is hereby reduced to the ranks." At about this time the Commandant felt called upon to remonstrate against profanity in the mess hall, asking those who were addicted to the vice, to restrain themselves at least while they were at meals.

All matters of disorder and hazing were dealt with by the military department in conjunction with the Faculty, and the vigorous measures which they then took to punish offenders and to create a sentiment against hazing are apparent to-day. From the very first we see that it was their aim to have at least one University in America, where men might come with the assurance that they would be treated as gentlemen by the Faculty and by their fellows.

The first instance of the Faculty having to deal with anything like hazing occurred in the latter part of January, 1869. About twenty men took part in hazing one of their fellows, not because he belonged to another class, but on account of a personal eccentricity. The men frankly acknowledged the offense and were let off with a public reprimand. The Commandant after pointing out that it was a case of disregard of personal rights and of the wantonness of mere physical force which when carried far enough amounted to "lynch law," says, "Let there be one institution of learning in our land where the moral sense of the students themselves shall render such baleful practices impossible, and let that one be Cornell University." In June, 1869, the Faculty gave the Commandant the authority to make military arrests. These arrests were made for violations of military discipline. The arrest amounted to a sort of probation. The student under arrest was required to attend to his academic and military duties as usual, except officers who were disqualified to perform their special duties. The arrest implied a parole of honor, and if the student broke this he rendered himself liable to dismissal from the University. The arrest could not be imposed for more than eight days without the special order of the Faculty. We find arrest imposed for one day for loud talking, laughing and disorderly conduct in Cascadilla, and in another

instance students were placed under arrest for three days for noise in "quarters." Without doubt some residents in Cascadilla wish the Commandant or some one else still had this power.

At first the students drilled without uniform or arms. A uniform was prescribed at the opening of the University, but students were not obliged to wear it until the fall of 1869. It was then to be worn all the time in order to save expense. The uniform was made of dark cadet grey and a forage cap was used. The plan of having the uniform worn at all times seems to have met with opposition. In the fall of 1871 a new hat and blouse were adopted, and it was only necessary to wear them at drill.

The drill was conducted without arms for about a year. Until the new armory was built in 1883-'84 members of the companies kept the arms in their rooms, but according to orders they turned the arms in whenever the demand was made. In order to prevent the use of the guns for sporting purposes there was a rule punishing such offenses by dismissal from the University. From this time on nothing of interest is to be noted. The growth of the military department has been steady and strong, until at this time it is the largest and one of the best drilled in the country.

G. W. L.

PROFESSOR WILLIAMS' LECTURE.

The subject of Professor H. S. Williams' lecture in Barnes Hall Sunday evening was "The Effect of Scientific Study Upon Religious Belief." The speaker said, in brief:

"We all have religious beliefs. Does scientific study develop them or cause us to trample them under foot? If the latter, how may we counteract it and preserve a healthy development of our religious and scientific faculties? If we examine the sources of confidence in our scientific and religious convictions, we find that we apprehend somewhat that is not ourselves in two ways. Through *sensations* we are conscious of the material universe, through *emotions* we apprehend a somewhat outside of ourselves, with qualities of truth, beauty, and goodness perceived through our emotions. The substantial ground of the latter, as contrasted with the material universe, is God. Science is engaged in the consideration of matter. It deals with the experiences of our sense organs, and therefore differs from religion as sensations differ from emotions. The method of reaching scientific knowledge, from the infant's state of ignorant consciousness, is

one of accumulating and classifying sense impressions and formulating them into language. Comparing my present attitude with that I formerly occupied, I find my reverence for God has grown, while a certain sense of familiarity with him has been lost. The change impresses me as similar to my change of attitude toward my father. I was brought up with unquestioning faith in the Bible. I first believed the world was made in six ordinary days. When I learned to read the world I found it was made in millions of years. The discrepancy with the Biblical narrative, instead of disturbing me, enlarged my conception of God. We should treat the Bible as we do nature—as a revelation of truth. Nature never lies. We misinterpret her, but this gives us no ground for doubt.

"The result of deep scientific study is to develop precision in distinguishing true from false formulations of our conceptions, so that personal elements of religious belief become sharply defined. But while science helps develop correct morals, religion reveals to us the rightness and wrongness of emotions. Scientific study profits nothing unless we keep alive the religious functions which conduct us to that other world of religious belief."

A COLLECTION OF ENGRAVINGS.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Professor Comstock, the members of the University are favored with an opportunity of seeing a large number of choice proofs of wood engravings that represent the best work of prominent illustrators of the present day. These engravings constitute Mrs. Comstock's private collection, which is placed on exhibition in the room where her own work in engraving is carried on, No. 19 White Hall, and thus it is made most easily accessible to the public.

Among the engravings are noticed many very fine pieces by John P. Davis. Also those, eleven in number, belonging to a portfolio that accompanies a report to the government of the Exhibition of Fine Arts at the recent Paris Exhibition, by General Rush Hawkins. Four of these engravings are taken from pieces of statuary and the remaining seven are from paintings of the most eminent French and American artists; each one is a beautiful work of art and a study in itself. A bas-relief engraved by Putnam, depicting Mirabeau's answer to the king's messenger, is of special merit. The most minute detail has not escaped the artist's attention.

The proofs in the collection bear the names

of sixteen engravers of note, and are the results of some of their best efforts. Attention is attracted to a proof entitled "New England Elms," a masterpiece of the engraver Elbridge Kingsley, that represents a street in the New England town of Hadley. Another beautiful proof is "The Mermaid" by Church and engraved by King; the signatures of both are inscribed upon it. Of Joe Jefferson there are three portraits by three different engravers, and portraits of several famous men, engraved by Kruell and Johnson. The "White Birches," by Edith Cooper is a charming piece of work. The Russian and oriental scenes of the artists Bridgeman, Sandham and Nichols are reproduced by the highest skill in the art of engraving. The entire collection contains in all fifty-one Japan and sixteen plate proofs. There have been added, also, five proofs by Instructor Willis of the University.

In addition to these engravings several proofs belonging to the Society of American Wood Engravers are on exhibition. As these proofs, twenty-five in number, had not been suitably encased for transportation Mrs. Comstock secured them for the purpose just mentioned. The whole number comprises, three proofs by Aikman representing Japanese pottery, and two oriental interiors of exquisite workmanship by the same engraver; twelve portraits by Johnson, five large pieces by Lindsey, and lastly four proofs engraved by Closson that include Murillo's "Angels" and Leonardo da Vinci's "Christ."

This display of wood engravings is most assuredly a rare treat for all lovers of art, and every Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Comstock has kindly set apart to receive those who may desire to view the collection.

Sage Chapel.

Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied to-morrow by Rev. T. P. Sawin, D. D., of Troy, N. Y. Dr. Sawin is a Presbyterian, and pastor of one of the largest churches in Troy. He is well known as an eloquent and effective speaker.

—Professor Nichols devoted the lecture hour in Physics, Tuesday in giving the class a test for color blindness. Nearly all were able to distinguish ordinary colors, but very many were unable to discriminate between delicate shades.

Cornell Verse.

MERELY AN EXCHANGE.

She has lost her good name,
 Far better 'tis said
 The victim were dead,
 Yet to me she's the same ;
 Her I never shall blame
 For the loss of good name—
 She took mine instead.

B.

WITH US STILL.

Alone—and yet not so,
 Sweet Nature's face
 Peeps into every room. A whisper low
 Breathes through the leaves about the quiet
 place

And I am not alone,—ah no !

And gentle voices break
 Upon my ears ;
 My listening, longing soul, at once awake
 The music of their loving message hears,
 And all my heart is glad for their dear sakes.

“The loved and gone?” Not so !
 The loved and—here.

I almost catch their breathing soft and low,
 The rustle of their robes—they are so near !
 I long to grasp their hands, nor let them go !

MAY PRESTON.

A KNOCK-DOWN QUESTION.

She's little, she's slender, she's weak, and she's slight ;
 And although she's not fit for an up-and-down fight,
 When I merely remarked, “Who's that girl, over
 there ?”

One moment, and it was a knock-down affair.

N.

BOATING SONG.

Jolly Cornell students
 In the days of yore,
 On Cayuga's waters
 Plied the splashing oar ;
 Over bars and shallows
 Where the white foam flew,
 There our gallant coxswain
 Steered the Cornell crew.

Gone are Cornell yachtsmen,
 Gone the days of yore ;
 Still our jolly sailors
 Cruising 'round ashore,
 When perchance at Casey's
 Or at Zinckie's are,
 Steer their foaming schooner
 O'er the perilous bar.

A. A. C.

SELECTIONS.

SHOWING THE TREND OF MODERN POETRY.

If you wish a soul of the purest white,
 And a righteous heart of a lustre bright,
 And a spirit filled with joy and hope—
 You must read the Bible, and “use Hare's Soap.”

When you see the night change into day,
 When the gloom of sorrow is brushed away,
 When the senate and ballot get perfectly pure,
 “Scrubine did it” you may be sure.

When all the earth seems cold and drear,
 When clouds and mists refuse to clear,
 When life seems like a shadow vain,
 And soul and spirit are filled with pain,
 The surest way to remove these ills
 Is a bounteous box of “Screechem's Pills.”

S.

SECOND CHAMBER CONCERT.

The second of the chamber concert series was heard in Barnes Hall last Wednesday night, by an audience equally attentive, appreciative and liberal in its applause with that attending the first concert of the series. The programme was one that reflected much credit on its originators, there being a due proportion of popular and classic numbers. The artists of the evening were Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler, of Chicago, and Dr. Carl Martin, of New York. Owing to the dilatoriness of some of the audience, the programme was not begun until long after the advertised hour of eight. The Toccata and Fugue of Bach-Taussig was the opening number played by Mrs. Bloomfield-Zeisler. During its execution, the audience began to recognize that a player of unusual merit was before them and at its finish, the applause was loud and hearty.

Dr. Martin next sang the Recitative and Aria—"O, Tu Palerma" of Verdi in excellent style. Dr. Martin is gifted with a voice of great power, purity and depth which inclines somewhat to bass. The beginning of the number sounded a little flat which however was remedied before long. As an encore, the well-known "Two Grenadiers" was given in an exceptionally spirited and finished manner. Opus 57 of Beethoven was the next instrumental number and in this it was that Mrs. Zeisler most distinguished herself. This was the most difficult piece of the concert in respect to taxing the endurance and ability of the performer and its very successful rendition deserves the greatest praise. The "Honor and Arms" from the Samson of Handel was then rendered by Dr. Martin.

The rest of the programme was given in a faultless, smooth manner, the playing of d'Albert's Gavotte being especially remarkable for the certainty and deftness of touch of the pianist.

The singing of Dr. Martin was characterized by great power, earnestness and facility. The accompaniment was all that could be desired. On the whole, this concert was more thoroughly enjoyable than the first one given, and the subscribers to the concerts are now looking forward with much pleasure to what promises to be the best of the series, the concert of the New York Philharmonic Club on the 25th of next month.

—Next Friday comes the only military hop of the term. There ought to be a large attendance.

H. & P. S. ASSOCIATION.

Last evening Professor J. L. Laughlin addressed the H. & P. S. Association on the "Sub-Treasury and the Money Market." In brief, Professor Laughlin explained the history of government deposits, the dangers resulting from the present system, and the remedies for them.

Fifty years ago the circumstances were far different than at present, and the government balances were of small moment, while now they have assumed vast proportions.

The Bank of North America was chartered in 1791, and as this was the only bank, government funds were kept there quite safely till 1811 when the old charter expired. A new charter was not granted. Then the surplus was deposited in the only other banks, the state banks over which the government had no control. When the crash came that succeeded the war of 1812, \$9,000,000 of government funds were to be looked for among the liabilities of these irresponsible and defunct banks. The new Bank of North America was chartered for twenty years, and became the repository of national funds, until President Jackson withdrew them and placed them in the "Pet" banks. This contributed to a period of wild-cat speculating, and in the crash of '37 the government was again a loser to the amount of \$2,000,000.

In 1846 the sub-treasury system was adopted whereby "the Treasurer of the United States is required to keep safely, without loaning, using or depositing in the banks, all the public money collected." The great argument in behalf of this system has been that it saved the government from loss in the panics of '57 and '73, but it is wasteful and withdraws the money from circulation.

The war introduced a new regime of thought as well as of business. Transactions are being carried on more and more by use of credit. Over 92 per cent of our business is now carried on by the check system through the banks. No money is required save that the bank shall have a sufficient coin reserve. The national banks must have it and cannot fall below a certain amount. Duties must be paid in coin. This steadily draws the coin into the vaults of the sub-treasury from which it flows irregularly. In this way the money market is made to depend upon the action of the Secretary of the Treasury. The remedy is to be found in keeping all government funds in the national banks, secured by adequate reserves, as the internal revenues are at the present time.

Cornelliana.

—Remember the Military Hop next Friday night.

—Professor Collin has been in Albany during the past week.

—Sibley College has just been the recipient of several technical works.

—Miss McCormick will give a piano recital in Barnes Hall, March 13th.

—L. D. Baldwin, '92, was elected Inspector of Election in ward 10, last Tuesday.

—Bishop H. C. Potter, of New York City, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in June.

—The Cornell Congress will to-night discuss a bill for the abolition of capital punishment.

—The term dues of the Cornell Congress may now be paid to the Treasurer, L. N. Nichols.

—Mr. L. D. Baldwin has the Campus Notes in the *Journal* this week during the absence of Mr. Duniway.

—There will be an examination in Tariff Legislation this term covering the work of the last two terms.

—The second examination on text-book work in American History, was given yesterday afternoon.

—A professor is to be added to the Agricultural Department next year. He will have charge of the dairying interests.

—Tickets for the military hop can be obtained at the book stores or of any member of the committee, at the usual price of \$1 50.

—The meeting of the Fortnightly Club, which was to have been held last Tuesday evening, has been postponed until Monday evening next.

—Professor Corson's work on the "Aesthetics of English Verse," will be ready for publication next month. It will be put on sale as soon as it appears.

—Professor Hewitt began last Tuesday a course of illustrated lectures on Faust. These lectures will be continued on Tuesdays for the remainder of the term.

—Students in Psychology will be required to hand in their notes at the end of the term and will be marked upon them, as is customary in the course in Physics.

—Miss F. E. Flint, '92, has been elected President of the Woman's Band for the ensuing year and by virtue of this becomes 2nd Vice-President of the Christian Association.

—The third annual report of the Agricultural Department has been mailed to all the newspapers in the state during the past week. In reply to postal cards sent out some time ago, only two papers signified that they did not care for the reports.

—In the absence of speaker Duniway last Saturday night, Mr. A. A. Bird was chosen temporary speaker of the Congress. The bill placing tin plate upon the free list was discussed and passed. The report of the Treasurer showed a balance of \$45-20 on hand.

—At the C. U. C. A. business meeting last Monday evening, the following telegram was sent to R. S. Miller, Jr., who sailed Thursday from San Francisco for Japan to begin his work as missionary there: "The old Association wishes you God-speed; thou shall not fail—Cornell."

—The following members of '93 have been appointed by the class President to have charge of the Sophomore Cotillon, which the class voted to hold in place of the banquet: W. S. Gilbert (chairman), E. I. White, G. H. Marx, F. C. Pond, G. V. Fowler, S. C. MacNider, G. A. Rumsey, A. T. Baldwin, and E. M. McGonigal.

—The Methodist Alliance held an interesting meeting in Barnes Hall Tuesday evening. Miss Gilliland gave a piano solo; Dr. Mills described pleasantly a European trip made a few years ago; Mr. Griffith rendered a cornet solo, and Miss Moon recited with great power and beauty of expression the noble "Forest Hymn" of Bryant. The meeting closed with a selection by a double quartette, followed by a short social.

—The annual election of officers of the C. U. C. A. was held in Barnes Hall last Monday evening. The following officers were elected: President, L. L. Lewis; First Vice-President, W. J. Gardinier; Recording Secretary, Miss Jennie Grafft; Treasurer, M. V. O'Shea; Trustees from the Faculty, Professor Burr; from the University trustees, G. R. Williams, Esq., and from the students, F. N. Loveland, '93. At the close of the election President Floy read his report in which he sketched the work of the Association during the past year.

—The first Winter Meet takes place this evening at the Armory. The admission fee is very small, (twenty-five cents) and every one ought to make an effort to attend. The program this evening will consist of light and heavy weight boxing and wrestling, fencing, tumbling, broad sword contests, etc. Unlike most of our other athletic organizations, the

Athletic Club makes no direct call on the student body for contribution, but depends entirely upon gate receipts for its support. It is intended this year to send as large a representation as possible to the Mott Haven games, and in order to do this, a very large attendance is needed at the two Winter Meets. Both Meets will be of exceeding interest to every student, and *all* are requested, if possible, to attend.

—With the February number the *Crank* becomes the paper of all the technical courses. To the regular editors are added the following associate editors: From Sibley College, Professors A. W. Smith, Ryan and Carpenter; from the College of Civil Engineering, Professor C. B. Wing and C. A. Snyder, '91; from Architecture, Professor Osborne and J. T. Lewis, '91. This issue of the *Crank* contains an article on the "Calibration of Wiers" by J. E. Kress and J. A. Almirall, accompanied with two full page plates. "Notes on Electrical Engineering" also has two pages devoted to plates. An article entitled "The United States Ahead," treats of our iron trade. Professor Thurston has a paper on "Science and Practice." Considerable space is also devoted to Architecture and Civil Engineering.

Personals.

'89. Keigo Harada, who graduated from the Law School with '89, has just been admitted to the bar in Japan. The bar examinations are held once a year in Japan, at which time are examined applicants from the entire Empire. Out of twenty-seven hundred candidates only one hundred and thirty-four were admitted. Mr. Harada has opened an office in Tokio and will doubtless make a successful barrister.

'89. C. H. Lee, formerly President of the C. U. C. A., spent Tuesday and Wednesday in town. Mr. Lee is office secretary of the College Branch of the International Young Men's Christian Association.

'90. Sheldon is with the L'Hommedieu Rubber Co.

'90. R. J. Day, a former ERA editor is city editor of the Huntington Daily *Democrat*, Huntington, Ind.

'90. C. E. Dobbin has returned to Ithaca to assist F. L. Robinson, '90, in architectural work. Mr. Robinson is at present in partnership with a firm in Binghamton.

'91. Sedgwick Tracy, who has been troubled for some time with his eyes, left the University this week.

'92. C. A. Duniway of the ERA, and R. R. Duniway, L. S., spent this week in Washington, D. C.

'92. R. J. Le Boeuf, L. S., has returned to the University, having nearly recovered from his recent illness.

'92. Wiener, formerly '92, is at college in Wisconsin, and was the captain and manager of the football team during the season.

'93. O. Shantz left Monday for Canada, called there by the sudden death of his father.

'93. E. M. McGonigle was absent from the University the past week on account of the death of a relative.

'93. W. Morris was prevented from returning this term through illness. He is now in New York and gradually recovering, intending to enter again next fall.

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College News.

JOHNS HOPKINS.—The work in the department of Scientific languages is to be enlarged in scope soon by special courses in modern Oriental languages, especially Arabic, Persian and Turkish. . . A course in practical hygiene will be given which will include atmospheric investigations, conditions of water, ground, milk, meat, studies in ventilation, etc. . .

The fifteenth anniversary of the university was celebrated last Monday morning with elaborate ceremonies. One hundred and twenty-five alumni participated in the banquet of the evening. . . A chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been lately established.

HARVARD.—The report of the athletic graduate treasurer contains some interesting figures. For the year ending September 30th, 1890, the expenses in all branches of athletics amounted to over \$32,000, the amount of receipts exceeding this sum by \$4,500. Over \$10,000 was received in subscriptions, and nearly \$20,000 as gate receipts in games; the balance came in various ways from membership fees, benefit theatricals, etc. . . G. R. Fearing, '93, made a world's indoor record in the high jump with a jump of 6 feet 2½ inches at the recent B. A. A. games. . . In a recent ruling the Faculty have accepted Chinese and Japanese as Greek and Latin substitutes in the entrance examination. . . Permission has been granted the athletic team to enter in the inter-collegiate games.

IN GENERAL.—Percy Hagerman, '90, is rowing No. 7 in the Yale boat. . . Professor Harper of Yale has formally accepted the presidency of the new Chicago University. . . Princeton observed Washington's birthday by orations, debates and the winter meet of the athletic association. . . The Columbia Seniors have decided to present the college with a memorial window of which Virgil is to be the subject. The fifteen men training for the Columbia Varsity average 163 pounds in weight and 5 feet 11½ inches in height—both above the usual average. . . From the Phillips Exeter academy seniors, forty will enter Harvard, twenty-two Yale, twelve will go to the Boston Tech, five are undecided, two each to Princeton, Columbia and Williams, one each to Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, Rensselaer, Vermont, Michigan and Cornell.

Department News.

PHYSIOLOGY.—From a perusal of the Proceedings of the American Society of Microscopists at its Thirtieth Annual Meeting, held last year in Detroit, it is evident that Cornell takes high rank in the scientific investigations of her sons. Some of the more important papers presented have been reprinted in pamphlet form. Among these we find the following by Cornellians: "The Epithelium of the Brain Cavities," Instructor P. A. Fish; "Preparation and Imbedding the Embryo Chick," Professor Gage and Instructor Hopkins; "Structure of the Stomach of *Amia Calva*, or the Dog Fish," Instructor G. S. Hopkins; "The Intramuscular Endings of Fibers in the Skeletal Muscles of the Domestic and Laboratory Animals," Mrs. Gage; "Picric and Chromic Acid for the Rapid Preparation of Tissues for Classes in Histology," Professor Gage; "A Comparison of the External and Middle Ear of Man and the Cat," Thomas B. Spence, '90.

Book Reviews.

HISTORIETTES MODERNES, RECUEILLIES ET ANNOTÉES, par C. Fontaine. Boston, D. C. Heath & Co. Price, 60 cents.

The volume before us, edited by one of our most famous professors of French, is the second in a series designed to furnish material for the work of pupils of

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Amusements.

"BOSTON ORCHESTRAL CLUB."

This famous organization that has been meeting with the greatest success in all the larger cities of this country will make its first appearance in our city Saturday, March 7th, and our music lovers can expect a rare treat, as this club has been pronounced by experts superior to any similar organization of its kind in America. The club is assisted on this tour by Miss Flora Marguerite Bertette, a soprano of more than ordinary ability. Tickets will soon be placed on sale.

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This talented corps of burlesque and vaudeville celebrities will appear at the Wilgus Opera House Wednesday, March 4. The company numbers thirty-two people, and is highly spoken of by the press of all the large cities. Prominent among the artists are Clark & Williams, black face comedians, Eldora, the marvellous juggler, Crowley, the male prima donna soprano, the Sisters Dewitt, musical artists, Cumberland Sisters, duettists, Nettie VonBirg and Louise Bliss, sketch artists, Charlie McDonald, comedian and dancer, and Texerkana, the wonderful lady dancer. The burlesque on the Gondoliers is entitled the Gon-dol-liers, and introduces over twenty burlesque ladies.

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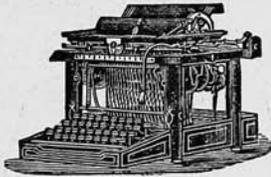
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Editorial.

THE relation of alumni to their alma mater is an important consideration in the development of any institution of learning. By her plan of having alumni trustees, Cornell has endeavored to bring her graduates into close relation with the University's interests, and now an opportunity is to be offered, not alone to graduates, but to all who have been students, to identify themselves directly with the growth of the campus in attractiveness and usefulness. Few indeed are the Cornellians who do not have warm sympathy with everything that conduces to the best interests of their alma mater, but some additional assistance is needed for bringing that sympathy into action, so that its results for good shall be made manifest. That aid seems to have been found. A circular has been printed this week and sent out to Cornellians in the interest of an Alumni Hall to be erected on the campus, ex-President White having, as is well-known, made an offer to add \$10,000 to the amount when the alumni shall have raised \$50,000 for the purpose. The success of the project means

that there will rise upon the campus a building which shall provide a hall for gatherings of alumni, and furnish for them a home when they shall return in after days to renew their acquaintance with their alma mater. It is all too true, that Cornell's benefactors hitherto have mostly come from outside the ranks of the alumni. The plan proposed for building the Alumni Hall is one that should be thoroughly popular and lead to the inauguration of an epoch of benefactions expressive of the interest of all alumni in the welfare of our University.

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IF the most prominent characteristic of the average Cornellian were to be expressed in one word, that word would probably be—"practical." Practical in the hard, dry, Yankee sense, that murmurs even at beauty and culture that does not serve an immediate purpose. But if this is still a prevailing distinction, it is so to a far less degree than was the case in the extreme youth of the University, when its lack of refinement and culture, led a distinguished English visitor to complain that there was no "sweetness and light" at Cornell. That this cannot still be truthfully said of us, is due largely to the unselfish efforts of those who have recently placed before the students the series of Chamber Concerts given in Barnes Hall. This enterprise, which is the outcome of a sincere desire on the part of some of our Professors to awaken an interest in high class music among the students, is not the first of the kind that has been attempted here. In 1875 the Mozart Society, a choral club formed from among the undergraduates and the faculty, was started with much the same purpose. It had a varied career of about nine years, when, as one of the originators aptly put it, "it was killed by Pinafore." Since 1884, no attempt has been made to place any classical music before the University, and attempts which have been made to obtain a Chair of

Music, have failed, partly because of the almost entire lack of interest displayed by the students in that direction. Within the last three years, however, there seem to have come indications of a change. All the musical organizations of the University began to display fresh life and enterprise, and new ones sprang up in every direction. Although this change affected but a small part of the student body, it was looked upon as a propitious sign, and the opportunity was taken by those most interested, to inaugurate a series of the best concerts obtainable, which it was hoped would be a stepping stone to permanent concert courses as fine as any that are presented in the United States. If the present course is an entire success, it is more than probable that other courses will be begun, containing the names of even better known artists, and that, with proper support, the Chamber Concerts may become a permanent source of enjoyment and education to the students of Cornell.

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THE reputation that college students have achieved as gentlemen has been, and unquestionably still is, based in a great measure on their conduct when brought in contact with one another in public places. It is the estimate formed of them by the public in general on such occasions as these that is not generally to their credit and does not become more so as the years pass by. From time immemorial the pranks of college students have been a recognized feature of student life, due allowance being made by the college or municipal authorities until, as regularly happens, matters are brought to an aggravated state. Unfortunately, in the college world little attention is given to those actions that create considerable unfavorable comment in the world at large. Many seem to believe that at certain times, every restraint is removed and the right is theirs to make themselves as disagreeable as possible. This is not a matter in which the reputation of any institution is specially involved, or any one of them in particular referred to, but in every educational institution without exception it concerns the undergradu-

ate members. Within the last few weeks prominent daily papers in different parts of the country have published statements quite derogatory to college students as a class, and in each case there been good reasons for the stand that has been taken. The following extract from a few remarks recently made by a leading hotel proprietor in the state can certainly be classed among the above-mentioned statements:

"I would rather entertain a Wild West company in full dress than a lot of college boys. They walk four abreast up and down the corridors, bully the waiters, annoy the porters, disturb all the guests, and manage to make themselves a general nuisance. The college student in the singular number is generally a gentleman; in the plural he is a rowdy."

Innocent fun it all may be as contemplated by the participants, but it is in the highest degree reprehensible and should receive more than a passing consideration. A small minority of the students in any institution can, and as a rule do, create the disturbance that gives rise to these opinions, injuring beyond measure their own reputation and involving that of their fellow students and the college to which they belong. To be successful, it is important to begin right and the habits formed in college will, in the main, continue through life, and if students will persist in being so careless about their conduct they must reap an unenviable reward.

CECILIAN COLLEGE.

Students accustomed to the conservative methods of eastern universities are apt to regard somewhat superciliously the colleges of the west. However just this feeling may often be, it leads to a lack of interest and a consequent ignorance of all collegiate life not our own, a result to be deplored. No apology is therefore offered for presenting here a glimpse of life in a western college, which is quite unique in method and in aim. That this description may be perfectly just, it is in a large part quoted from the annual catalogue of the institution.

Cecilian college, for peculiarly enough it does not assume the name of university, is in a Kentucky hamlet, about fifty miles south of Louisville. The situation is, it appears, in

every way desirable. It is healthful, and being in the country is "remote from the enticements of the world."

The courses of instruction are modeled to suit the western desire for hurry. "At this old seat of learning no time is wasted in gingerbread trimmings." Two courses are given; the Commercial including History, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar and Composition; the Classical requiring in addition to these branches Latin, Greek, Algebra and some of the Sciences. The Classical course evidently requires too many "trimmings," as it is rarely taken. To secure the coveted diploma in either course "students are not held back to consume a certain number of years but are encouraged by rapid promotion, and by attending two classes, first and second in the same branch, to finish in the quickest possible time, thus saving time and money."

Cecilian especially prides itself upon its efficient mode of teaching. "We teach not only the shortest and most scientific methods, but the principles on which the methods are founded, thus awakening the latent energy of the mind." Authors are used only for purpose of criticism, and "however astonishing it may seem to teachers and knowing ones the authors of most sciences are shown to be nonsensical and absurd." For example, in Grammar it is found that "the two classes of transitive verbs are perfectly false. Authors do not know the correct definition of a noun or pronoun, and they are entirely off with regard to the possessive case." Notwithstanding this indictment teachers persist in "old groovy methods until students become disgusted and throw aside, with scorn, this beautiful, important, and fascinating study." Yet, if properly taught "it is astonishing with what facility students 'catch on.'"

In proof of this facility to "catch on" a number of recommendations from former students are submitted. One graduate asserts that entering college without any appreciable previous training, he not only mastered the branches in the Commercial course in one year, but also overcame Algebra, Geometry, Surveying, Rhetoric, and "Dictionary," and the same was accomplished by "many others too tedious to mention."

No less surprising than the speedy mode of securing an education is the nominal rate at which instruction is given. Tuition is eighty dollars for a term of twenty weeks including board, lodging, washing, fuel, and lights. A small fee is charged for physician's services, which, however, does not include "dentistry,

patent medicines, bitters, tonics, etc., for chronic cases." Extra charges are made also for band music, dancing, and for "mending, patching, etc., according to quantity and quality." Moreover, "students must furnish their own books, wash-basin, towels, soap, hair-oil, blacking and brush, and other toilet articles." Of course it is not to be expected that the mode of living will be luxurious at these rates, but the practice of economy is in itself deemed a valuable part of the collegiate training. "Boys should be taught a taste for the practical, and constantly warned against the day-dreams of wayward fancy and aping the stuck-up-ism of dudes. To be decked out in peacock plumage or showstand fashion may tickle the fancy of boys and deplete the pockets of parents, but it does not add one iota to the fund of useful knowledge."

The faculty of Cecilian includes the President, a professor of modern languages, disciplinarian, a prefect, a pastor and a physician. Among these stands preëminent he from whom the college takes its name, "H. A. Cecil, A. M., President and Proprietor, and Professor of Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Book-keeping, English, and the Sciences." This versatile scholar is evidently the pride of town and gown; newspapers vie in eulogizing him and he is not too modest to insert a few of their kind sayings in his catalogue. "If there is a faultless man on earth it is H. A. Cecil," says one. "He is worthy of the highest praise that could be spoken or written, his life is pure and stainless as a flower, he is one of the elect if we may judge him by his daily life. Heaven is his native element and his earthly existence has never influenced him to forget his primal home." Mr. Cecil is moreover "a man of family and his wife presides over the domestic department, disdaining not her household esoterics and caring for the students with maternal tenderness and solicitude."

In the manner of bestowing prizes, as in so many other of its institutions, Cecilian departs from the path of conventionality. The prizes are not mere money gifts, but consist of a "handsome gold watch, a gold ring, a gold pin, a dude-cane, rare books, and other curiosities amounting in all to from \$100 and \$150!" To whom these articles shall be given is decided by throwing dice, one term's attendance securing one throw, two terms' three throws, and for every term a new student is induced to attend provided he be personally produced before the President, one extra throw. "N. B. Prizes strictly confined to boarders. Highest throw has first choice, next highest,

second choice, etc. No prize removed until the school bill is paid."

The great event of the year at Cecilian is, of course, commencement. The occasion described in the last catalogue was particularly successful. "The glory of heaven and earth combined in an effulgence of brightness, beauty, and perfume, the birds sang bravely and the flowers unfurled their corollas as if they knew it was time to rejoice . . . and booths for lemonade and ice-cream were stationed conveniently on the grounds." Everything betokened a notable commencement and "no common, stale, ill-timed entertainment either."

The exercises were opened by the college brass-band "with a blare of trumpets and silvery cornet notes." Salutatory and valedictory were given, and a few other orations upon the rather trite themes, "Success," "Honour thy Father and Mother," "Distance Lends Enchantment to the View." But the greater part of the program was devoted to amateur theatricals by members of the graduating class. That the plays given were not Greek, but essentially American in character is evident from the titles: "A Scolding Wife," "A Dutch Courtship," "Wanted—A Male Cook," "Dutchy and Nigger." The audience was evidently delighted with this portion of the exercises. One young man is prophesied a brilliant future "whether he chooses the forum, the bar, or literature." A second convinces his admirers that "actors, like poets, are born not made." Still another, "by change of voice, personating two cats of different ages and humors, won floral offerings and applause."

But the place of honor upon the commencement stage belonged to W. L. Cecil, evidently the son of the distinguished President himself. Thrice this young man appeared, dressed in a green velvet dancing suit to delight his audience by performing with great ease and skill a jig, a clog, and a hornpipe.

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W. P. B.

FIRST WINTER MEET.

The first Winter Meeting of the Cornell Athletic Club, which took place in the Gymnasium last Saturday, was a decided success, although there had been previously an apparent lack of interest. The audience was a comparatively large one, and the Faculty was well

represented. The exercises began about eight o'clock, and it was 11:30 before the contests were closed.

Professor B. I. Wheeler acted as referee, and the judges were Professor J. F. Kemp, Mr. Creighton, L. H. Galbreath, '90, J. D. Bell, L. S., and H. N. Wood, '92. H. A. Lozier, '91 was timer, and Dr. Hitchcock, announcer.

The first event on the program, an exhibition broad sword contest by Mr. Nelligan and Mr. Reed, was postponed until the next meet. In its place Mr. Nixon rendered a contortion act.

Next came a bout in middle-weight wrestling, catch-as-catch-can. The contestants were Lomax, '91, and Shepard, '91, the latter being the winner.

This was followed by the feather-weight wrestling, catch-as-catch-can. Only three of the four candidates appeared. The first trial bout was between Rulison, '94, and Lewis, '94. Rulison was thrown once, but scored two falls on his opponent. In the second bout Rulison threw Cohen, '93, thus winning first place. Lewis was declared second.

In the heavy-weight wrestling, Davis, '91, got two straight falls on Bush, '93, and afterwards threw Clauss, '93, twice in a hot contest, winning first place. In the trial between Clauss and Bush the latter withdrew after being downed once, making Clauss second.

The light-weight wrestling, Graeco-Roman, was closely contested, and occupied considerable time. Weeks, '91, and Farber, '91, were the contestants. Weeks scored two downs on his opponent, winning the match.

There were five competitors in the feather-weight boxing. In the trial bouts Newman, '92, was beaten by Jackson, '91, Payne, '94, won over L. D. Baldwin, '92, and Burns, '91, over Jackson, '91. This left the final bout to be contested by Burns and Payne, which was won by Payne.

In the first trial bout of the light-weight boxing Kenefick, L. S., defeated Denton, L. S., and afterwards Bates, '94, won over Sullivan, L. S. The final, between Kenefick and Bates, was closely contested. Bates finally won over Kenefick.

The heavy-weight boxing between Johanson, L. S., and Lonergan, L. S., was a well-fought and interesting event, and after a long struggle Johanson was declared the winner.

In the middle-weight boxing, the last event of the evening, only three of the four candidates who were entered, appeared,—Levy, '91, T. F. Ahern, '94, and Connard, '93. The first bout was fought by Levy and Connard, resulting in a victory for the former. This left as

the last event of the evening the final bout between Levy and Ahern. After three rounds were fought the judges declared a draw, and as the result of a fourth round, the decision was given in favor of Levy for first place and Ahern for second.

PROFESSOR WHITE'S LECTURE.

Professor H. S. White addressed a large audience in Barnes Hall last Sunday evening, on "The Religious Element in German literature." He said that the study of a national literature illustrates the many mindedness of mankind. The beginnings of German Literature carry us back to a time when the Germanic peoples were a congeries of heathen nations; the growth of that literature has kept pace with the growth of Christianity. In it are reflected the clash of heathen observance with Christian creed, the duel of the empire and the papacy, the differences of theologians and the jar of sectarian feuds, and also aspirations toward unity of faith and unity in allegiance. In the earlier middle ages the scholar was both a man of the world and a churchman; philosophy was the handmaid of religion. The oldest extant specimens of German constituted a literature of the clergy and the church.

German literature received its greatest impulse through Martin Luther. He made the Bible a treasury of household words, from which the daily vocabulary was refreshed and strengthened. The nation, though split by Protestantism into a variety of sects, became more united intellectually, and the literary solvent which hastened this was the language of Luther's Bible and Luther's prose. In his hymns, too, dwelt a mighty power for arousing the religious sentiments of the heart.

Luther and Lessing, though more than two centuries apart, were spiritually akin. In the noble drama of Nathan the Wise Lessing teaches the high lesson of religious toleration. Klopstock produced a vague but lofty picture of the Savior in his transcendental epic of the Messiah. Herder dwells fervently on the poetic side of the Hebrew scriptures. The Bible was his first source of culture. Goethe, "the head and body of the German nation," is the crowning figure of German literature. The religious element in his writings represents the most enlightened thought of his day. The essence of his creed, repeatedly echoed in his works, was toleration. He believed the human spirit at its highest would never surpass the moral culture and the sublimity of Christianity, as seen in the Gospels.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

The meeting of the Fortnightly Club, which had been postponed from the previous week, was held in Barnes Hall, Tuesday evening. The attendance was good, many being present who were not members of the Club. "Faith" was the topic appointed for discussion, and a very interesting programme had been arranged. The first paper was presented by Mrs. Hooker, by whom faith was defined as confidence voluntarily reposed in absolute trustworthiness. Faith in God is faith in absolute trustworthiness, and somewhere completeness must exist. Somewhere, there must be an eternal life. God lives, and He hath, in these latter days, spoken through His Son, Jesus Christ. The fact that His Son died for us, is a glorious consummation of human faith.

Mr. O'Shea was the next to speak. He said that in its most general application, faith is a belief in anything lying outside of one's own observation. In modern thought, however, the term is applied wholly to religious belief. One's authority for faith is the agreement of the deeper feelings of the soul with the higher thoughts of the intellect, and external nature proves God exists.

Miss Brewster was then called upon, and made a distinction between spiritual and intellectual life, and attributed much of the struggle, between scepticism and faith, to the fact that this difference is not sufficiently realized. "We can never be wise," said she in continuation, "until we cease to run the world upon one basis. We need the sensitive spiritual antennæ."

The next speaker was Mr. Chamberlain. His address was short, emphasizing the fact that change of faith is not a loss of faith. Miss Hawley spoke of the difference between faith and belief, and the need of something more than a mere intellectual life. The last paper was presented by Mr. Caldwell. "The tendency is," said he, "to narrow too much the definition of faith. It is not confined to one class, but applies to everything. The greater part of our scientific knowledge is founded upon faith." The meeting was then opened to general discussion, leading to a very interesting colloquy between Messrs. Galbreath, Elliott, Platt, Duniway and Chamberlain, Miss Hawley, Mrs. Hooker and others.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mr. John Elliott; Secretary, Mr. Landfield; Executive Committee, Messrs. Duniway, Gorham and Miss Harmon; the new officers to enter upon their duties at the beginning of the Spring term.

THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

A large audience assembled in Professor Tyler's lecture room Thursday evening at the meeting of the Classical Association. The author considered was Terence, and the Phormio was translated. The meeting opened with an interesting paper by President Ogden, on the life and works of Terence. He said that though Terence's plays were all borrowed from the Greek, they have the indelible stamp of their talented author. Terence stands halfway between Roman urbanity and Attic severity, as seen in Lysias and Xenophon, reminding one of the Attic plain, with its clear atmosphere and shapely cut mountains in the distance.

Preceding the translation, a brief summary of the plot and the incidents of the play was given by Miss M. R. Fitzpatrick. The various parts were taken by G. V. Fowler, F. J. Beardsley, W. S. Gilbert, L. C. Root, F. L. Norton, Miss Soule, E. J. Durand, B. H. Newell, Miss Swartout, Miss Berkefield, E. L. Hinman, Miss Barton and Miss Fitzpatrick.

The translations, while adhering carefully to the original, were yet smooth and idiomatic. Two or three amusing scenes in the play were well brought out. The meeting was one of the most successful the Association has held.

SIBLEY COLLEGE LECTURE.

Mr. J. F. Holloway, the first non resident lecturer of this term, delivered an interesting address Friday afternoon on "Some Phases of the Romance of Engineering." The lecturer was introduced by Dr. Thurston. Mr. Holloway said that students very likely thought that there was no romance in Engineering, no place for the ideal or beautiful. They could see nothing of it in algebra, conics, or mechanical text books; nevertheless a man who can control the powers of nature and make them do his work, must see in the masses and materials of nature many things that are full of romance. The engineer, like the painter or sculptor, must have his design in his mind's eye.

The lecturer, after tracing the growth of the iron industry from the first small pellet of iron that was smelted to the wonderful perfection it has reached in our day, related some of the trials and triumphs of a few of our well known engineers. He spoke of John Roach, the shipbuilder,—how he came to this country a poor boy, learned the trade of a smith after many difficulties and, in later years, by his ability, built up one of the greatest industries

in our land. He then told of the trouble of Bessemer in introducing his method of making steel in England, and of the triumphs of Holly with the same process in this country. Dickens founded his "Little Dorrit" largely on Bessemer's experiments. He claimed that these were only a few out of many that he might mention. The advancement of science and learning due to engineers during the past century rival in romance the fabled dreams of genii or the tales of the Arabian Nights. We have now become so accustomed to the marvels of electricity and modern invention that we do not stop to think of the labor that is required to accomplish them.

LAW SCHOOL BANQUET.

The third annual banquet of the Law School was held last evening in the Ithaca Hotel. It was a notable event in the nature of an undergraduate banquet at Cornell. The faculty was represented in the persons of Dean Baardman and Professor Hutchins, who both responded to toasts, and it was not a "class" but a department banquet, both juniors and seniors being present. The innovation worked well, and the Law School has had a banquet that for literary exercises and general enjoyableness cannot be too highly commended. There were fifty five in all who enjoyed the excellent, well-served menu, and the bright responses to toasts.

The following were the titles of the toasts and their respondents as placed upon the card:

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Eastern Preparation for Western Practice.

Prof. H. B. Hutchins.

The Law Class of '91, C. H. Parshall.
Conservatism Consistent with Progress,

H. L. Woodward.

Blackstone and Marshall, Prof. F. M. Burdick.
The Festive Co-Eds, D. S. Tuttle.
The Law Class of '92, T. H. Dowd.

C. U. '91, A. D. Stillman.
Our Exiles—The Gone but not Forgotten, J. D. Trax.

Examinations, J. M. Gorham.
The Humorous Side of the Profession,

A. M. Wittenberg.

Juries or Justice, Which? E. R. O'Malley.

—Professor Burr has been absent for a few days attending the Brayton Ives sale of historical works in New York. Professor Burr is acting as the agent of the University and will make several purchases of volumes which will be added to the President White Historical Library.

SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY.

At their meeting last Tuesday the Trustees completed the staff of the Susan Linn Sage School of Philosophy, which is now composed of the following men: J. G. Schurman, Professor of Philosophy, Dean; S. G. Williams, Professor of Pedagogy; C. M. Tyler, Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religion and of Christian Ethics; F. M. Angell, Assistant Professor of Psychology; J. E. Creighton, Instructor in Modern Philosophy; W. Caldwell, Instructor in Modern Philosophy; W. A. Hammond, Instructor in Greek Philosophy; W. F. Willcox, Instructor in Logic. Of these Messrs. Angell, Caldwell, Hammond and Willcox are new men. All are gentlemen who have already attained considerable reputation in their chosen fields of work, and their selection argues well for the efficiency of the new school. The new appointees, together with C. M. Tyler, appointed last October, assume their duties at the beginning of the next academic year. Courses of instruction to be offered in the school will be ready for distribution in April, and meanwhile the Dean will furnish information to inquirers.

AN ALUMNI HALL.

The project to build an Alumni Hall has been given a new impetus by the issuance of a circular, addressed "to all Cornellians," asking for subscriptions for the purpose. After the adoption by the Alumni Association of the committee report which favored the formation of a Cornell Central Club, a permanent committee was appointed in accordance with its recommendation, which should proceed with the work of raising the required \$50,000. The plan as adopted is to call upon every person who has matriculated at Cornell to subscribe for one or more shares of \$25 each in the club, the money to go for the purpose of erecting the building. This "Alumni Hall," to be situated upon the campus, would provide a much-needed hall for the general gatherings and literary festivals of alumni, for Commencement dinners, for reading rooms, and as a repository of memorials of persons who have been connected with the University. Ex-President White has given \$10,000, conditioned upon the raising of \$50,000 in five years by alumni. Considering what has been done in similar directions at other institutions, there is every prospect of success in this undertaking, inasmuch as Cornell's living graduates now number about 1500, and there have been over 5000 matriculates, up to the last year.

The gentlemen who have the matter in charge, constituting the Cornell Central Club Committee, are: Ex-Pres. Andrew D. White, Honorary Member, Ithaca; Robert Henry Treman, '78, Ithaca; James Harvey Peirce, '73, Chicago, Ill.; John Henry Comstock, '74, Ithaca; Ira A. Place, '81, New York city; Geo. Wm. Harris, '73, Ithaca. Associated with them are representatives from different alumni associations, constituting an advisory committee of sixteen members.

Sage Chapel.

The Reverend Julius H. Ward, D.D., of Brookline, Mass., will preach at the Chapel to-morrow. Dr. Ward was graduate from Yale in 1860. After studying at the Berkeley Divinity School for two years he was ordained deacon in 1862 and was advanced to the priesthood a year later. Since 1878 Dr. Ward has devoted himself almost entirely to literary work, being for some time editor of the *North American Review*. He is a very scholarly man and writes in a pleasing style, having been the author of a number of books covering a wide range of subjects. The Doctor is also a constant contributor to the leading periodicals and magazines.

Cornelliana.

—The first order of Sophomore mortarboards has arrived.

—The Catholic Union meets to-morrow evening in Barnes Hall.

—Carpenter work has been begun on the inside of the Library building.

—Professor Wilder delivered two lectures at Vassar College the first of the week.

—Professor Hewett left Wednesday for New York to lecture before the Goethe Society.

—Owing to the great press of matter, Cornell Verse is omitted from this week's ERA.

—Professor Bailey was out of town two days of the past week attending a Farmer's Institute.

—The Cornell Congress to-night will consider silver legislation, as well as other important business.

—At the meeting of the Junior class held Tuesday, the motion to adopt the mortar-board as a class hat was defeated by a vote of 33 to 34.

—Professor Laughlin has presented to the Law library a volume entitled "Essays on Anglo-Saxon Law."

—The books on banking have not yet arrived and the class in Political Economy have resumed the study of Mill.

—The bill to abolish capital punishment was lost by a large majority at the Cornell Congress last Saturday evening.

—Petitions are being circulated to raise funds to have the picture, together with biography of Henry W. Sage put in the *Cornellian*.

—The Unity Club met at the Unitarian Church last evening. W. H. Hudson spoke on "Herbert Spencer's Relation to Modern Thought."

—The examination in History of Tariff Legislation will cover the lectures and also Taussig's History of Tariff Legislation in the United States.

—W. M. Salter, of Chicago, will address the Cornell Ethical Club next Wednesday evening in Barnes Hall on "What the Study of Ethics Can do for Us."

—All matter intended for the *Cornellian* must be sent in before the close of the present term in order that the book may be forwarded to the publishers by the beginning of next term.

—The new Civil Engineering Society held their first meeting yesterday afternoon. Seniors only take active part but all members of the Department are invited to attend. Papers were presented by Knighton and others.

—Any Juniors and Seniors who have not yet received statistic blanks for the *Cornellian* should get them at once from some members of the Board. It is necessary that the replies should all be sent in before the close of the term.

—Monday evening occurs the last preliminary contest in Junior speaking for this term. The twenty-six whose names were announced sometime ago will participate. The speaking begins at 7.30 sharp in the botanical lecture room.

—The Charity Ball advertised for March 13, has been postponed until Tuesday evening April 7th. The price of tickets will be \$5.00. Students are urged to support the ball, as it is for the benefit of the hospital in which the students' ward is to be located. It is the intention of the committee to make this ball equal in brilliancy to any of the class balls.

—The Memorial Committee of the Senior Class reported yesterday in favor of establishing a prize fund for an oration on American History, to be open to Senior classes. Decision of the matter was deferred. The proposition to adopt the cap and gown will be voted upon at the next meeting, and it is stipulated that a two thirds vote of the entire class is necessary to adopt them.

—The second Winter Meet will be held this evening in the Gymnasium. The events will consist of contests in fence vaulting, rope climbing, exhibitions on the parallel and horizontal bars, high jumping, etc. The medal for the best all-around athlete will also be awarded. The medal is at present held by Osgood, '92, but as he is absent now, some new man is certain to secure it.

—A meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association was held in New York last Saturday. Cornell was represented by Messrs. Bailey, Sanger and Carolan. Treasurer Sanger's report showed a balance of over \$2700. Of this amount \$135 was voted to each of the colleges which participated in the events last spring. E. A. Carolan was elected Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year, and E. C. Bailey was chosen a member of the Executive Committee.

—The Military Hop that took place last evening was a very pleasant affair. The Committee had arranged and decorated the Armory in the usual tasteful manner, and the programs that had been secured were very pretty and appropriate. Although the hop occurred during the Lenten season, the attendance was fairly good, about fifty couple being present. The Faculty was well represented and among them were: Professor and Mrs. Roberts; Professor and Mrs. Bristol; Professor and Mrs. H. S. White; Professor B. G. Smith; Mrs. Hooker; Mrs. Ryan; Professor Wheeler; Professor and Mrs. Fuertes; Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock.

—Mr. John R. Mott, '88, is in the city, and will hold a series of meetings for the C. U. C. A., together with Mr. Laffin, a returned missionary from the Congo region. Saturday afternoon at 4:30 there is to be a workers' conference, and at 7:30 a meeting for all interested in missionary work. Sunday afternoon Mr. Mott will address the 4:30 meeting upon "Christian Activity in American Colleges," and he will also speak at 7:30, Professor Thurston's lecture being postponed on this account. It is understood that these meetings are without exception open to all persons who may be willing to attend. Other conferences will be arranged for and announced later.

Personals.

'81. Seward L. Bowman is connected with the *Youngstown Daily Telegram*.

'88. J. R. Mott is visiting Cornell in the interest of college Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Mott has been engaged as traveling secretary of the International Committee, for the past two years.

'92. O. Takahashi has recovered from the relapse which he underwent a short time ago, and is now out of danger.

'92. B. L. Burrows, formerly '92, will resume his work at the University at the beginning of the spring term. Mr. Burrows was a member of last year's ball nine.

'93. A. W. Bingham has been confined to his room the past week from malaria, but is improving.

'93. H. J. Stacey has recovered from the measles and is about again.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARTHUR MIDDLETON REEVES.

The University has just sustained a serious loss in the death of Arthur Middleton Reeves, who was killed last week Wednesday, in the railroad accident at Hagerstown, Indiana. Mr. Reeves was born at Cincinnati, Oct. 7, 1856, but received his early education and spent the greater part of his life at Richmond, Indiana. He entered Cornell in September, 1873, and took the degree of B. S. in 1878. Owing to his delicate health, Mr. Reeves was absent from the University for some time, and really completed his course in eleven terms. While an undergraduate he became deeply interested in Scandinavian literature, chiefly through the influence of Professor Fiske, and his graduation thesis was on the subject of the "Frithiof's Saga." He was also an excellent Italian scholar, and took a high rank in all the literary subjects of his course. During his last year in college he was one of the founders and supporters of a humorous paper, "The Cocagne," of much literary and artistic merit, which had a brief life of six numbers.

The year following graduation Mr. Reeves accompanied Professor Fiske to Iceland, and there began the studies which resulted in the notable volume to be mentioned presently. From this time until his death, his life was devoted to the prosecution of his Icelandic studies and the care of his extensive business at Richmond, where for a few years he was one of the owners of the *Richmond Palladium*. He col-

lected an unrivalled Icelandic library, visited the great collection of Icelandic manuscripts at Copenhagen, studied at the British Museum, and finally, last autumn gave to the world the result of his researches in the form of a work of profound learning upon the discovery of America by the Northmen. Mr. Reeves lived long enough to see his book welcomed with the warmest praise on both sides of the Atlantic, and it will undoubtedly long remain the standard work on the subject.

Mr. Reeves was a person of modest and retiring disposition; but his many amiable qualities endeared him alike to his instructors and fellow students. In a friendship of nearly twenty years the writer of these lines never knew him to say a word or do an act which were not those of a pure-minded gentleman and scholar.

Mr. Reeves was unmarried, but leaves an aged mother and a sister to mourn his untimely death. May their sorrow be lightened by knowing that it is shared here not only by all who knew their son and brother personally, but also by all to whom the fame of their Alma Mater is precious.

T. F. C.

Department News.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—A course for next year has recently been established in Animal Industry and Dairy Husbandry, a course which the department has had for some time under consideration.—Another professor will be added to the corps of the department next year.—During the coming spring term a better method for the dairy work will be adopted. Instead of depending upon the lecture system solely, each student will be obliged to spend two weeks in the dairy laboratory in actual work.—Professor Roberts has been sick for some time, but is expected to resume work soon.—The annual report of the Agricultural Experiment Station has just been issued and is the most complete ever gotten out by the Station. This report has all the bulletins issued during the past year. The plans for the new Agricultural building are presented and described. An especially interesting feature consists of cuts illustrating all the buildings and laboratories used by the Agricultural students.

Among Our Exchanges.

CONTENTMENT.

The whirling snowflakes cut the air,

The wintry wind blew biting cold,

The big sleigh skimmed, the dashing pair

Of greys raced faster, blindly bold;

The great fur robe with clumsy care

Hugged us warmly in its fold.

The back seat held just her and me,
So covered from the freezing night
That neither she nor I could see
The other's smiles; yet though all sight
Were gone, my heart glowed cosily
With joy, and all was bright.

Columbia Spectator.

ALL FORLAWN.

Two "tennis balls" out on a "racket" one day
Were brought into "court" before night;
"Five all" they were fined
By a judge wise and kind,
Who declared that he "served" them just right.

Brown Verse.

Book Reviews.

MOLIÈRE'S LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME, LE TARTUFFE, AND LE MÉDECIN MALGRÉ LUI, edited by F. E. A. GASC. Boston, Houghton, Mifflin and Co., 1890. Price, 35 cents.

In these pamphlets are reprinted three of Molière's comedies which two hundred years after their production still retain their place among the most popular of French plays. This edition is intended rather for leisure reading than for study and the notes therefore are confined almost entirely to free translations of the more difficult passages. Still further to aid the reader, each scene is preceded by an argument in English. The books are neatly bound and printed and in every way made as attractive as possible. All lovers of good literature will heartily welcome this popular edition for presenting specimens of refined French humor with which American readers generally are not at all well acquainted.

Amusements.

THE BOSTON ORCHESTRAL CLUB.

A very large audience crowded the auditorium at the concert by the Boston Orchestral Club, and the organization was greeted with a unanimity and enthusiasm that are seldom witnessed. Every member of the company is manifestly an artist, and the playing *ensemble* is characterized by some of the best gradations of light and shade as well as purity of tone and unity of attack.—*Boston Journal*.

This club will appear at the Wilgus, Saturday evening, March 7. They will also give a Grand Sacred Concert Sunday evening.

REUBEN GLUE.

Willis E. Akers made his first appearance as a star at Windsor Theatre last night in Reuben Glue. A well filled house greeted the young comedian. The play star seemed to have scored a hit.—*N. Y. Herald*.

Will be presented at the Wilgus, Wednesday evening March 11.

AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS.

The dramatization of Jules Verne's famous story, "Around the World in Eighty Days," may have lost its novelty, but it has evidently gained steadily in popularity, and its presentation at Harris' Academy of Music last night was before an audience as large as any this season. The production was worthy of the reception given it. The scenery and stage effects were appropriate and realistic; the ballet was good and the auxiliaries were prettily costumed and well

drilled, and the numerous tableaux were effective—*Herald*.

This play will be given at the Wilgus Thursday evening, March 12.

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Editorial.

AS the winter term draws to a close a survey of the financial status of the crews proves how unfavorable are the prospects of success. Not long since an urgent appeal was made in these columns for additional subscriptions to the ERA crew fund, but all attempts to awaken any concern in the situation, seem futile. Disappointment would be very keen if it should become impossible to meet the expenditures for the coming term, but such will be the inevitable result unless the present total subscription is nearly doubled. An estimate of the expenses incurred can now be given, and this will acquaint everyone with the true condition of affairs, and substantiate the sentiment that has been expressed. The amount required for the purchase of the two shells, will be \$800; expenses at New London, \$1,000; for the coach, \$750; money still owed by the Navy, \$450; outfit for the crews \$350, making a total of \$3,350, and the cost of the training table and incidental disbursements will increase this to at least \$4,000.

The crew fund aggregates \$2,600, being no greater than when reported a few weeks ago. In order to avoid the non-appearance of the crews at New London, it would be quite advisable for the majority of the students to lend the aid asked for, according to their means, and arouse themselves from their lethargy. If they conclude to do this the outcome will be as desired, otherwise not. Whenever a debt remains over, even though it be a small amount, the management of the finances is severely criticised, and often reprehended, for the methods pursued in raising the money. It would be difficult to conceive where the blame could be placed more undeservedly, with due consideration for all possible errors in the management. Under the most favorable circumstances the task of conducting a crew fund is very arduous, and to obtain a definite financial basis, and also avoid unmerited censure, it is purposed not to send out the crews until the \$4,000 has been subscribed. Mr. Benedict is to be found at the Gymnasium between five and six o'clock every afternoon, and all subscriptions and payments can easily be given to him at that time.

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THE persistent refusal of the faculty to allow the Sophomores to banquet out of town, in spite of the proffered pledge of both underclasses to abstain from those disorders which caused the faculty's action, was felt by many to be an infringement of the students' rights. The fact that in our social life, so few opportunities are offered for the members of a class to meet together added keenness to this general feeling. And yet, it is very possible that the faculty's action may prove a blessing in disguise. Every thoughtful student knows that class glory, as evinced at class banquets, has not redounded with honor to the University. A few hilarious spirits, by their "riotous and tumultuous conduct," have

generally made our under-class banquets of such a nature as in nowise fittingly represents the character of our student body. It is a case in which the noise of a few prevails over the sober reason of the many. The noisy element is always greatly in the minority, but this element leavens the whole lump. By reason of this prohibitive action of the faculty, the Sophomores have decided to hold a class cotillion, in place of the customary banquet. The ERA is disposed to look with much favor on the change. It need not necessarily be any less a class gathering, since it will allow the attendance of the lady members of the class. A great responsibility thus devolves upon the cotillion committee. It is for them to determine very largely, whether or not the Sophomore cotillion has come to stay, and as it is desired that such should be the case the ERA would urge the committee to make every endeavor to perform their duty well. The cotillion cannot, of course, be made an exclusively class affair, but it seems that it should be made as much so as practicable. No Sophomore, who might otherwise wish to attend, should be prevented from so doing by reason of fashion or expense. The Junior and Senior balls each fill their proper places in our social life. The Sophomore cotillion has its part to fill, and it should be democratic enough to exclude all expensive conventionalities of an unnecessary kind. There are many reasons why the cotillion might advantageously be held during commencement week, as is one of the plans now under consideration. At that time, however, such a cotillion as proposed could not be held, since a majority of the class members would have left town. Besides, the addition of another ball to the already crowded social events of commencement week would not be at all conducive to its success in any respect.

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ONE of the just demands upon her that Cornell has not yet satisfied, is that there should be given here a sufficient training in economics. It is not our purpose to inquire

into the causes which have combined to bring about this result, it is enough at this time to recognize that the attempts in this direction have as yet failed to find their fruition in a thoroughly equipped department that should stand high among like schools in the various universities of the United States. The calling of Professor Laughlin, as well as the presence of Professor Andrews two years ago, is an earnest of the desire of our Trustees to meet this evident want, and the very general awakening of interest in the subject this year can not but be an added encouragement to all who desire to see this eminently practical and, at the same time, culture study, find its fitting place among Cornell's courses of instruction. By comparison with what has been done in the same subject at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and the University of Pennsylvania, at each of which institutions four or five men of ripe training are devoting their attention to instruction in this branch, it can be seen how much remains to be done to enable Cornell to meet the due expectations that the circumstances of its founding and its opportunities seem to warrant. The one most impressive message that Professor Laughlin brought with him was to set forth clearly the advantage possessed by Cornell in her strategic position, to enable her to wield vast power in moulding the economic thought of that great west which lies just outside our gates. And even if it cannot be truly said of all educational institutions that their aim should be to fit young men and women to become good citizens, surely a university that owes its existence, or at least, its magnificent proportions, to the munificence of the government, should not neglect that branch of study which has the most intimate connection with nearly all governmental problems. It is therefore sincerely to be hoped that the immediate future will see steps taken to make the department of economics, both in the number and character of its professors and courses and in the provision for fellowships and a more complete economic library, worthy to stand beside our allied and already well established department of history.

CHARACTERISTICS OF POETS.

There are, broadly speaking, two classes of great literary geniuses, who may for the purposes of this article, be called the major and the minor poets,—the term poet being used in a wider sense than that of a mere versifier.

The one class are those who write as if they were *of* the world as well as *in* it; uniting robustness of texture of mind and body with genius of strength and fineness, these poets are also men of the world; they partake of the world-spirit in huge draughts, and yet Antæus-like, their genius grows the stronger for their contact with the earth. Their lives are harmonious, and their writings have the broadest of reach and the most comprehensive of sympathy,—theirs is a fibre of song that vibrates to the uttermost ends of humanity. It is in the major key they sing, and they are the major poets of the world, although the smallest numerically. The Shakespeares, Goethes, Homers, can be numbered on the fingers of the hand. They are a part of, and not apart from, the mass of mankind, soaring above it only through their towering genius.

The other class—the minor singers,—may certainly be said to be *in* the world but not *of* it. Their name is legion, and their chief characteristic has come to be recognized as the mark of the sons of genius—namely irregularity. This trait of the *genus irritabile* seems to be an organic misfortune rather than a fault, resulting from the mingling in undue proportions of genius and materialism in their composition, which unfits them* to be the decorous denizens of a respectable-loving world, apt to love jovial dullness better than the irridescent irregularity, however at times inspiring, of genius.

"Tom's gey ill to live wi'!" exclaimed the mother of the Seer of Chelsea. Others again, there are, in whom with very frail flesh there is encased a too vivid streak of the divine brightness, and the spirit soon wears its teneament out after a short life which is but a flash of strange meteoric splendor—as that of Shelley. Their existence is a continual tumult to reconcile the conflicting elements of their being and circumstances, and its orbit is decidedly an eccentric one to ordinary beholders. "The eccentrics of genius!" is an exclamation of contempt often on the lips of the serene moralists of the pulpit, or the robust and dull philistine of the press. But the term, when the conditions are understood of the stressful life of a Burns or a Poe, is one of honor rather

than reproach. In old and cultured lands the minor poets, or eccentrics of genius, are accepted with all their imperfections on their head because of the priceless value to thought, poetry, scholarship, which it is the divine privilege of originality to confer on culture, and through culture, humanity.

In our country such a class would be represented by men like Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Thoreau, Edgar A. Poe, Bret Harte, Joaquin Miller, and a few others. These were men all of undoubted genius; their lips were touched with the genuine dews of Helicon and Parnassus; their writings swarm, in their fire and freshness, with "the thoughts that breathe, the words that burn." Each was, in the degree in which his own peculiar individuality moved in, an orbit different to those of his fellow-creatures, an eccentric of genius;—and as ours is a land new and democratic in civilization, and rather more given to human than literary concerns, their's have not been, as a rule, careers of the utmost happiness or harmony with their surroundings. Indeed, the degree in which they realized their personality in their work, has been in inverse ratio to their realization of what is called "Success in life!" Nevertheless, in that respect their loss is our gain, for they have by their own peculiar loyalty to themselves, preserved in its purity their native genius, which otherwise would have burned dimly, or faded out, as many others have done, in the obscurity of subservience.

"Most wretched men are cradled into poetry
by wrong;
They learn in suffering what they teach in
song."

Thus sang poor, harassed Shelley, and it is the key note of the whole race of minor poets, from Tasso to Lanier and Poe.

The real fame of American literature may almost be said, to depend on the work of these half-dozen eccentrics of genius; and though much has been written on them, they are worthy of every endeavor made to bring out anew some phase of their career and work.

The dual demonism of music and the Stygion shore that haunted Poe's genius; the wind-and-sea-spoken rhythm of Whitman, the Democrat; Joaquin Miller's melodious passion hurled against our commercial civilization; Bret Harte's wild and willful creations of the heart,—obeying only *its* law; Hawthorne's subtle romances, with the trail of the serpent, and the song of Ariel gliding through them;—

these although not popular, have given to our Poetry, Philosophy and Romance, a color, an intensity, a depth, an individuality in fact, that has made the literature of their land a nationality in the republic of letters,—a republic that extends from the people that breathed the first rune of emotion trembling into speech, to that which will enunciate the "last perfect syllable of recorded time."

"No ray is dimmed, no atom worn,
My oldest force is good as new,
And the fresh rose on yonder thorn,
Gives back the blending heavens in dew."
W. B. R.

MR. SALTER'S LECTURE.

The lecture before the Ethical Society in Barnes Hall, Wednesday night, by Mr. William Salter, the "Felix Adler of Chicago," was listened to by a large and intelligent audience. The subject was, "What Ethics Can Do for Us." The speaker was introduced by Dr. Schurman, who spoke in high terms of his efforts in helping to settle labor troubles in Chicago.

Mr. Salter said that ethics, dealing as it does with ideal conceptions, with what ought to be, can scarcely be called a science. What our ends and motives should be, science, working through observation and experiment, can do little toward making clear to us. The first great benefit of the study of ethics is that it enlarges our philosophy. Those ideas which we can verify relate to facts; moral ideas belong to the body of unverified facts. Their own intrinsic authority must commend them to us. A man will have confidence in them though he has never seen a living embodiment of them in all history. Emerson saw men as they should be; Carlyle saw them as they are. The theme of the one was the transfiguration and glory of *man*; the littleness of *men* was the scorn of the other. If we sat always in a critical view of human nature, life would hardly seem worth the living.

Ethics prevents our religion from degenerating into a feeble optimism. It becomes impossible to rebel against evil if we believe that evil in the moral sense can possibly work to good ends. As we take ethics for a starting point, the whole interpretation of history may change. It has been said that social and political institutions, arising to meet the exigencies of their time, were of necessity relatively right, but they may arise because a powerful class make them do so, as was the case with slavery in the South.

Again, ethics gives us a clew, though not a solution, to the social question. Wealth is increasing enormously. A large number, however, are not much better off as yet, relatively, than serfs or slaves. Others have irregular employment or none at all. But it is a fallacy to suppose that the poor are getting poorer, or that the working classes are better morally than the others. Some of the poor won't work at all if they can avoid it. These wrongs have their seat where wars cannot reach them. Our ways are not to be amended, but changed. Ethics, though laying out no plan, gives us principles with which to guide ourselves.

Lastly, ethics, gives us a point and purpose to our lives. It should be our central aim to contribute to the good of the world, and we should be moral on principle. Let our young men be the bearers of modern ideas to the modern age. Let us open our souls and drink in faith and courage with the breath of each new day.

THE CHARITY BALL.

Tickets for the Charity Ball will be on sale at Finch's book store to-day at 2 p. m. The committees having the affair in charge are sparing no trouble and expense to make the ball one of the most successful social events ever given in Ithaca. With this end in view both town and campus unite in extending invitation to the student body. Few perhaps appreciate the facilities offered by the Savings Bank building for a successful ball. A building of three stories, handsomely decorated, thrown entirely open for dancing and refreshments, is certainly very commodious and will doubtlessly rival the Armory when decorated for a Junior or Senior Promenade. The ball has been postponed until April 7th, the last registration day of next term, in order that a date could be secured on which it would be possible for the students to attend.

In the giving of their first charity ball the Ithaca people have made every endeavor to secure the hearty co-operation of the students, as will be evident in the publication of the committees having the affair in charge. They are as follows:

Managers, Mrs. F. M. Finch, Mrs. W. H. Sage, Mrs. C. S. Spencer, Mrs. R. B. Williams. Executive Committee, R. B. Williams, Mynderse Van Cleef, J. C. Gauntlett, W. H. Sage, C. H. Esty, Professor C. A. Collin, Professor J. T. Morris. Floor Committee, F. J. Whiton, Captain H. E. Tutherly, R. H. Treman, W. H. Storms, E. C. Bailey, '91, H. G. Van Everen, '91, and F. J. Platt, '92.

Decoration Committee, Mr. W. H. Miller, A. N. Gibb, E. L. Williams, W. J. Romer, W. N. Noble, C. E. Treman. Printing Committee, C. H. Blood, G. E. Priest, I. B. Easton, '91, O. F. Emerson, G. W. Apgar, A. P. Fowler, '91. Supper Committee, C. D. Stowell, A. H. Esty, F. W. Phillips, S. B. Turner, C. E. Van Cleef.

The members of the ticket committee have not as yet been selected, and the list of patronesses is not complete. The price of the tickets admitting gentleman and lady is five dollars, and single tickets for ladies three dollars.

THE MARCH MAGAZINE.

The March number of the *Cornell Magazine* contains two contributions that make it of more than ordinary interest; one is the charmingly written article on "What Richardson Did," by Professor Osborne, and the other is one of E. E. Hale Jr.'s, inimitable talks on "Here and There in the Library," written from Halle, Germany, where Mr. Hale is at present pursuing his studies. Professor Osborne's article, which occupies a leading position, is an absorbing account of the early life of an extraordinary man. The bright personality and the rather eventful life of this greatest of American architects, form a chapter of rare interest, which, it is to be hoped, will soon receive a sequel. This number contains also one of those graduate contributions on topics of living interest, that have done so much to give the *Cornell Magazine* its high reputation. This month it is an able article from the pen of Florence Kelley Wischnewetzky '82 giving a stirring picture of tenement-house labor and calling upon the women of the nation for a modern crusade against this evil.

"Journalism among the Romans" is the rather startling title of the next article, by A. Willis Abrams. This novel field is made one of great interest by the able handling of the author.

The second paper upon "Psychical Phenomena," by G. H. Emerson fully sustains the interest awakened by the first. "The Saint" a short story of peasant life by A. V. Babine, is exceedingly well written.

This number contains two pieces of verse, "Psyche" by W. C. Langdon, Jr., formerly '92, and a "Revel Song" by K. F. Rubert, '90. Both show much ability, the latter in particular, catching the spirit of abandon remarkably well.

One of the best book-reviews that the *Maga-*

zine has thus far printed, appears this month in F. O. Bissell's review of O. W. Holmes' last work, "Over the Teacups." It is a scholarly and able review, and may well serve as a model.

SECOND WINTER MEET.

A large and enthusiastic audience assembled in the gymnasium Saturday evening at the second meeting of the Athletic Club. The judges were Professors Wheeler and Kemp, Mr. Baillot, and Dr. Orndorf. Dr. Hitchcock, and Messrs. Courtney and Nelligan were timers. Mr. Nelligan and Mr. Reed opened the program with a broad sword contest. The single stick exhibition by a class from the Cascadilla School was very well rendered, and the young men deserve great credit for their fine manœuvres. The finest thing of the whole evening was the fancy bicycle riding given by Mr. W. F. Lewis. It was probably the finest ever seen in Ithaca. After performing several tricks of balancing first on the floor and then with the bicycle on two chairs, Mr. Lewis removed the small wheel and saddle, and rode on the large wheel. He showed himself a complete master of the machine.

The running high jump, at first a tie between Horton, '92, and White, '94, was finally won by the former at 61 inches. Hamilton, '94, and Dole, '94, made a close contest on the horizontal bar, Hamilton winning the prize. In the standing high jump contest the victor was A. T. Baldwin, '93, who jumped 54 in. Horton, '92, won second place. Putting the 16 lb. shot was contested by Taylor, L. S., and White '94. The former won with a throw of 34 ft. 9 in.

The winner of the running high kick, in which there were five competitors, was Roberts '94, who kicked 8 ft. 7½ in. Horton, '92, was second. The contest on the parallel bars lay between Moses, '95, and Wray, '94, the latter winning.

In the pole vault contest Horton, '92, won over Jaquish, '93, with a vault of 100 in. Simpson, '94, gave a fine exhibition of club swinging. In the broad sword contest between Messrs. Caldwell and Myers, the latter won. Payne, '94, lowered the Cornell in-door record for the mile walk—time, 7 min. 26¼ sec. Horton, '92, was declared winner of the '88 medal for the best general athlete.

—All persons wishing their marks this term must deposit an envelope, stamped and addressed, in the box on the Registrar's door before the last day of examinations.

Cornell Verse.

THREE TRIOLETS.

He (aside)

"She looks 'up to it,' quite,
Just a kiss before parting;
If I read her aright,
She looks 'up to it,' quite,
Just one kiss—for good night;
Dare I try before starting?
She looks 'up to it,' quite,
Just a kiss before parting."

She (aside.)

"Oh why *are* men so slow!
Can't he see that I'm waiting?
Dear! he's rising to go,
Oh why *are* men so slow!
If he *could* only know,
He'd not stand there debating.
Oh why *are* men so slow!
Can't he *see* that I'm waiting?"

Both (several minutes later.)

"Where's the harm in a kiss,
Just one kiss for good-night?
If it comes down to this,
Where's the harm in a kiss?
We're quite sure naught's amiss
If you take it aright.
Where's the harm in a kiss,
Just one kiss for good-night?"

J. A. H.

FOOLED.

I saw her at the masquerade,
Tried long and hard to please,
But lift her mask—*no* she would *not*!
However much I'd tease.

While in the shadow of a screen,
Where we were hid from view,
I placed my arm around her waist—
Now, really, would not you?

And as she closely nestled up,
I downward bent and kissed her.
But, ah! I know that rougish smile—
Deuce take it! it's my sister.

W. E. G.

A SIMILE.

A money bank is like a man,
Throughout this whole broad nation;
When e'er it goes upon a bust,
It goes in liquidation.

N.

STRANGE.

'Tis strange with all our gay young men,
No matter where they have been—
Whene'er a *wind-fall* falls to them
They always go and *blow it in*.

N.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

One winter day as the sun went down
And the shadows grew deep on hill and glade,
A hapless stranger in the town
Beneath the Barnes Hall portal strayed,
And heard borne from the gloom o'er head
Wild sounds, that filled his soul with dread.

Wild cries and shrieks were heard aloft,
With prayers and groans and yells,
And sounds unutterable, as oft
Of horrid murder tells,
Or ghosts unburied, who e'er more
Must wander on the stygian shore.

The stranger crossed himself in fear.
"What devils howl at evening dim?
What are those awful sounds I hear?"
A smiling student answered him,
"Those fearful sounds the night winds bring?
Why that's the Glee Club practicing."

L.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

The following letter, received yesterday, is self-explanatory:

CORNELL UNIVERSITY CLUB, }
NEW YORK CITY, }
March 11, 1891. }

WHEREAS, Intelligence has just reached us of the death of John Sayles Waterman, of the class of 1877,

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of one who, as an earnest student, a public spirited supporter of every worthy undergraduate enterprise, a companionable friend, a loyal alumnus, a distinguished member of his profession and a Christian gentleman, had earned the universal regard in which he was held; and

Resolved, That we tender to his wife and family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

JOHN DEWITT WARNER, *Pres't.*

CHARLES H. JOHNSON, *Sec'y.*

Sage Chapel.

The Reverend C. J. Little, D. D., Professor of History, in Syracuse University, will preach at Sage Chapel to-morrow. Dr. Little is one of the most popular of the professors in his institution, and is a leading divine of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. He has been one of the University preachers for some years, and is an eloquent speaker, and a leader of thought among his people.

Cornelliana.

- Examinations begin next Friday.
- Mr. Mott left Monday morning for St. Louis.
- A silver bill was passed at the Cornell Congress last week.
- The Mathematical Club meets this evening at Professor Oliver's at 7:30.
- Governor Hill has signed the bill which gives to the University about \$120,000.
- Professor Nichols, who has been ill for several days past, met his classes as usual today.
- There will be two Registration Days next term, the same as at the beginning of this term.
- The lectures in Architecture were omitted Monday on account of the illness of Professor Babcock.

—Professor Burdick sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to meet his classes again on Thursday.

—This number of the ERA is the last to be published this term. The next issue will appear April 11th.

—A sample desk of those to be put in the new Library building may now be seen in the mathematical alcove.

—The crews will not be finally selected until all have had a chance to show their ability upon the water.

—All students in Chemistry will be required to take the examination this term. No one will be excused as formerly.

—The examination in American History occurs next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Botanical Lecture Room.

—To-night is the last meeting of the Cornell Congress for this term. A bill for Canadian reciprocity will be discussed.

—Captain Johanson requests the candidates for next year's foot ball team to meet in the Gymnasium daily at four p. m. for practice.

—Note books in Physics must be handed in Monday and Tuesday of next week. They will be returned before the final examination.

—The officers of the new Civil Engineering Society are President, C. C. Lewis; Vice President, A. C. Crane; Secretary and Treasurer, T. F. Bowes.

—There will be no final examination in Junior Rhetoric this term, but the mark will be determined as last term by preliminary examinations.

—Subscription books are now being circulated by the Athletic Club to raise funds to secure a trainer and to send a team to Berkeley Oval in the spring.

—Those wishing to subscribe for the Photo-gravure books should do so at once, as the list will close soon and only the exact number subscribed will be ordered.

—Tuesday evening Professor and Mrs. Oliver gave a reception, at their residence, to the members of the Ethical Society. A very pleasant time is reported.

—The base ball team practiced in the Gymnasium Monday and Tuesday. Coach Taylor has been giving them some "pointers" in base running and batting.

—There will be a meeting of the ERA Board at the office Monday evening at 7 o'clock sharp. Every member must be present as important business will come before the meeting.

—The Agricultural Association met as usual

Tuesday evening. F. G. Bates presented a paper on "Cranberries," and a discussion was also held on the subject of "Soiling."

—Professor F. M. Burdick speaks at Barnes Hall, 7.30 p. m., Sunday, March 15, on "Christian Manhood." Dr. Thurston's lecture on "God's Truths and Man's Beliefs" will be given March 22.

—President Thurston last week transferred Professor Laughlin from the position of Secretary of the Interior to that of Secretary of the Treasury. The vacancy caused by this transfer has not yet been filled.

—This week the commodore of the Navy sent challenges to the freshmen crews of Yale and Harvard for a two-mile race at New London in June. Their reply will be awaited with interest by all Cornellians.

—The Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs will leave on their tour Thursday noon, March 26th. The first concert will be given that evening in Auburn. The other concerts will be given at Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Detroit, Toledo, Ann Arbor, Cleveland, and closing at Erie, April 4th.

—Professor Hewett, Corresponding Secretary of the Alumni Bureau, announces that he has calls for three Cornell graduates. One, an application for a mechanical engineer, comes from Washington, D. C. The others were for instructors in Higher Mathematics, and in the Natural Sciences.

—Owing to a conflict with Sophomore English, the final examination in Faust has been changed to Thursday March 19th, at 3 p. m., instead of the time arranged for on the schedule. In place of the illustrated lecture Tuesday, Professor Hewett read the paper on "Goethe as an Interpreter of Life," which he recently presented before the Goethe Society of New York.

—The last contest in Junior speaking for the term occurred Monday evening. Twenty-five men spoke. From this number, Professor B. G. Smith chose the following as competitors in the final preliminary contest to be held Friday evening April 10th: A. J. Baldwin, Breckenridge, Duniway, Derham, Elliott, Hamilton, Hoxie, Keiffer, Laidlaw, Lewis, Marble, Mosher, Nichols, Shurter, Soulé, Taylor, Whicher and Wolf.

—The lecture upon the grand cañon of the Colorado, given by Mr. C. D. Walcott, of the U. S. Geological Survey, Thursday evening, was largely attended, and proved to be a most interesting description of that western wonderland. The talk was abundantly illustrated by

lantern views, which were frequently the cause of merited applause. In language as untechnical as possible, the geological formation of the region was described, and the lecture made pleasing by narrations of personal experiences in scaling the vast and almost perpendicular heights between which the Colorado flows. This lecture is the first of a series to be given under the auspices of the Natural History Society.

—There is a possibility that one or two Seniors may be able to secure commissions as 2nd Lieutenants in the regular army. To be eligible, candidates must have been commissioned officers at least during the spring term, have passed the required examination in Military Science and between 21 and 27 years of age on July 1st 1891. Application should be made to Captain Tutherly at once.

Personals.

'93. E. W. Brown has been compelled to leave the University, on account of ill health.

'91. Hoy goes to Rochester Monday to take the Civil Service examination.

'91. Waful has been offered a position for next year in an architect's office in Binghamton.

Department News.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS.—The work of Seniors in Electrical Engineering this term is partly devoted to the photometry of the arc light under direction of Mr. Genung, and data are being collected for a comparison of the new "horizontal slit photometer," described by Professor Nichols at the last annual meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, with that of the older instruments for such work.—A recent computation of the power of machines now mounted in the new dynamo-room of the department of physics shows that about 120 H. P. would be required to drive them under full loads.—The latest acquisitions are two 10 H. P. Edison dynamos, presented by the Edison Co. through Dr. Thurston. An automatic regulator for one of these machines has just been made in the instrument-maker's shop by Mr. F. C. Fowler.—A new device for measuring the electro-motive force of alternating current machines, in which an incandescent lamp is used as an indicator, is attracting much attention in the laboratory. It is the invention of Professor Moler, and will probably be described soon in some of the electrical journals.—Technical thesis work is for the most part in too early a stage to be reported at present. There have been some interesting original investigations going on in pure physics.—Since the opening of the year, Mr. Merritt has been engaged upon a very delicate and difficult piece of work—the photography of manometric flames, which if successful will make it possible to

preserve records of various sounds in a way not as yet attained.—Mr. E. F. Nichols, R. G., is studying the law of cooling of glass and metals.—Mr. Rogers, R. G., is at work upon the magnesium flame as a source of light.—Misses Palmié and Davis have been investigating the influence of temperature upon the rate of vibration of tuning forks.—Mr. Shepard, '91, is at work upon the investigation of the thermal conductivity and specific heat of a copper bar—a piece of work undertaken at the request of Professor W. A. Rogers of Colby University, Maine. Something concerning investigations in applied electricity will be given later.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.—The details for the Engineers' vacation trip have not yet been fully arranged, but there will be three sections and three corresponding routes,—east, south and west. The party going east will visit the Edison General Company at Schenectady, the State Capitol Electric Light Plant, the electric light works at Boston and Lynn, the manufacturing works at Providence, including a visit to Brown University, and thence to New York where the party will disband. The southern tour will include various works at Bethlehem, Philadelphia and Wilmington, and the western, those at Harrisburg, Pittsburg and Allegany. There will also be a special tour for the Electrical Engineers, under charge of Professor Ryan. Professor Nichols will take charge of the party going east, and Professor Carpenter of the one going west. The manager of the southern division is not yet determined. Special rates for the excursionists have as usual been secured, some of the roads offering passage as low as one cent per mile.

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College News.

PRINCETON.—President Patton intends to hold a series of literary meetings soon for the Juniors and Seniors, at which a paper upon some philosophic or literary subject will be read by some able man engaged for the occasion. The candidates for the Princeton nine have been reduced to fifteen men from whom the team and substitutes will be chosen. Twenty out of the first fifty Seniors smoke; ten study medicine after graduation, twenty-seven will study theology, twenty-four law, and six will enter journalism.

YALE.—The trustees will vote the Fayerweather fund to defraying current expenses and none of it to building purposes. On the 24th the crew candidates go to Philadelphia for instructions from "Bob" Cook, who will probably select the crew at that time. Professor Townsend, of the Yale Navy, says he has no reason to believe that a race can be arranged with Cornell, but an effort will be made later in the season. The trophies for last year's crew have just been given out. They are in the shape of pewter tankards, about ten inches high. On the front is a large laurel wreath, within which are a pair of oars and a rudder. Beneath this is engraved the owner's name, position in the boat, date and record of the race.

IN GENERAL.—The *Brunonian* deplors the low ebb of religious interests at Brown University. Class prayer meetings are given up, and college meetings are attended only by a dozen. Five of Lehigh's last year's nine are back in college. There are seventy-five candidates for the Harvard Athletic team, and seventy for the Yale team. Bates will pitch for the Harvard nine this year. Canada has forty colleges. Wesleyan introduces Anglo Saxon into its curriculum this year. The Brown alumni of Berlin, Germany, have organized the Brown Berlin Club. The Harvard crew are now rowing on the river. The Law School of Columbia has organized a nine which will be the only team Columbia puts out this season. The Syracuse faculty require of Seniors the wearing of cap and gown on class-day. Columbia is much excited over the resignation of Professors Swift, Chase and Petty, of the Law School.

The Era Crew Fund.

The following paid subscriptions have been received:

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Many students threaten to leave the school unless the resignations are satisfactorily explained. The Williams men recently gave a successful performance of the comic opera "Romeo and Juliet," by a Senior. The Juliet was 6 feet, 3 inches in height. Harvard, Yale and Princeton voted to abolish the tug-of-war contests at the recent I. C. A. A. meeting in New York. Harvard also endeavored to introduce a two-mile safety bicycle race at future meetings.

Book Reviews.

LIVY. Books I and II. Edited, with Introduction and Notes, by J. B. Greenough. Boston: Ginn & Co. Price, \$1.35.

This volume is the latest in Ginn's popular college series of Latin authors. The editor is of the opinion that the essential object of studying Latin is to learn to read it readily and accurately; that to learn to read one must try to read in the form and order in which the author presents his ideas and conceptions, with as little translation as possible. Discussions of historical and grammatical points are subordinated to the presentation of Livy's exact ideas as they lay in his mind, and the order in which he intended to present them. The introduction gives a brief summary of the life of Livy, his qualifications for writing history, his authorities, his qualities as a narrator, and the chief characteristics of his style. A worthy companion of the other volumes in the series, the work will contribute much to the intelligent study of the Roman historian.

Amusements.

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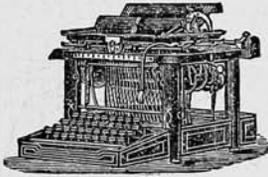
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Editorial.

NO graduate of Cornell University ever had a greater honor conferred upon him than Dr. David Starr Jordan of the the class of '72, in his appointment to the presidency of the famous Leland Stanford, Jr., University in California. In accepting this position Dr. Jordan has taken upon himself a task that involves weighty responsibility, but it is safe to assert that Senator Stanford could not have chosen a man better fitted by training and experience to properly conduct the institution, than the president of Indiana University. Dr. Jordan was born at Gainsville, N. Y., in June, 1851. He entered Cornell in 1868, graduating in 1872 with the degree M.S., and was an instructor in the Botanical Department during his Junior and Senior years. 1872-3 he he was Professor of Natural history at Lombard University, and during the year following Principal of the Appleton, Wis., Collegiate Institute and also studied at the Anderson Summer School on Penikese Island, Mass.; the admirable work he did, at this time, in

ichthyology under Louis Agassiz, Director of the School, not only received the highest commendation of Agassiz but it was the turning point in his career. In 1874 he lectured on Marine Botany in the same institution. In 1875 he was a lecturer on Zoology at the Harvard School of Geology at Cumberland Gap. For the next four years Professor Jordan occupied the chair of Natural History at Butler University, and at the close of that period became Professor of Biology at Indiana University. In 1880 he was special agent of the United States Census Bureau and at various times he has held appointments as assistant to the United States Fish Commission and the National Museum. He became president of the Indiana University in 1885, which position he has since occupied, becoming one of the most prominent educators in the west. In 1887 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of LL.D., which is one of the only two honorary degrees ever given by Cornell; since 1887 he has been an alumni trustee of the University. President Jordan has continued to work constantly in his special department, that of the study and classification of North American fishes, and is recognized as the highest authority on this subject. With the help of his assistants Dr. Jordan has investigated, in the interest of the science, all the important river systems in the United States, including the Pacific coast, and also has visited Central America and Cuba for the same purpose. He has been the author of at least 250 papers, principally devoted to American ichthyology and among the most important publications can be classed his "Manual of the Vertebrates of the Northern United States;" also a work of at least one thousand pages, prepared with the assistance of Professor Gilbert, entitled "Catalogue of the Fishes of North America;" and his "Science Sketches," a very interesting book which is a compilation of popular papers written by him at different

times. President Jordan, in a recent letter, states that the new university will be opened next fall with a faculty of about twenty which number will be largely increased within a few years. It is rumored that many Cornell professors have received invitations to become members of the new faculty; in a few cases this is true, but very little authentic information has thus far been received. Dr. Jordan is eminently worthy of the presidency of Stanford University, and Cornellians one and all unite in extending to him their most hearty congratulations and wish him the greatest success in the career upon which he now enters.

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THE question of shortening college courses was revived again last week at the meeting of the Classical and High School Association in Boston. In the course of the discussion President Eliot took occasion to remark upon the movement and also defend the action of the Harvard faculty. The trend of the argument was that the feeling is becoming more and more prevalent that the educational system in vogue both in colleges and secondary schools should be so conducted that young men can be prepared for professional life before they are twenty-seven years of age as is now the universal rule. In order to bring this about the colleges are taking the initiative and this change will have a reactionary effect on the preparatory schools of the country, but to their advantage and to that of the American youth rather than otherwise. It was claimed that there is an increasing tendency toward securing advanced degrees and a constant leaning in the direction of specialization on the part of those fitting themselves for teachers, and the greater the opportunities offered for this in advanced education, the sooner will the secondary schools universally be able to give a preparatory education that will enable the majority of students both to enter college at an earlier age and obtain their two degrees in a shorter time than was possible under the old system. The entire argument naturally elicits considerable unfavorable criticism, but the fact is very patent that

secondary schools as a rule do not prove as efficient as they should for college preparatories. The students in college who expect to assume duties of this character should, and no doubt do, realize the necessity of using suitable methods of training so that the average scholar can take the shorter college course without detriment to himself. The proposed change in the college curriculum is a welcome one, and if the standard of admission can be made sufficiently high there will be far less danger of the students working on an insecure basis.

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A TEACHER, writing to the parents of a boy studying in a preparatory school for entrance into a technical course at the University, writes the following, to the officers of the department into which it is proposed to enter him: "It is a fact that the country demands, and is looking for, men who are capable of doing, not only the practical work in these technical lines, but who have the additional requirements that will enable them to take a place in the best society of the country. It is a sorry sight to see a man, well-trained and well-equipped in his particular line, who is an absolute ignoramus in all that constitutes a broad and intelligent citizenship. They never can rank with the great men in the professions, simply because they have never had the training in other than their own lines." The teacher goes on to urge that at least an attempt be made to give the student a general education before he is allowed to give up all broader work, and confine himself to the professional training. The message touches upon a point that is often overlooked by the impatient young student, eager to be out in the world to make his own way. With such men pleas for breadth of culture fall upon unheeding ears, they look at the matter only from the standpoint of the man who asks "Does it pay?" Yet nothing can be more certain than that time judiciously spent in obtaining at least a fair general education is sure to bring its compensation, and that as well in remuneration for services rendered, as

in satisfaction in one's own life. The lesson enforced by this letter fits the case of many a student in Cornell University, and should not be passed unheedingly by any man who finds himself debating the question as to which course to pursue in his choice of work while in college.

AN ALUMNI BANQUET.

DENVER, Col., April 2, 1891.

Editors Era:

SIRS.—On March 2d a permanent organization was formed of the Rocky Mountain Alumni Association. A constitution was adopted, and the following officers elected: Pres., Ex-Gov. J. B. Grant, '74; 1st Vice Pres., H. C. Charpiot, '86; 2d Vice Pres., Whitney Newton, '79; Sec'y, C. B. Fish, '89; Treas., F. J. Alexander, '91. After the election a dinner was held at the Albany Hotel. The members in attendance were very enthusiastic. I enclose you a clipping from the *Denver Republican*, a poem read and written by C. F. Allen, '83, and the toast of J. W. Shackelford. I enclose the latter because it gives a history of the founding of the Cornell Navy, an event due almost wholly to Mr. Shackelford.

Very Truly, WM. BUZARD SMITH.

The Cornellians present at the dinner mentioned in the above letter were:

C. F. Allen, '73, F. J. Alexander, '91, H. W. Bingham, '77, F. E. Baxter, '80, S. V. Barbour, '90, J. S. Best, '69, J. V. Bohn, '92, C. M. Becker, '90, F. Becker, '93, H. C. Charpiot, '86, F. W. Cooper, '79, H. C. Davis, '90, W. E. Everett, '91, F. L. J. Freeman, '89, C. B. Fish, '89, A. B. Groves, '88, A. L. Hawley, '86, W. E. Knopp, '75, A. J. Norton, '87, Whitney Newton, '75, Augustus Martin, '89, A. S. Proctor, '87, Milton Smith, '87, W. B. Smith, '88, E. C. Sheldon, '83, J. W. Shackelford, '75, H. F. E. Wendell, '84.

After dinner, the toastmaster, Mr. H. F. E. Wendell, proposed the following toasts:

"Cornell in the Past," H. W. Bingham; "Cornell of the Present," H. C. Davis; poem, C. F. Allen; "Cornell Men in the West," Milton Smith; "Western Boys for Cornell," Professor W. E. Knapp; "Cornell's Crew," J. W. Shackelford; "The Mission of the College Man," H. C. Charpiot.

The toast of J. W. Shackelford, giving many interesting facts respecting the formation of the Navy, is printed herewith in full. The poem, by C. F. Allen, '73, will appear in the next

issue, being omitted this week by reason of the press of matter.

THE CORNELL NAVY.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Toastmaster and brother Cornellians:

The Cornell Navy, of Cornell University, like most of the other institutions that have fought their way to fame, had a small and humble beginning. The fact that I had the honor to be connected with that beginning, is a fact that I remember with infinite pride. In September, 1870, I entered the Junior Class at Cornell, having spent the Freshman and Sophomore years at Washington University, St. Louis. Every thing was strange; not a soul in the place that I could call even an acquaintance. The members of my class were fully occupied with their studies and old associates. I might have made friends at once with many of the strangers, but they were all Freshmen, and my Junior dignity revolted at the idea. It takes some time to make friends under such circumstances, and the first ten days were far from pleasant. One day at this time, in a fit of utter loneliness, I strolled down to the lake for the purpose of consoling myself with a good, old-fashioned pull at the oars. I got interested in the search for a boat; I hunted far and wide, but none could be found. What, no boats to rent to the 600 students? What, no boats belonging to private individuals? No boats in Ithaca? No boats on this beautiful lake? No, nothing but a few sail boats, and a half dozen miserable old scows that no one would think of using for pleasure. I could hardly realize it. I was keenly disappointed. I was fond of rowing, and this condition of affairs did not suit me at all. It was not long, however, before I had a boat built. A little beauty, 20 feet long, and 20 inches wide, outriggers, two oars, room for two, me and the girl. The rest of the fellows weren't in it. I had a monopoly of that business. Ah, some of the happiest hours of my life were spent in that boat. In the course of a few months, the other students who knew something of rowing, began to come around, and would occasionally borrow the boat. In that way, and around this little boat, developed a nucleus for the future organization of the Navy. Just twenty years ago, March, 1871, after some discussion of the subject, I posted on the bulletin board, in the first, or south building, the first call for a meeting to organize the Cornell Navy. The meeting was poorly attended, there being but eight or ten present. The matter was talked over by the few assembled, and it was evident that some

interest was being taken. I at once wrote out a much more urgent call, and posted it. The efforts were rewarded by an attendance of about forty. An organization was effected, and enough money pledged to buy two boats and to start a cheap boat-house. I left soon afterward for New York City, with authority to buy two boats, a four-oar and an eight-oar boat. I found suitable boats, but the prices were higher than we expected. I went back to Ithaca for consultation. We then learned of a good second-hand boat, eight oars, that could be bought for a low price at Buffalo. We bought it. This was the Navy's first boat, considering my little boat merely the entering wedge. We then picked up a couple more in the same way; then several of the boys bought single and double sculls. The boat-house was soon built, and fortune was smiling on the Cornell Navy. We didn't have any fine Club House, we didn't have any fine boats, we didn't have any very well trained crews, and we didn't have any races with the other colleges, but we did have just about as much fun as we could absorb. My friend and classmate, Mr. A. C. Pike, '72, deserves the highest mention for his earnest devotion to the cause. Much of the success was owing to his energy.

It was enough for the beginning; the seed was sown; interest was awakened, and the Faculty smiled approvingly. Next year the conditions improved greatly. The membership was largely increased, the faculty aided and the citizens gave something. It was not until '73, however, that enough money could be raised to get good boats and to train the crews properly. Then began the struggle for supremacy with other college crews.

The first prominent race contested for was at Springfield, Mass., July '73; eleven competitors, being the Intercollegiate Regatta. It ended, Yale 1st, Wesleyan 2nd, Harvard 3d, Cornell 4th, etc. Pretty good for a beginning, as the other navies had been organized for years.

It was not until 1875 that the great series of brilliant victories began, the first notable success being that of the Freshman crew, at Saratoga, July 13th, defeating Harvard, Brown, Yale, Princeton and others. The next day the regular crew defeated Columbia, Harvard, Yale and others. From 1875 to 1885, covering a period of ten years, whether it was in the Intercollegiate Regattas, or at Henley on the Thames, or on the blue Danube, the Cornell colors were the first home in three-fourths of the races contended for.

From 1885 to this date, 1891, while a great number of races have been rowed, it has been

one unbroken chain of victories. Every foe vanquished! Not only have they conquered all comers, but they have frequently broken the record for time, for the different distances. Gentlemen, this is truly marvellous. It is a record without equal in racing annals. Of course Yale and Harvard didn't want to play!

Do you wonder that I feel proud at even my remote connection with the valiant Cornell Navy? Out of the thousands and thousands who have attended the University, there is not one who does not feel an honored proprietorship in the Cornell Navy, and not one whose heart does not thrill with enthusiasm at the news of each successive victory.

All honor and glory to the Cornell Navy! May she go on and on through the coming generations, adding fresh laurels to her brow and shedding lustre upon the dear old University. That its crews have become invincible, there is no doubt. What is the great secret of this success? While it is partly owing to the many years skillful training of that great oarsman, Courtney, and to the extra development of the leg muscles caused by the daily tramp up the high hill, the real reason to my mind is this:

The Navy has imbibed the true spirit of the University, and has reflected its real worth. Its zeal and inspiration have sprung from the preponderating characteristic of the University itself, its great, sturdy, progressive strength; a strength that is ever ready to grasp and push to success that which is new and good, and which is equally ready to cast aside that which has proved worthless. The mere conventionalities of the past, as such, have no place there. Cornell is the best exponent of America's future education. This noble University will so imbue her annual output of graduates with the spirit of this sturdy, progressive strength, that fifty years from now, she will vindicate my boast by citing a long list of eminent men whom she can call her own; great masters of experimental science, of modern and ancient learning; useful men to the world and ornaments to the nation. I hope the list may contain many of my young friends who are here to-night, and that it will be said of them that their talents and learning were not wasted on selfish and ignoble objects, but were employed to promote the physical and moral good of their species; to extend the empire of man over the material world; to defend the cause of civil and religious liberty against tyrants and bigots, and to defend the cause of virtue and order against the enemies of all divine and human laws.

THE EASTER CONCERT TOUR.

The Easter concert tour of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs was a success in every way,—artistically and financially as well.

The clubs left Ithaca on the special Wagner sleeper "Mississippi," provided for the clubs through the courtesy of Mr. F. A. Bissel, of the Wagner Company, on the afternoon of Thursday, March 26th. They visited successively Auburn, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Detroit, Toledo, Ann Arbor, Cleveland and Erie. The Glee Club found the weather an important factor in concert giving, apart from its effect on the size of the audiences. Most of them were troubled with more or less severe colds; Mr. Bailey was able to sing his solo but once, so that the programme was weakened by the loss of "Imogene Donahue," a song which proved so popular in last year's concerts. Mr. Parkhurst and Mr. Bissel likewise sang their solos under difficulties, however, they received most flattering comments. Mr. Wray of the Banjo Club was seriously ill, but pluckily kept his place. Mr. Gill's work is especially to be commended. He appeared in every number on the programme, led the Mandolin Club, played the violin delightfully, and sang the most taking of the Club's funny songs. Mr. Hickey's "bull-pup" bark met with the appreciation which so remarkable a gift merits. The Banjo and Mandolin Clubs also were deservedly appreciated and never failed to receive applause and encores. The Mandolin Club especially, on account of its novelty, seemed to please the audiences.

The press notices received by the club are exceedingly gratifying. There are few criticisms made on the work of the clubs; especially is to be noticed the absence of the old wail for "the good old songs." This is especially pleasing to the Glee Club, since while the programme contained a preponderance of humorous and popular songs, there was in it a number of compositions of real merit, and the excellent rendition of these songs gave evidence of the real musical ability of the club. All along the route the clubs were most cordially received, and entertained by Cornellians and friends in a manner highly appreciated. In Syracuse C. Sedgwick Tracy, '91, gave an enjoyable afternoon tea. At Buffalo Mr. and Mrs. Bissel gave an elaborate luncheon. In Detroit H. H. Sanger, '91, entertained the clubs at his home after the evening entertainment. In Toledo W. G. Smith, '92, tendered them a reception. At Ann Arbor the clubs received a most hearty welcome from the Michigan men. In Cleveland a de-

lightful banquet was given by the Cornell Alumni Association, and at Erie F. B. Downing, '93 gave a reception to the clubs.

The trip was a source of great pleasure and profit to the members of the clubs and was the merited reward of the patient and hard work that was done in the preparation of the programme.

CHARITY BALL.

The Charity Ball in aid of the Ithaca Hospital was given according to announcement on Tuesday evening of this week in the new Ithaca Savings Bank building. The first floor had been fitted up for reception and cloak rooms, the hostesses of the evening being in the handsome north-east room. These ladies were Mrs. Francis M. Finch, Mrs. William H. Sage, Mrs. Charles S. Spencer, and Mrs. Roger B. Williams. The stairway leading to the second floor was tastefully arranged with palms and ferns, and the offices of the second floor were furnished for card playing, in which many of the more elderly indulged. Here, too, the orchestra was stationed until the hour for dancing was arrived, by which time the handsome building had been thoroughly inspected by all the curious. A pleasant retreat with Japanese decorations had been arranged on the third floor, on which also was the large supper room, while dancing was carried on in the fourth and last story. Here was centered the enjoyment of the evening, and during the earlier hours the floor was crowded. The decorations of evergreen and bunting, and the colored lights shining upon the moving crowd, added to the beauty of the picture. The attendance was about three hundred, not so many as were expected, but the ball was nevertheless a success. The University people present were: Dean and Mrs. H. S. White, Professor and Mrs. Hale, Professor and Mrs. H. S. Williams, Professor and Mrs. Oliver and Miss Oliver, Professor and Mrs. Crandall, Professor and Mrs. Church, Professor and Mrs. Crane, Professor Fuertes, Professor Newbury, Professor Morris, Mr. Harris, Instructor Emerson, Instructor Noyes, Mrs. Hitchcock, Miss Thurston, Miss Fuertes, Miss Cochran, Miss Ellis, '90, Miss Taylor, Miss Tappan, Messrs. Easton, Gifford, Raymond, Stagg, Lozier, Hall, Hitts, Southworth, Brooks, Wright, Fuller, Hamilton, Wood, Platt, McMynn, White, Baldwin, Doolittle, Hubble, Woodward, Hegele.

—The student who misses the Sage Chapel sermons this term, will be greatly loser thereby.

DR. TARBELL'S LECTURE.

The members of the University interested in classical archaeology were favored last evening with the first of the five lectures that will be given this term on themes relating to this subject. The lecturer was Dr. Frank B. Tarbell, formerly director of the American School at Athens, and at present connected with Harvard University. The subject was "The Grave Monuments of Ancient Athens."

Dr. Tarbell said, in brief, that the sepulchral monuments of Greece are not the work of Greek artists, and are not, therefore, valuable as much for their artistic beauty and finish as for the light which they throw upon Greek life and upon the spirit in which the Greeks faced death. Stone monuments for the dead were common in Greece from the earliest ages. They varied in form at different times and in different places. The monuments of Attica are most numerous and valuable for study. Sculpture and painting were common on the funeral monuments. In recent years painted monuments have been discovered, on which was not sculpture at all.

The period to which the lecture was confined included the most interesting of the monuments. In the first part of this period, down to the Persian invasion of B. C. 480, there is apparent in sculpture an awkwardness, a childishness, and a want of regard for perfect truthfulness. From B. C. 480 to B. C. 400 is a period of the greatest dignity in Attic sculpture. In the fourth century B. C. is the brilliant age of Praxiteles.

There were few monuments between the Persian and Peloponnesian Wars; after the latter war they became very numerous. In Roman times some of these monuments were thought worthy to be transferred to Rome. There was little attempt to express on the monument the grief of friends; the object was to preserve the memory of the dead as they were while upon earth. Sometimes a young boy was shown holding a pet animal, a girl with her doll, a woman at her toilette, or some domestic scene. There was but rarely an appearance of the physical circumstances of disease. This class of subjects was avoided. When death was referred to at all, it was only in some symbolical representation, as of a syren on the tomb, lamenting for the dead.

The lecture was one of exceeding interest, and by the use of lantern views Dr. Tarbell gave his hearers a clear conception of the subject.

—Theses are due May 11.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. Philip Moxom, D.D., of Boston, will occupy Sage Chapel pulpit to-morrow. Dr. Moxom is one of the most prominent divines in the Baptist denomination. He is characterized as a strong, bold thinker and is a preacher of unusual eloquence. He has visited Cornell several times and has become very popular with the students.

The following is the list of the Sage Chapel preachers for the remainder of the spring term:

- April 19.—Rev. Geo. R. Van DeWater, D.D., New York City, Episcopalian.
 April 26.—Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, Hartford, Conn., Congregational.
 May 3.—Rev. John H. Vincent, D.D., L.L.D., Buffalo, N. Y., Methodist.
 May 10.—Rev. Daniel Merriman, D.D., Worcester, Mass., Congregational.
 May 17.—Rev. Robert Collyer, New York City, Unitarian.
 May 24.—Rev. John W. Brown, D.D., New York City, Episcopalian.
 May 31.—Rev. Francis G. Peabody, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Unitarian.
 June 7.—Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa., Baptist.
 June 14.—Baccalaureate sermon. Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., L.L.D., New York, Episcopalian.

THE SAGE RECEPTION.

Last evening occurred one of the most enjoyable receptions ever given by the young ladies of Sage. From eight o'clock until ten Mrs. Hooker, assisted by Miss Briggs and Miss Cochran, received their many friends, after which a program of fifteen dances was indulged in. The botanical lecture room and the parlors were used for dancing while the remaining apartments on either side of the main hall were utilized for reception and refreshment rooms. The profusion of floral decorations and the charming retreats afforded, made the occasion especially delightful.

The faculty was well represented, and an unusually large number entered enthusiastically into the dancing.

Among the many present might be noted: Mrs. A. D. White, Professor and Mrs. Oliver, Professor and Mrs. Hale, Professor and Mrs. Gage, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Professor and Mrs. Crane, Professor and Mrs. H. S. Williams, Professor and Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Crandall, Dr. and Miss Wilder, Professors Wheeler, H. S.

White and Bailey, Instructors Von Klenze, Marsters, Noyes, Willis, Preswick, Coffin, Towle and Shepardson.

DEATH OF NEIL STEWART, JR.

Neil Stewart, Jr., a graduate of Cornell University, of the class of '87, died in New York City, March 30. His death was due to pneumonia after an illness of about a week.

Mr. Stewart was graduated in the course in Civil Engineering. After leaving college he secured a position as one of the engineers of the Croton Aqueduct, where he remained until the practical completion of the work. The work accomplished by Mr. Stewart in the brief period after leaving college, gave promise of a future of fine achievement; and his death will be a matter of sincere regret to a large circle of friends, held by the charms of an engaging personality. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

Cornelliana.

—The class in Photography will be very large this term.

—The Catholic Union meets to-morrow evening in Barnes Hall.

—The roof is being put upon the tower of the new Library building.

—Wagner, '94, will probably take Young's place on the 'Varsity crew.

—Candidates for next year's football team began practising last Thursday.

—The Presbyterian Union will probably meet next Friday evening in Barnes Hall.

—The Cornell Congress holds the first meeting of the term in Deming Hall to-night.

—A number of Wells College students attended the Charity Ball, Tuesday evening.

—About the same number were dropped from the University last term as in the fall.

—Professor Bristol has not yet recovered from the grip sufficiently to meet his classes.

—A. J. Baldwin, '92, is absent this week on the work of the C. U. C. A. Visiting Committee.

—Mr. Chas. R. Pratt of Elmira, began his work as assistant professor of law on Wednesday.

—The Freshman crew has not yet been selected, but the number of candidates will soon be reduced and the best men sent to the training table.

—Mr. E. L. Phillips, '91, has been chosen Assistant Registrar and will assume his duties at once.

—Young will not train any longer for the 'Varsity crew as his father has forbidden him to do so.

—The number of candidates for the ball team has been reduced to two nines which practice every afternoon.

—The number of students who took the various vacation trips was not so large as last year, but all report an excellent time.

—The ball team has been practising upon the Athletic Field this week. The ground is rather soft yet but is improving daily.

—Prof. Goldwin Smith will reach Ithaca this evening for a two weeks' stay. He will probably be induced to speak several times while here.

—Professor Burdick has accepted the offer of a professorship in the Columbia Law School and will assume his duties at the beginning of next year.

—A meeting was held at the Zeta Psi House last evening, to reorganize the Star League for the spring games of baseball. A schedule of games was made out.

—The *Cornellian* Board, at their meeting Thursday evening, nearly completed the selection of the matter for the body. The little that remains will be sent on at once.

—A Farmers' Institute was held at the Court House the first three days of this week. President Adams delivered an address and papers were also read by Professors Prentiss and Bailey.

—The first ball game of the season occurs next Tuesday with Hobart. On Thursday and Friday are games with the Rochester professionals here and on Saturday a return game is played at Rochester.

—The Cornell Ethical Society, to-morrow at 2:30 p. m. will discuss the "Ethics of Gambling," Professor G. L. Burr, Mrs. Oliver and G. R. Chamberlain being the leaders. The society meets in the east rooms of Barnes Hall, and its sessions are open to all.

—Owing to the Sage reception last night, the Junior speaking has been postponed until next Tuesday evening. The contestants will speak by lot, and the contest will take place in Barnes Hall instead of the Botanical Lecture Room as previously announced.

—A few men have begun training for Field Day, but the condition of the track prevents any steady work yet. Many of the candidates

are anxious for a trainer, and also that a training table should be secured. It is to be hoped that both of these matters will be arranged soon.

—The 'Varsity crew is rowing as follows: Bow, Griffith; No. 2, Barr; No. 3, Wolfe; No. 4, Hill; No. 5, Wagner; No. 6, Benedict; No. 7, Marston; Stroke, Witherbee; Coxswain, Allen. While there may be a slight change, this is probably about as the crew will remain.

—Mr. R. G. Moulton, of Oxford, England, will deliver two lectures before the University on Sunday and Monday evenings of next week. On Sunday he speaks upon "The Bible as Literature," and on Monday upon "University Extension in England." The lectures are given in Barnes Hall at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. O. L. Elliott, instructor in English and Assistant Registrar, has resigned to accept the position of private secretary to President Jordan, of the new Stanford University. Mr. Elliott left yesterday for Bloomington, Ind., to begin his work and will soon go on to California. His wife will remain in Ithaca for the present.

—Members of the Law School will, on Saturday evening June 13, debate the question, Resolved, that the United States by appropriate legislation should provide for the free coinage of silver. The men selected to participate in the debate are: J. B. Scovell, E. R. O'Malley, R. L. Maynard, I. G. Hubbs, J. M. Gorham and C. B. Frenkel.

—The Barnes Hall reading room has assumed a still more attractive appearance during the last few weeks. Heavy plush portieres have been placed at the windows, and upon the floor of the room are two large rugs of pleasing design. These recent changes have been effected through the generosity of Mrs. Adams to whom the Association is indebted for many beautiful gifts.

—During the vacation R. H. Treman, of Ithaca, was nominated for alumni trustee, to succeed Mynderse Van Cleef. Mr. Treman graduated in 1878, and has since been identified in many ways with the students and University interests, at present being the Graduate Treasurer of the Athletic Association. He is thus far the only nominee, and therefore will be quite certain of election.

—A series of four lectures for the spring term have been arranged by the History and Political Science Association to be given by Professor Moses Coit Tyler, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Colonel Henry Douglass and Colonel

Venable. The first named lecturer talks upon the preservation of manuscripts, the second upon the "Battle of the Wilderness," and the other two gentlemen upon subjects connected with the Civil War. Both Colonel Douglass and Colonel Venable served in the Confederate Army.

—The lecture by Dr. F. B. Tarbell last evening was the first in a series of five archæological lectures that will be given this term. The other lecturers with their subjects and dates are: Prof. J. R. Wheeler, of Burlington, Vt., on "The Beginning of Athenian Archæology," April 17; Dr. Harold Fowler, of Exeter, N. H., on "The Apollo of the Belvedere," April 24; Prof. Alfred Emerson, of Lake Forest, Ill., on "Praxiteles," May 1; and Prof. J. R. Sterrett, of Austin, Texas, on "Asia Minor as a Field for Archæological Explorations," May 8th and 9th.

—After next week the following ball games have been arranged to be played at Ithaca: April 25, Syracuse Univ.; April 28, Rochester Univ.; May 1-2, Stevens Institute; May 5, Union; May 12, Colgate; May 15-16, Lafayette; May 22-23, Columbia; June 11-12, Johns Hopkins. The team will also play the following games in other places: April 22, Syracuse Univ., and April 23, Syracuse Stars, both in Syracuse; April 24, Colgate at Hamilton; May 8, Oberlin at Oberlin; May 9, U. of M. at Detroit; May 26, U. of P. at Philadelphia; May 27, Princeton at Princeton; May 28, Fordham at N. Y. City; May 29, Lehigh at Bethlehem; May 30, Lafayette; June 1-2, Olympics at Louisville.

—The University has gone into the "newspaper business." The first number of a new publication, to be called the *Cornell University Bulletin*, will be issued to-day. It contains notices of meetings that occur next week, and is intended to be official and therefore accurate. To quote from the publication itself: "The *Cornell University Bulletins* are intended to make announcements of such lectures, other exercises, and meetings of Associations as are of interest to the public, but are not given in the Annual Announcement of Courses. They will be issued every Saturday during the present term; and will be sent gratuitously to all the officers of the University; and as far as may be known, to all officers of Societies and Associations. Should the publication meet with favor, the *Bulletins* will be continued during the year 1891-92, and will be sent to subscribers at one dollar a year:—subscriptions to be paid in advance at the Business Office of the

University. Announcements made out in the form adapted to the *Bulletin* should be deposited in the box on the door of the President's Office not later than 1 o'clock on Thursday of each week, in order to appear in the following number."

Personals.

'80. Frank Irving, Esq., of the Omaha Bar, has been appointed District Judge by Gov. Boyd for the third district of Nebraska.

'86. John T. Sackett has been re-elected Secretary of the Union League Club of Brooklyn, the largest political and social club of Brooklyn. Mr. Sackett is the junior member of the law firm of Sackett, Lang, Reed & McKewan of New York City.

'90. B. W. Holt, who is traveling through the state under the auspices of the New York Reform Club, was in the city over Sunday.

'90. Daniel Upton was in the city over Monday of this week.

'91. Hulse had the misfortune to shoot himself through the calf of the leg with a Winchester rifle during vacation. He expects to be out again soon.

A letter received this week from E. W. Woodruff, Instructor in English last year, tells of his arrival in Florence, after two months stay in Egypt. He is engaged upon Professor Fiske's Icelandic collection. He also tells of meeting Mr. Hull, who was spending his Easter vacation in Italy before going back to Halle, where he is to be during the next term.

College News.

YALE.—The crew went to Philadelphia for coaching by Cook but on account of poor weather were unable to do much training. . . During the Easter recess ground was broken for the new dormitory building. . . The new gymnasium building is very well advanced in construction. The cost will be about \$200,000. Besides the main exercise room, the building will contain bath-rooms, bowling alleys, laundry, rowing and swimming tanks, massage-room, tepidarium, two hot rooms, a cooling room, shower and needle baths, trophy, sparring rooms and a dressing room with 1800 lockers.

HARVARD.—The spring recess began April 1. . . The *Lampoon* has completed its twentieth volume and the management has been passed on by the seniors into the hands of '92. . . The Free-Wool Club is discussing a change of its name to the Reform

Club. . . The nine plays thirteen games during the month of April.

IN GENERAL.—The University of Wisconsin has 945 students. . . Worcester, Mass., Polytechnic Institute numbers twenty-three instructors and assistants and one hundred and ninety-six students. . . The 80th birthday of ex-president McCosh of Princeton was celebrated April 1st. . . Syracuse University will erect a Y. M. C. A. building costing \$30,000. The building will also be used as a gymnasium. . . A course in practical agriculture will be established next year at Rutgers. . . The Bowdoin crew went on the water on March 31st for the first time. . . Rochester students talk of organizing a crew. . . Two members of the Princeton nine have been elected to membership in the New York Athletic Club; Brokaw and Young.

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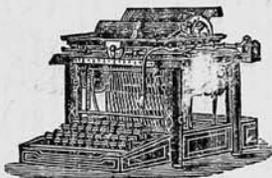
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Editorial.

AS the opening of the baseball season approaches, the thoughts of the students generally are turned to the condition and prospects of the nine. The men have had considerable practice now on the grounds, and it is fair to prophesy that a strong team will be placed upon the field. The schedule as published calls for an excellent series of games, and more than the usual number of them will be played at home. The management has done well in securing professional teams for the first games of the season, thus insuring the much needed practice and preparation for the college contests. It is expected that the college will show general appreciation of the opportunities that will be offered for witnessing what promise to be unusually good ball games. Interest in baseball at Cornell is not dead, although there have been indications of it in the past. If this year's team at all fulfill the expectations that have been reasonably aroused, the most hearty support will surely be given to this part of the college athletics.

THE regular training of the crews upon the water, since the opening of the term, has given a fair idea of what may be expected of them in the spring races. The prospect is on the whole encouraging, but some exceedingly conscientious work must be done during the coming weeks if our boating record is to be maintained. The financial status of crew affairs, which has been prominently mentioned before in these columns, is very much better than at the close of last term. However, at least \$1000 must be received in subscriptions to make the crew fund complete. The time is very near at hand when the money will be needed and all amounts subscribed must be paid at the earliest convenience. The alumni have by no means disregarded our athletic interests; the total sum contributed by the Chicago Alumni Association for the boat-house amounts to eighty-five dollars, and adding to this the very generous gift of one hundred dollars by H. C. Taylor, '86, there is placed to the credit of the Cornellians in Chicago a liberal contribution to our athletic funds which deserves and receives the greatest appreciation.

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STUDENTS and Faculty of Cornell were much favored this week in hearing from Mr. R. G. Moulton, of Cambridge University, a clear and inspiring account of the University Extension Movement in England. The information he brought was of unusual interest at this time, when so many hazy ideas about this movement are prevailing among most Americans, and when the impulse to take up the same line of work that has been so successful in England, is coming to be strong enough in our country to seek realization in action. A bill is now before the legislature of this state to appropriate ten thousand dollars in order to enable the regents of the State University to encourage the extension of university education, while the system has been fairly inaugurated

in Pennsylvania, where Mr. Moulton himself has had the direction of its organization. There can be little doubt of the very great educational value of the movement as outlined by Mr. Moulton in his lecture last Monday. Its work is not so much to take the place, as to really *extend* the benefits of higher education, and as such it must receive a most hearty support in so democratic a land as America. Though involving, as it does, a change in the attitude of public opinion toward education, it is not too much to hope that the people who have adopted and carried out the Chautauqua idea, will stand ready to give as ready welcome to a plan which gives even fairer promise of making a good education the common heritage of all. Of course this portrayal is idealistic, but the story of results in England will commend itself to even less sanguine temperaments than Mr. Moulton's as evidence of the scheme's practicability. The inspiration coming from able lecturers, speaking to audiences capable of being imbued with the spirit of enthusiastic study, cannot but have its outcome in a spread of knowledge, full of possibilities for the diffusion of culture and consequent general betterment of life.

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THE subject of shortening the college course discussed so widely within the last few weeks received a final settlement for Harvard by the action of the Board of Overseers. The strong presentations made by President Eliot have called forth the most forcible arguments in opposition to the plan; and the discussion was conducted in such manner that no important consideration failed to be noted. The result shows that the demand for the change was not considered urgent enough to cause the inauguration of the scheme at present. It was admitted, however, that a desire for a shorter course is constantly increasing and that it is entertained by some of the most prominent educators in the country as well as by many undergraduates. As has been stated before, there is not the slightest doubt but that the preparatory schools have an important part to play in enabling the

average student to become fitted for professional work at an earlier age than is now possible. The standard is not as high, on the whole, in preparatories as it ought to be, and it certainly appears that the difficulty could be remedied sooner if college courses were so arranged that those intending to teach in these schools could obtain advanced degrees, from which many are now debarred by the length of time required. In the case of students preparing themselves for professional life, and notably for the legal profession, the conclusion is that it is advisable to shorten the time in which the two degrees can be secured; and if it is advantageous for this class of men it seems equally so for that first mentioned. It is affirmed in the committee's concluding statement that the proposed plan would increase the demoralizing influences of college life to those who are unambitious, since the work demanded for the degree would be lessened and this class of students would remain four years instead of the necessary three, in pursuing it. This part of the argument is especially discouraging. It is certainly very unfortunate that the more able students must be deterred from doing work that they may desire, on account of those having really no aim at all in life.

THE INSPECTION TOURS.

From data furnished through the kindness of Professors Nichols, Ryan and Carpenter, the ERA is enabled to present this article on the recent engineering trips that proved of such unusual interest and profit to all who participated in them. The western inspection tour under the charge of Professor Ryan consisted of eleven regular members and left Ithaca on Thursday, March 26th.

At Harrisburg one of the oldest of the three wire Edison electric light and power central stations of this country and the plant of the Excelsion Electric Co., were inspected. The latter plant possesses the odd feature of utilizing water power supplied to the extent of 300 H. P.

Mr. Milhollen, assistant engineer in charge of testing, and Mr. Furgeson, formerly of Sibley College, both of the Pennsylvania R.R. Co., very kindly met the party at Altoona,

and conducted its members through the new and old erecting and repair shops of their company. The new shops are about finished, they are among the very best in this country both as to construction and design, and afford the Pennsylvania R.R. Co. facilities for building four hundred locomotives per annum. They are fitted up with modern and most approved machine tools for flanging, riveting, forging, turning, etc. In all departments of these works, the men employed aggregate 7,000.

At midnight on Friday, March 27th, the party arrived at Pittsburgh, a city as interesting to the mechanical or electrical engineer as any in this country. At the time of the arrival of the party the death rate and the number stricken down from the effects of the grip were alarming. This together with the persevering nature of the unpleasant weather, and the fact that mills were shutting down for want of coke because of the great coke burners' strike, at first cast a shadow over the bright anticipations of interest and profit to be found at the works that were to be visited during the following week. These shadows were all more than dispelled, however, by the kindness that was extended to the party at each place that was visited.

Mr. N. C. Wilson, of the Westinghouse Machine Co., after conducting the party through the works of his company, presented the Sibley College with blue prints and printed plans of all types and sizes of their engines and their foundations.

The extensive shops of the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. that have recently been erected at Wilmerding, just out of Pittsburgh on the P. R.R., were visited on Saturday afternoon.

The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co. entertained the party at their factory on Monday forenoon. The Edgar Thomson Steel Works at Bessemer were visited in the afternoon. In the evening the large alternate current central station of The Alleghany County Electric Light Co. was inspected.

All members of the party were greatly pleased over an opportunity afforded and accepted on Tuesday morning of viewing the operation of the electrolytic plant of the Pittsburgh Reduction Co. The party were here indebted to the kindness of Mr. Davis, superintendent of the plant, who spared no pains in explaining and exhibiting the unique method made use of by them for catching the coveted metal,—aluminum. This plant produces about 400 lbs. of practically pure aluminum per day. The process is a wonderful success

and has enabled them to reduce the price of aluminum to \$1.00 per pound. A mixture of aluminum and a flux is kept molten at a cherry red temperature in each bath by a current of 5,000 amperes and 10 volts, and by a purely electrolytic process the alumina is broken up, oxygen passing off at the positive pole, and the aluminum deposits at the bottom of the bath or the negative pole. The flux is lighter than the aluminum and therefore remains on top, protecting the metal from oxydization. Carbon rods form the positive poles. A carbon lined vessel is the negative pole in each case.

In the latter part of the same forenoon, Mr. H. W. Fisher, '88, who has been uniformly successful since his graduation from Cornell, and who is now electrician for the Standard Underground Cable Co., received the party at the factory of this company. It goes without saying that the party was well entertained at this point.

Tuesday afternoon was devoted to the Homestead Steel Works, where among many things of interest, a set of heavy rolls for rolling armor plate were seen in operation.

Wednesday was spent very profitably at the works of Laughlin & Co., and the American Iron Works. At the latter place the process of rolling the shafting cold was witnessed, as well as the rolling of I-beams, channels, angle irons, etc.

The Faraday Carbon Factory was visited on Thursday morning. Carbon making was voted by all to be a "black art." The individuals of the party were made glad twice at this place,—glad to get into the factory and glad to get out of it again.

On Friday morning Mr. Metcalf, brother of Metcalf, '94, conducted the party through the Crescent Steel Works at Sharpsburg. The manufacture of tool steel on a large scale was here witnessed with much interest.

In the afternoon and evening the party was entertained by Mr. W. E. Koch, metallurgical engineer of the Spang Steel Co. at Aetna. Mr. Koch was associated with Sir William Siemens in the latter's early work on the open hearth steel process. At these works this process and the Klapp-Griffith modification of the Bessemer steel process were witnessed in operation. Through the guidance of Mr. Koch the Isabella Blast Furnaces and the process of making mineral wool in vogue there, and the lap welding of steel boiler tubes were also inspected.

The party returned to Ithaca on Saturday, April 4th.

The party of twelve taking the southern route, under charge of Professor Carpenter, made their first stop at Bethlehem, Pa. They here visited the zinc works, where the zinc is principally made from ore into zinc oxide for paint, the ore being obtained from New Jersey.

The party next inspected the Bethlehem Steel and Iron Company's Works,—the largest institution in America in this business, and possessing the largest plant. They have an aggregate length of over two miles of buildings; a large Bessemer plant and rolling mills; large iron works with six furnaces, where pig iron is made from the ore; puddling furnaces for the manufacture of wrought iron; large machine shops for the production of rough work for the United States navy guns, with tools of colossal size for handling this work. The party was not admitted to the gun shops, the contract with the government not permitting visitors. The Bessemer steel process used here was particularly interesting. Another great feature was the large hammer, this being the largest ever built. It stands eighty feet high, has a drop of fourteen feet, and a falling weight of one hundred and forty tons, not aided in its descent by steam. It is to be used principally in the manufacture of armor for ships, it having a capacity to make armor twenty-four inches thick and twenty-two feet in width, or far in excess of any previous demand.

At Lehigh University, the buildings were closed for vacation, with no one to give the party admission. No new buildings have been erected recently. Admittance was gained to the church, which is without doubt the finest college church in the country. The material equipment of Lehigh seems very limited compared with Cornell. The University is heated by a large plant of boilers, well located below all the buildings to be heated, so that they have all the advantages to be obtained from return water. The statement of the engineer seems to show that about fourteen tons of coal was burned per day, or an amount fully equal to that required for heating our University buildings, although the buildings at Lehigh do not probably have over one half the cubic contents.

At Philadelphia, where the longest stay was made, the party was cordially welcomed and royally treated throughout. Professor Carpenter was interviewed by reporters from the Philadelphia *Inquirer* and *Ledger*, both of which published notices of the party and trip. The principal shops in Philadelphia were visited. Each of these deserves a special

notice which lack of space forbids, but one thing is to be noted: one is forcibly struck by the fact that in these large manufactories, nothing is left to guess-work or chance. Every chip of metal or ore put into a furnace is analyzed, and tested in a testing machine for strength. Every change in form of machine, tools, or motion, from the usual practice, is inaugurated by a careful series of tests, so that in every one of these large factories, ten to twelve men find constant employment in these important operations.

Professor Nichols, with about twenty students, left Ithaca in a special sleeper on Thursday, March 26th. They breakfasted the next morning in Schenectady, and spent the forenoon visiting the Edison works there. These works have grown wonderfully, 3000 men being now employed.

On the afternoon of Friday the party went to Albany, where they were shown through the State Capitol by the Supt. of buildings. In the evening they inspected the Albany St. R. R., and electric light station, and took the night train for Boston, where they spent the following four days.

In Boston they inspected the West End R. R., the great street railroad of the city, which is gradually changing from horse to electric power; the great works of the Thomson-Houston Electric Co. at Lynn; and the Post Electric R. R. Of the latter company the party were guests. The Post Electric R. R. is a device by which mail is to be transferred at the rate of 200 miles an hour. A working model is now running, under difficulties, at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The novelty of this device especially interested the men.

Tuesday the party visited the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the personal guidance of Supt. Huickeln, who devoted the entire morning to showing the men through. On the afternoon of Tuesday, by the courtesy of B. G. Upham, Cornell '74, the party visited the Club House of the Boston Athletic Association, which in many respects is the finest of its kind in the world. The men afterwards went out in a Harvard launch and saw the crews row.

They left for Providence Wednesday morning, and visited the Brown University shops under the guidance of Mr. Viall, formerly instructor in Pharmacy here. They also inspected the new Physical Laboratory at Brown, where Professor Blake, the first professor in Physics at Cornell, is director. W. D. Mount, Cornell '90, who is in charge of the work in

Mechanical Engineering, showed the party through. In the afternoon some went to the Arlington and Simms Manufacturing Works, where high-speed engines are manufactured. Mr. Simms, to whom the invention is due, kindly gave the afternoon to the party, and went into the details of the system of steam engine manufacture.

The party took the afternoon train for Fall River, went aboard a steamer of the Fall River line and inspected the steam plant, after which they embarked on the same boat for New York. The night on the Sound was a beautiful one for the season, and was enjoyed by all. The following morning they arrived in New York, where only one day was devoted to systematic sight-seeing, and disbanded there on Thursday night.

One notable fact with regard to this trip was that there was no rain from the time of leaving until again returning to Ithaca.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

Mr. R. G. Moulton, of Cambridge University, gave a very interesting lecture Monday evening, in Barnes Hall, on "University Extension." He said, in substance, that the movement is not a thing on paper, it is a practical fact. The leading idea of the system is, "Education for the whole nation carried on by a system of itinerant lecturers." These lecturers are sent out from central places in England, such as the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Durham University and Victoria. The local management in the different towns takes care of the finances, and the central associations administer the teaching; the courses cover a period of twelve weeks, one lecture being delivered each week. A syllabus presenting a plan of the lectures and directions for outside reading is prepared and the lectures bring out the chief points in the work that has thus been done. At the second lecture a class is held in which all difficulties are discussed and questions are asked by the leader. The weekly exercises given out consist of subjects for essays, and also questions to draw out the thoughts of the students, and to lead to original research. The answers are sent to the lecturer, who writes corrections and comments on them and returns the same to the writer before the next class. Finally an examination is held at the end of the course and certificates are given based on the weekly exercises and the examination; in granting the certificate the former receives the greater consideration.

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ture, Economics, Art, (art-production for those who have a special talent; art-appreciation for all), Mathematics, and the Classics in English. The instruction is given to thousands of all classes, and the standard of work done is as high as that maintained in the English Universities.

HISTORIC NAME OF OUR COUNTRY.

A very interesting paper on this subject was read by Professor Moses Coit Tyler, last Wednesday evening before the Historical Association. Professor Tyler said, that public opinion has changed since the days of Calhoun, who said, replying to the remark that our country, so rich in all other things, ought to have a name: "We want no name; we are not a country, only states united!" To many people our present name is a political formula, void and dry of all that is picturesque and lovely. "America," it is claimed, may be equally applicable to the whole hemisphere. We want a sign of our national identity,—a word which shall represent the idea of a united and homogeneous people. Patriotism compels us to seek such a name.

In the early years of the republic the name "Columbia" was proposed and widely defended. Poetry was called to its aid, in the verse of Timothy Dwight and Joseph Hopkinson. King's College in New York was changed to Columbia College so as to bear the very name of the country itself. But though this name found favor with poets and idealists, it was not adopted.

The speaker then cited some passages from Washington Irving, showing the need of a more compact and ornamental national name. The appellation suggested by Irving was "Alleghania," and some resolutions in its favor were even adopted by the New York Historical Society. Other names have been proposed from time to time,—"Appalachia," "Vesperia," the land of the evening star, and so the western land, "Washington," "Fredonia," "Cabotia," in honor of Sebastian Cabot, "Vinland," after the Norsemen.

All such attempts, however, to give our country a new name are futile, because the first name has passed beyond the reach of reversal; a name is the result of growth, not of manufacture. Our country has, after all, a historic name, "America." It became universal soon after the Revolution. It is the name by which foreign powers have designated us, and our great men are proud to be called "Americans." Let us cherish then this name and hold it in all honor and reverence.

OPENING OF THE BASEBALL SEASON

The first baseball game of the season for Cornell was played at the athletic grounds last Thursday with the Rochester professionals,—an Eastern League team. Cornell met with defeat by a score of 7-3, but it was in no sense her Waterloo. No one expected a victory. Manager McCormick has secured games with superior teams at the outset, in order to show our team's defects, and to remedy them.

"Sandy" Burns acted as umpire. Rochester first went to bat. In the first inning, no one gains even first base. Taylor stops McDes and Urquhart on first, and Towle catches Sweeny's fly; Towle and Field are also put out on first, and Burrows, after making three fouls, goes out on three strikes. In the second inning, Rochester leads off with a two-bagger by Knight, and follows this up by four safe hits in succession. Priest's dubious left-handed "balks" put two men out, but Rochester makes 3 runs. Cornell's luck changes in the fourth inning, when Black and Dowd score by error of the left-fielder. Neither team scores again until the sixth inning, when, by Priest's and Burrows' errors, and the superior base-running of the Rochesters, the latter gain 4 runs. In the seventh inning, Cadmus goes in the pitcher's box, and thereafter Rochester scores no more, "three strikes-and-out" being common and apparently easy for both parties concerned. Cornell now seemingly arouses herself to regain her lost ground. Rich leads off with a nice fly into right field, and gets first on a muff. Cadmus follows by a neat safe hit. Dowling and Towle strike out, but Field nobly comes to the rescue with a safe hit, and lets Rich in; but Burrows strikes out, and Cadmus dies on third. In the 8th and 9th innings neither side score.

The respective teams, in Cornell's batting order, were as follows:

CORNELL.		ROCHESTER.	
Towle, '94	1. f.		Knight
Field, '91	c.		Urquhart
Burrows, '92	s. s.		Power
Taylor, L. S.	1 b.		Titcomb
Black, '92	c. f.		Begy
Dowd, L. S.	3 b.		Sweeny
Rich, '93	2 b.		McDes
Dowling, L. S.	r. f.		Blauvelt
Priest, '93	} pitchers.	}	McCollough
Cadmus, '92			Nolan

The second game with the Rochester team yesterday, was much better attended than the first, over five hundred and forty tickets being sold. The positions of the men on both teams

were slightly changed from those of the day previous. Titcomb pitched for Rochester, and Cadmus was in the box for Cornell. Moore and Davenport were substituted for Dowling and Black in right and left field respectfully, but later in the game on account of the poor fielding and batting of Davenport, Miller was put in his place.

The game was called at 3:15 p. m. Rochester at the bat, succeeded in scoring two runs. Cornell found the ball much better; with three men on bases a hot liner by Field brought in one man, again filling the bases. Burrows followed with a three bagger securing three more runs. The first inning closed with a score of 4 to 2 in favor of Cornell. In the second inning by reason of costly errors on the part of the home team five runs were placed to the credit of the professionals.

In the third inning both teams were retired without scoring, and in the fourth Rochester made one run, the score now being 8 to 4 in favor of Rochester. The first half of the fifth inning again resulted in four more runs for the visitors; the fielding on the part of Cornell was not good and at least one serious error was made. The game now appeared hopelessly lost, but in the second half of this inning Cornell proved what good work could be done. Titcomb was pounded hard, and the truly wonderful feature was the playing of Field who scored two home runs; the crowd went wild with enthusiasm each time the captain of the Cornell team crossed the home plate. Burrows followed with a three bagger, Cadmus hit the ball for three bases, and Miller drove a pretty liner far out into center for a two bagger, thus bringing in three more runs for Cornell, making the score a tie, 12-12, and the excitement was intense.

The game was immediately called, as had been agreed upon, on account of the two teams leaving on the 6:30 train for Rochester where they play to-day.

The result of the games was most satisfactory. The Rochesters were all heavy men, who conducted themselves in such a manner as to show that they had played ball before, and this very fact, as has been intimated, put Cornell's weak points in all the stronger light. That there are weak points was clearly shown. Cornell is weak in batting—especially Black and Dowling, the latter apparently lacking self-confidence. Dowd play too slow and lifeless a game on third. Burrows seems to be unfortunate in making startling errors, while at the same time fortunate in making most brilliant plays. Captain Field is faultless as

catcher, and Taylor is a great success on first,—entirely *above* criticism. Priest pitched a good game, while Cadmus shows improvement over his last year's pitching.

The team is now stronger than of last season, and diligent training can make it still better.

FOURTH CHAMBER CONCERT.

Through a curious and laughable error, the audience at the Fourth Chamber Concert were deprived of the pleasure of hearing Signor Campanini until long after the time appointed for his appearance. The opening number of the programme was the Rust Sonata for violin, which Mme. Camilla Urso played with great tact and finish, especially the Fugue movement. On account of the delay in Signor Campanini's arrival, the burden of the first half of the entertainment fell upon Mme. Urso, who very kindly played several extra numbers. The playing of the famous lady violinist was marked by great vigor, delicacy, and grace; each of her many numbers and encores was received with evident appreciation by the audience. From 9:30 to 10 the audience were in a state of anxious expectancy, awaiting the arrival of the great tenor. His appearance on the stage was the signal for an enthusiastic demonstration by the audience. He appeared to be in the best of condition, although a slight hoarseness was barely perceptible at times. Those qualities which have always distinguished the singing of Campanini were again shown in the selections given last night. That fervor, strength, and beauty of shading were present in almost the same degree as of old. The first selection was the "Salve di mora" from Faust, which was followed by the "Celeste Aida" from Aida. These and the subsequent encores were, needless to say, thoroughly deserving the great applause they called forth. The following note accompanied the programme:

"The date of the Third Chamber Concert, postponed from March 25th, cannot yet be given. The N. Y. Philharmonic Club are not yet ready to fix a date this season. In case the Club do not keep faith, the Committee will try to secure a satisfactory concert from others in their place."

—Through the generosity of Professor Willard Fiske, the Library has received an addition of about three hundred and twenty-five volumes of Italian works. These consist of works covering the whole period of Italian literature and will be a very valuable addition to the Library.

Sage Chapel.

The Reverend George Roe Van DeWater, D.D., Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Harlem, will preach at the Chapel next Sunday. Dr. Van DeWater graduated from Cornell, taking the degree of B. S. in 1874. After leaving the University the Doctor spent some time in the General Theological Seminary in New York City where he took the degree of S. T. B. In 1876 he became rector of Christ Church, Oyster Bay, and held the same office in St. Luke's, Brooklyn from 1880 till 1887, when he took his present parish. He received the degree of D.D. from Nashotah House in 1886, and in the same year became Chaplain of the 23d Reg. N. G. S. N. Y. He was alumni trustee from 1885 to 1890, and is one of the Chaplains of Columbia College. Dr. Van DeWater is one of the most eloquent priests in the diocese of New York and has held many missions throughout the country.

Dr. Van DeWater telegraphed yesterday that he could not come, but information was received later that he would be able to preach as announced.

Cornelliana.

—Remember the Military Hop next Friday night.

—The net proceeds of the Charity Ball were \$750.48.

—The Junior speaking occurs Friday evening May 22d.

—Cornell Congress meets to night at eight o'clock, in Deming Hall.

—Both morning and afternoon services are held in the chapel this term.

—The hour for military drill has been changed from 4:15 to 4:45 p. m.

—Judge Finch begins a series of lectures on "The Statute of Frauds," May 12th.

—The first military hop occurs in the Armory next Friday evening, April 24th.

—Professor B. I. Wheeler speaks in Crouse College, Syracuse University, to-morrow.

—The Agricultural Association will hold meetings every Tuesday evening, the same as last term.

—The class in English History is enjoying a rare opportunity. Professor Goldwin Smith, though in feeble health, kindly consented to deliver a few lectures on the English Revolution.

—Rev. A. H. Grant, '87, will fill the pulpit at the Unitarian Church next Sunday morning. Subject: "Is Life Worth Living?"

—Dr. Willcox will have charge of the Bible class in the books of Samuel for the remainder of the term.

—Proof sheets for the new Alphabetical List have been posted in the middle entrance of Morrill Hall.

—The contest among various '93 men for positions on their class *Cornellian* board is becoming very warm.

—The tickets for the military hop can be purchased at the bookstores or of any member on the committee.

—Rev. C. M. Tyler will lecture next Wednesday evening in Barnes Hall on "The Battle of the Wilderness."

—The Faculty Committee to select the Woodford orations is composed of Professors Corson, Crane and Hart.

—Owing to the change in the hour of drill, football candidates will only practice Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

—The Woodford speakers chosen are: J. S. Waterman, O. Farber, J. Van Wagenen, Jr., T. D. Davis, and R. J. Kellogg.

—Six students were suspended for the remainder of the year, at the Faculty meeting held last week, for fraud in examinations.

—The fraternity tennis courts are in constant use, but the Tennis Association has as yet done nothing to secure a place for its courts.

—Professor Hale will deliver a lecture before the Classical Club of Harvard University April 23d on "Roman Marriage and Roman Women."

—By reason of the continual press of matter it has been impossible to print the verse thus far this term, but it will appear in the next issue.

—Professor J. R. Wheeler, of Burlington, Vt., lectures in Barnes Hall this evening, at eight o'clock, upon the "Beginning of Athenian Archaeology."

—The Sophomore Cotillion Committee has chosen Mr. E. I. White to lead the cotillion which will be held in the Armory, Monday of Commencement week.

—The C. U. C. A. *Bulletin* for April is ready for distribution. It contains President Floy's annual report and also recommendations of various committees.

—At a class meeting, the Sophomores decided unanimously to refuse the demand of the

Cornellian Board, who requested twenty dollars for the insertion of the portrait of the '93 crew.

—The monotony of military drill this term will be relieved by the revival of the system of competition, the companies adjudged the best to be excused from the next drill.

—Several young lady Sophomores appeared for the first time with mortar boards on Tuesday in the psychology lecture. The gentlemen amply demonstrated their approval.

—Dr. Ordronaux of New York City begins a course of lectures on Medical Jurisprudence May 4th. These lectures are primarily for the Law students, but all persons interested may attend.

—Sample pictures, taken from F. C. Perkins' "Cornell, Her General and Technical Courses," have been displayed during the week in front of Morrill Hall. They seem to meet with general approval.

—The Faculty refused to allow the ball team to take the trip next week to Hamilton College and Colgate University, and in place of these games the manager has arranged games with the Syracuse Stars.

—Professor Corson will give nine lectures at Ogontz, during the holidays, on the *Æsthetics of English Verse*. On this (Saturday) evening, he lectures at the Elmira Ladies' College, on the Poetic Ideals of the 19th Century.

—The last Junior contest in speaking was held Tuesday evening in Barnes Hall. The speakers were drawn by lot and seventeen participated. The twelve who will compete for the prize are: A. J. Baldwin, Derham, Duniway, Elliott, Hoxie, Keiffer, Lewis, Marble, Mosher, Shurter, Soulé, Whicher.

—The Baptist Circle will meet in Barnes Hall, Friday evening of next week. A short, but interesting program is being prepared. Mrs. A. W. Smith will sing, and Miss Bergman will give a violin solo. A humorous mock trial in a breach of promise suit will be the principal feature. All are invited.

—Questions have been asked several times of late by students in the College of Civil Engineering as to what has become of the Nevius Memorial Window. According to last accounts, a statement which appeared in the *SUN* last November, the window was in New York, finished and ready for shipment. It is the feeling of most members of the department that those who have the matter in charge should at least have the memorial in place by Commencement week.

Personals.

'78. Ferguson (C. E.) is now employed by the City Drainage Commission of Chicago.

'81. Seymour (M.E.) has charge of the draughting department of the Holly Pump Works at Lockport, N. Y.

'84. Schauble (C.E.) is employed in the engineering department of the Chicago City Water Works.

'85. J. B. French is engaged in Civil Engineering in Philadelphia, Pa.

'85. Charles E. Curtis has accepted a position with the Monarch Mining Co. of Colorado; the position is one of the best offered by the company. Mr. Curtis will leave for the west in a few days.

'86. Eli H. Doud is practicing law in Omaha, Neb.

'88. W. L. Puterbaugh is at present engaged in the U. S. Revenue Office at his home in Illinois.

'88. C. W. Stuart, who was editor-in-chief of the *Sun* for a short time, is instructor in the Preparatory School at Media, Penn.

'88. White, who held the championship of the University in the running high kick and running high jump and who for the past three years has been one of the brightest students in the Columbia medical school, has obtained by competitive examination a physician's appointment in a Brooklyn hospital.

'91. G. R. Mathewson, formerly '91, is at South Dayton, N. Y., where he has been engaged in teaching.

'91. A. W. Abrams has not returned for the spring term, having completed the required work for his degree.

'93. F. H. Potter, Jr., who left college last year and has since been attending University of Michigan, is in town. He intends to come back to Cornell again next fall.

team makes a southern tour, beginning April 15. . . A lacrosse team will be started at Columbia this spring. . . A new department of Biology has just been founded at Columbia. The erection of a biological laboratory costing \$100,000 has been decided upon. . . The death by drowning of Shaw, '94, was the sad news which greeted Harvard College as it reassembled after the week's recess. Resolutions were adopted by the Freshman class, the college Y. M. C. A. and the general student body. . . By a recent vote of the overseers the plan of President Eliot's for a three year course was refused.

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College News.

IN GENERAL.—A \$50,000 gymnasium will be ready for Brown students at the opening next fall. . . A School of American History has been formally established at the University of Pennsylvania, Professor John Bach McMaster will hold the new chair of American Constitutional History. . . C. H. Merrill, the Yale sprinter, has announced his decision not to run in any inter-collegiate race this year. This will deprive Yale of at least ten points in the Berkeley Oval games this spring. . . There will be at least six new men in the Yale boat this year. . . The Lafayette baseball

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Editorial.

WHATEVER interest may be annually aroused in rowing and football, baseball still remains a prominent part of college athletics. Distinctively our national sport, its continued hold on the American mind is phenomenal; and students come to college with more knowledge of, and greater interest in baseball than they have in any other game. Lovers of the sport have been anxiously watching the training and initial games of this year's team. It is not too much to say that the results are thus far most encouraging. The nine, meeting at the outset professional teams, has done remarkably well, but opportunities for improvement are apparent. The report of the games with the Rochesters pointed out considerable weakness in batting, and errors in fielding were noticeable in the games with the Syracuse Stars. It is, however, very fortunate that it has been possible for the team to realize wherein improvement is necessary, before meeting college rivals. The manager's well planned schedule has already proved that the

first games were happily chosen, and those for the remainder of the season, will unquestionably receive the generous support of the student body. There is, furthermore, an absence of any such trouble as existed in last year's team, and it is very probable, and certainly most desirable, that no such unfortunate occurrences will arise. The spirit of eighty-eight's phenomenal nine appears to exist in the present team, and if indications are not deceptive the baseball record for this year will be far above that of the last few seasons.

LAST Friday afternoon the Faculty of the University took action upon a matter that is of more than passing interest to those who watch the action of the Faculty in all that pertains to what may be called the university educational policy. It has long been known that some such step as this was being urged by many members of the general faculty and by the Law faculty, so that no surprise was felt when it was announced that hereafter it will be possible for any student, under special permission from the general and Law faculties, to complete both a general course and the law course, in five years. This privilege is to be extended to Juniors and Seniors in good standing, who may accomplish the purpose by electing studies in Law School, which shall count toward graduation for both the degree of LL. B. and A. B., B. S., Ph. B., or B. L., as the case may be, but the hours thus elected in the Law School shall not exceed the amount required for one year's work in that school. A concession which, for a particular class of students, virtually shortens the college course at Cornell by a year, is doubly interesting when closely following Harvard's action in refusing to shorten its course to three years. Precedent, however, was in favor of the change at Cornell, in the conditions prevailing with respect to work in the general and technical courses. The effect cannot but be conducive

to the best interests of both the general courses and the Law School, and is besides very popular with students. The study of the law as carried on at a university, is very much of a culture study, quite as much so as the majority of elective courses offered under the present and almost universal system of permitting upperclassmen to chose subjects in the line of their intended specialty. For these reasons the adoption of this plan is not a very great innovation, but it is none the less gratifying to those who have felt the restraints of conservatism hindering the granting of what seemed to them only a logical outcome of previous advances.

THE plan presented for a Botanical Garden in New York city, is one that meets with most hearty approval in all parts of the country. Several of the large American cities possess parks that exemplify the highest skill of the landscape gardener, but the botanical gardens of Harvard University, and those of Washington University at St. Louis, are almost the only ones that are devoted to educational and scientific purposes. This is a striking contrast to the advantages offered abroad for work of a similar character, where all the larger Universities, and many of the important cities, especially in southern Europe, have gardens that offer exceptional opportunities for botanical study. The present movement in New York is the result of the work of the Torrey Botanical Club, an organization formed over twenty years ago, which has always had this project in view. Many persons notably interested in the science are the promoters of the scheme, and the Faculty of Columbia College is represented by Dr. N. L. Britton and Dr. John S. Newberry. The bill for the incorporation of the New York Botanical Garden was passed last March, and the real aim and purpose of the new undertaking is set forth to the best advantage in this bill, which states that the association is formed for "establishing and maintaining a botanical garden and museum and arboretum therein, for the collection and culture of plants, flowers, shrubs and trees, the

advancement of botanical science and knowledge, and the prosecution of original researches therein and in kindred subjects, for affording instruction in the same, for the prosecution and exhibition of ornamental and decorative horticulture and gardening, and for the entertainment, recreation and instruction of the people." Two hundred and fifty acres in Bronx Park will be secured for the association, and upon the grounds there will be constructed according to the provisions of the bill, "a suitable fireproof building for the botanical museum and herbarium, with lecture rooms and laboratories for instruction, together with other suitable buildings for the care and culture of tender or other plants, indigenous or exotic, and at an aggregate cost not exceeding a sum upon which the annual interest as funded is \$15,000." The sum from which this interest is to accrue, will be given by the city, and the corporation must raise \$250,000 as a permanent endowment fund. The success of the venture, which starts out under the most auspicious circumstances, is assured, and its permanent value is certainly beyond question. The development of the plan will be of interest to every institution having a botanical course in its curriculum.

A LITERARY MYTH.

"History is but a fiction that men have agreed upon," said Voltaire. "That great Mississippi of falsehood which men called history," wrote Mr. Mathew Arnold. "No, Sir, I have long since done with fiction," answered Sir Robert Walpole on his death-bed, when his son proposed to read to him from some historical work. There are only three isolated specimens of the innumerable hard things which people have found to say about the chronicles of their race. Like all epigrams, they are of course on the side of our statement, sacrificing precision to effect, sense to sound. But they are by no means without their excuses. The records of the last six thousand years, the records which show us how the world has only got out of one muddle to get into another, too often, when brought beneath the scrutinizing lens of modern criticism, are found to consist of a congeries of idle and half fabulous stories, mixed up with a number of statements of which the best that can be

said is, that they have not yet been proved not to be true.

Literary history, like all other history whatsoever, is open to these objections; one by one, those long cherished anecdotes, which often enough are all that remain to us of our earlier studies, vanish into thin air; one by one, the droll or pathetic incidents which for years have stood out in our memories in such undue relief, resolve themselves on closer inspection into things which might have been but never were. They are pretty, they are charming, they plead for recognition with a pathos which might melt all but the critical heart; but alas, we have to admit it, they never, in Charles Reade's phrase, "went through the formality of taking place." It is well that we should make up our minds to face the worst. If all the brightest and sweetest and wittiest pages of history are precisely those which we must tear out of our lesson-books (as modern skepticism would seem to demand), it behooves us to make up our minds to bear the loss as bravely as we can.

There are some stories upon which criticism pronounces its fatal verdict on purely external evidence. There are others, on the contrary, which are set in doubt by considerations of quite a different kind. To the latter category appears to belong the one now to be referred to.

Almost everyone has read Alphonse Daudet's splendid novel, *Fromont jeune et Kisler aîné*. After this work had been for sometime extremely popular in France, it was decided to prepare a version of it for the stage, and Daudet, who himself undertook the task, obtained the assistance of Belot in the dramatization. The collaborators were for sometime considerably exercised in their minds as to how the play should end, whether the novel itself should be followed into its sad catastrophe, or whether this should be replaced by what is technically known as a "happy ending." Now, it is said that the two authors were once walking in Belot's garden when for the hundredth time the subject came up for discussion, and as Daudet took one view and his friend the other, the matter gave rise to some dispute.

"I don't want her to die," exclaimed Belot excitedly.

"But why not?" was Daudet's calm rejoinder "she must."

"Her death is far from suiting our purposes."

"I cannot agree with you."

So the dialogue went on. It chanced that the conversation was overheard by some one who did not know the playwrights. Believ-

ing that foul play was hatching, he at once hurried off to the police. A little while afterwards the supposed assassins were confronted by gendarmes, and would have fared ill at their hands but for a timely explanation of the mistake, which was enjoyed by all present, the informant alone excepted.

All this is well and good. *Se non è vera è ben trovato*; if it is not true, it at least deserves to be so; and probably most of us would accept the story as it stands without much ado. But it most unfortunately happens that an anecdote almost identical with this was told in connection with the once famous and now all but forgotten Mademoiselle de Scudéri and her brother, who assisted her in the composition of her earlier romances, which were indeed published under his name. It appears that while they were engaged in writing the long-winded *Artameus* a dispute took place between them as to whether they should kill Prince Mazarlo, one of their leading characters, by poison or the dagger. Their conversation, which took place in a private inn, was accidentally overheard and reported, whereupon they were arrested and hurried to the Conciergerie on the charge of plotting murder. It was not until they had given a full and particular account of themselves that they were allowed to go free.

Surely a coincidence of this sort is calculated to shake our faith. But what are we to say when we find that the matter does not end? The ill-starred French authors have their English prototypes in Beaumont and Fletcher who play the heroes in a little comedy of precisely the same description. Talking over the arrangements for one of their joint productions in the public room of an inn, they began most earnestly to discuss the catastrophe, and one of the twain is reported to have exclaimed in a tone of deep significance—"I will kill the King." Treason, of course! and the brother-dramatists had some difficulty in convincing the authorities that they were not actually engaged in a regicide plot. As throwing some light on this reputed contretemps, it has been pointed out that one of their plays, *The Woman Hater*, contains some fierce invectives against informers in general, "This fellow is a kind informer," says Valore in Act I, scene 3, one that lives in ale houses and taverns . . . and brings me informations picked out of broken words, in men's common talk, which with his malicious missapplication, he hopes may seem dangerous."

It is a maxim of comparative mythology that when an unusual incident is related as having

occurred in sundry places and to more than one person, the balance of probability is to be held as pointing to its purely apocryphal character. If this will be one of safe application, then the above story is irretrievably doomed. But it would be interesting before throwing it aside once and for all, to know what M. Daudet has to say to the matter so far as it concerns M. Belot and himself.

W. H. HUDSON.

PROFESSOR J. R. WHEELER'S LECTURE.

The second in the series of archæological lectures was delivered in Barnes Hall, Saturday evening, by Professor J. R. Wheeler, Professor of Greek in the University of Vermont. The subject was, "The Beginning of Athenian Archæology," and the lecturer gave a sketch of the work accomplished by the pioneers in the science.

Professor Wheeler said, in substance, that archæologists, in order to know ancient Athens, have destroyed mediæval Athens. But through their efforts we now have a number of interesting drawings illustrating the ancient city. The age of the early archæologists was the age of the revival of classical learning.

In 1204, the Latin Crusaders got possession of Constantinople, and this marks the beginning, in the western world, of an interest in Athens. For one hundred and fifty years following, however, this assumed no tangible form, but as feudalism went on, this knowledge increased. The first archæologist wrote concerning his discoveries but his first book is not extant. A sketch made by him of a portion of an arch in the aqueduct is very valuable, since it is the only drawing of that particular part now in existence.

The growing interest in Athens, then felt, is shown by two treatises of unknown authorship, one kept at Vienna, the other at Paris. These treatises show no scientific treatment of the subject, but set forth a growing interest of the Greeks in themselves. The sketches of the early archæologists were rude and often inaccurate. In one dating from the 15th century, Athens is pictured as a German town of mediæval times.

The occupation of the city by the Turks checked the intercourse between the East and West, and made travel dangerous. On this account Athens was neglected until the 17th century. During this time, however, a German scholar was laying the foundations for future knowledge. In the later researches, the

City of Lyons took a prominent part, and in 1645, the church took a hand in the work. As the facilities had increased, the research was now conducted with greater accuracy. The work of the last two generations is crystalized in the "Antiquities of Athens" by Messrs. Stuart and Revett.

By means of lantern views, Professor Wheeler made his lecture very clear, and showed the changes which took place in the city from time to time. These changes were most apparent in the Parthenon, which stands as a monument of the rise of civilization. The courses of the bombs, which set fire to the powder stored within, and thus destroyed nearly half of this ancient structure, were also clearly shown.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

By eight o'clock, Tuesday evening, the seating capacity of the West Dome of Barnes Hall was taxed to its utmost, and several persons were standing in the aisles. The occasion was Professor Goldwin Smith's lecture before the Fortnightly Club, on the topic, "Will Morality Survive Religion?"

Professor Smith said in brief, that he did not mean to infer that religion was dead or dying. But many of our noted men are agnostics, and the spread of agnosticism among the higher classes of England is very great. There are also signs of an increase in religion. The world, even if its doctrine of faith is shaken, still clings to religion. But in history a crisis occasionally comes, and it is only reasonable to expect, that if the present belief in God should be withdrawn, morality would fall. When Catholicism decayed, in the middle ages there was a relapse of morality. According to Butler, there is a superior principle in the heart of every man which distinguishes right from wrong and guides his actions. This principle is at the bottom of all moral philosophy except the doctrine of Hobbs and the Utilitarians. By morality is meant something infinitely high, something not warped or affected by the change in the universe. Other things which we call morality are bound up in religion. Beneath conscience lies the theistic standpoint. Mere nature is not authority. Man does not act against the dictates of his conscience, because the author of it will punish wrong doing. If the dictates of conscience fail, the language of morality can no longer be used. We can no longer say "good" and "bad" but we must say that good actions have their value because directed toward some good end. A sailor who takes an oar in a life-

boat, risking his own life, does it on account of the thought of the theistic sanction. If morality is in danger of perishing with religion there will, very likely, be a moral interregnum.

Professor Burr then took up the discussion. He would state the question, "Will Morality Survive Religious Belief?" That which undermines religious impulse is that which will undermine morality. Many of the noblest men of the past have been inspired by a morality which had no outlook in religious belief.

Dr. Schurman thought the question, to some extent, chimerical. We are creatures of impulse, good as well as bad. The moral life is to a great extent, made up of unconscious impulses. Morality and religion are co-essential functions of the human soul. There never was and never will be, a time when a human being was not both moral and religious.

Professor Oliver said, in brief, that if it is true that religion, in its deeper and most essential sense, is in danger, it must be because we are so occupied with comparatively ignoble and material aims as to lose sight of it. The tendency of science is not toward materialism to the exclusion of spiritual things.

The last speaker was ex-President White, who said he had the strongest faith that morality would last as long as religion, and both as long as man. Morality has survived much which in the past has been known as religion. And the moral sense of to-day is keener than in the past.

THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS.

The Rev. C. M. Tyler presented before the Historical Association Wednesday evening a highly instructive and entertaining paper on "The Battle of the Wilderness." The speaker himself was actively engaged in this stubborn conflict as a staff officer; and this personal element lent a peculiar charm to his vivid, picturesque portrayal.

In May, 1864, Grant was ready for the last march on Richmond; and, acting under his orders, Meade pushed across the Rapidan, and plunged into the Wilderness. The nature of this wild, desolate tract, covered with stunted trees and dense undergrowth precluded any brilliant manœuvres, and rendered a decisive result impossible. Indeed Grant's generalship has been criticised, in that he allowed an encounter in this dark enclosure, where, too, but a year previous Hooker had been worsted. On the other hand, it has been urged that his course of action was demanded by the necessity for limiting the march of the army to the movement of the supply trains, by the necessity

for guarding the right wing, and by the need of Burnside's division, then hurrying up but still far in the rear. And yet, it is not impossible that Grant expected to reach a more open field, but was checked by Lee's advance. The Union army felt that, wherever the battle was fought, the slaughter must be made continuous and vigorous.

On the fifth of May the contest opened, Lee strove desperately to drive a wedge through the Union line. The ground was disputed inch by inch, dense clouds obscured the vision, the troops were directed in their firing only by flashes from the enemy's guns. Hancock pitched the keynote of the second day's conflict, and forced back the Confederates. Could his men have perceived the havoc they created Lee might have been overthrown. But the Union forces became confused through the lack of ammunition, the brush, the stifling smoke, the intense heat. They fell back, but after some time were again rallied. Burnside arrived too late to be of any material assistance. At nightfall, each army held its former position.

The Battle of the Wilderness is one of the most momentous conflicts in the annals of war; it is unique—a wrestle of giants in the dark. Though Grant suffered severe losses, Lee never recovered from the blow, henceforth he assumed the defensive, never again did his troops come to the charge with their old time fury.

Sage Chapel.

The Reverend Joseph H. Twichell, A. M., of Hartford, Conn., preaches at the Chapel to-morrow. Mr. Twichell is a Yale man, graduating in 1859. He was one of Yale's athletes and a member of one of the early crews of his college. When the late war broke out Mr. Twichell immediately became a Chaplain and his sermons are sometimes enlivened by anecdotes of army life. For several years past Mr. Twichell has been one of the University preachers and the Chapel is always crowded when he is announced to preach.

—Professor J. W. Jenks, of Indiana State University, has accepted the professorship of political and social institutions made vacant by the transfer of Professor Tuttle to the professorship of Modern European History. Professor Jenks was asked to accept the same position in the new Stanford University, but decided to accept the Cornell professorship instead.

Cornell Verse.

THE CORNELL CHIMES.

[Written by C. F. Allen, '73, and read at the First Annual Dinner of the Rocky Mountain Cornell Alumni Association. Denver. Col.]

It was in the ripening autumn
Of the year of '69,
That I saw the Cornell campus
With some anxious friends of mine.

In the sight of fair Cayuga,
Robed in mysteries of blue,
We filed our entrance papers
With the little that we knew.

The years have fled like eagles
In a dozen varying climes.
But we still may hear the ringing
Of the unforgotten chimes.

On the hills of Newfield, faintly
On the bosom of the lake,
Like the footbells of a fairy
Would their dying echoes break.

In the deep, eternal cañon,
By the sea's sad, sounding shore,
They have rung their changes often
As they never rung of yore.

O'er the trail of high Sierras,
Where the patient burro climbs,
We have heard the unseen swinging,
We have heard the Cornell chimes.

I start sometimes and listen
To the ponderous middle bell ;
Then the sweet face of its giver
Is awakened by the spell.

Or the minor tones ring sadly,
For another's vanished life ;
For her gifts despoil in giving
At the shameless hands of strife.

But their warm hearts speak forever,
In a flood of mellow hymns ;
They are still small voices mingled
In the aria of their chimes.

We have passed sometimes so closely
To the reapers cruel scythe ;
We have faced the storm and darkness—
We have saved alone the tithe.

We may sow the grain in gladness,
But we reap with weary hands,
Knottling in our stricken lilies
With the golden harvest-bands.

Yet the sun need not be hidden,
Nor the stars in troublous times,
There is courage born of music,
There is magic in the chimes.

They uplift the misty curtains
From the fair expanse of years ;
There are hands outstretched to aid us,
There are eyes that fill with tears.

The soldier dies exultant
With a kiss upon his lips ;
The sailor sinks undaunted
For the white sails of his ships.

In the perfumed fields of summer,
In the winter's sleet and rimes,
Let our hearts be strong and brave
For the far-off Cornell chimes !

TRUE.

"Like the master, like the man," was good enough
of old,
But "Like the master, like his path," if I may be so
bold,
In modern times is better ; best for me or you :—
For when his path is jagged, that man is jagged, too.
B.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

'Twas at an evening party, 'mid the many lights and
glares
That I went to her and asked her if she'd take my
arm downstairs.
She looked at me bewildered, with her winsome eyes
so blue,
And answered, Do you mean it, sir? And how does it
unscrew?
N.

BASEBALL GAMES.

The Syracuse Stars crossed bats with Cornell for their first game on Tuesday. The visiting team was a strong one containing heavy men who hit the ball well and field admirably.

The game was characterized by hard hitting on both sides and on the whole pretty good field work, Cornell, however, making many errors. Priest and Cadmus pitched and both did excellent work.

In the first inning neither side scored. In the second, Syracuse made two runs, one being a forced run by a base on balls, three men being on bases. In our half of the inning, Herrick, who is now on the team again, made the prettiest and most daring run of the game, coming in on a hit by Miller out to right field. The score was tied 3-3, in the third. The Stars, however, made some hits in the fourth and Cornell made a few costly errors; the result was 4 more runs for the visitors.

Cadmus went into the box in the sixth, and Syracuse also changed their pitcher, Gallagher, for Green. This was the turning point of the game, and the salt city men made the most of it, securing 5 runs, making their total a score of 12. In our half of the seventh, 3 runs were secured. Cadmus played in good form for the remainder of the game; only scattering hits were made and neither side again scored. The final score was Stars 12, Cornell 6.

The second "game" with the Stars consisted of one inning, played in a heavy rain. The score then stood 1-0 in Cornell's favor. The second inning had barely commenced, when a play by Cadmus occasioned a great deal of kicking on the part of Faatz, the captain of the professionals. The play had been premeditated and in all ordinary cases would have been considered perfectly fair and rutable, but Faatz did not consider it so and refused to go on with the game unless his point were conceded. This neither "Sandy" Burns, the umpire, nor our team wished to do, so the game was at last forfeited to Cornell. Had this interruption not occurred, the rain would soon have stopped any further playing. The spectators had their money refunded to them as they left the grounds.

On Thursday, Cornell played a return game with the Stars at Syracuse, and contrary to expectations, Cornell came off victorious over her professional opponents by a score of 6-5.

Great enthusiasm was manifested here on receipt of the news.

—Last Military Hop May 15th.

CORNELL ALUMNI BANQUET.

NEW YORK CITY, April 18, 1891.

Editors Cornell Era :

The Cornell University Club of this city held its eleventh annual banquet at Sherry's last evening. Nearly one hundred members of the club were present, and by their singing and cheering recalled their college days.

President C. K. Adams, who was expected to attend, sent instead a letter explaining his absence, and ex-President A. D. White sent his regrets in a letter in which he dwelt at length on the advisability and necessity of establishing an Alumni Hall in Ithaca. General Stewart L. Woodford, Professor Goldwin Smith, General A. C. Barnes and Andrew Carnegie were also expected, but were unable to attend. The guests of the evening were ex-Governor Alonzo B. Cornell, Professor J. G. Schurman, Professor Benjamin I. Wheeler, the Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water, and John DeWitt Warner.

The speeches were of the kind to inspire every one present with renewed enthusiasm for his Alma Mater, while Professors Schurman and Wheeler in responding to their toasts, graphically pictured the progress which the University has recently made both in her course of studies and in athletics.

A feature which attracted much attention and which helped convey the banqueters back to college days, was the ringing every quarter hour, of a set of chimes tuned similarly to those used in the tower of Morrill Hall.

AN ALUMNUS.

THE MILITARY HOP.

The first Military Hop of the term occurred last evening. The Armory presented an unusually attractive appearance, being tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. The floor had been well crashed, which is a feature always appreciated by the dancers.

The attendance was very good, over seventy-five couples being present, and everyone pronounced the hop by far the most enjoyable of the year. Captain Tutherly acted as floor manager; and every officer spared no pains to make the affair a success. The bright and pretty costumes made the scene a very attractive one, and it was half-past twelve before the dancing ceased.

The next Military Hop will be made the equal of this in every particular, and will occur on May 15th, being the last one of the term.

From the Faculty there were present: Pro-

fessor and Mrs. Crane; Professor and Mrs. Wing; Professor and Mrs. Smith; Professor and Mrs. Schurman; Professor and Mrs. Newbury; Professors Wheeler, Fuertes, and White, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock; Captain and Mrs. Tutherly; Mrs. Comstock; Instructors Marsters, Williams, and Ogden.

Cornelliana.

—Last Military Hop May 15th.

—Essays in Sophomore English are due next week.

—The Catholic Union meets to-morrow evening in Barnes Hall.

—The new alphabetical lists may be obtained at the Registrar's office.

—The permanent organization of the regiment was completed last Wednesday.

—A bill for compulsory voting will be discussed at the Cornell Congress this evening.

—Baseball this afternoon: Cornell vs. Syracuse University. An excellent game may be expected.

—Professor Corson will lecture in Barnes Hall to-morrow evening on the subject of Hebrew literature.

—Ex-President White lectures to-morrow evening in the Unitarian Church on "From Fetiches to Hygiene."

—A chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity was organized Thursday evening with three active members.

—Two new tennis courts at the corner of Aurora and Farm streets have been fitted up by a club of down-town students.

—The Almy has resumed its trips down the lake carrying Courtney and all others who wish to watch the rowing of the crews.

—The first game in the Star Baseball League was won last Saturday by the Psi Upsilon team from the Kappa Alpha's by the score of 5 to 4.

—Colonel Barton, Major Tarbell, Major Marbel and Captain Taylor, Danforth, Lewis and Platt will constitute the Military Hop Committee for the term.

—The Senior class has at last decided not to adopt the cap and gown for Commencement. The plan to establish a fund for a prize in American History to be left as a class memorial was voted down. The sentiment of the class seemed to be in favor of an athletic memorial.

—It is expected that a joint debate on the silver question between Professor Laughlin and Collin will take place soon under the auspices of the Cornell Congress.

—The training table at the Tompkins House has become so full that some students who are training for track athletics have been refused admission because of lack of accommodations.

—About twenty Sophomores have come forward as candidates for editors on Ninety-three's *Cornellian* board, of which number seven are to be elected. The election takes place May 20th.

—The Tennis Association has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Larned, '94, president; Connard, '93, secretary and treasurer. The match for the championship of the University will be played May 1st.

—The Classical Association intend to give a social at Barnes Hall one week from last night. All persons in all classes who are in the courses of Arts and Philosophy are invited to be present without further invitation. An enjoyable time is anticipated.

—The Faculty has refused to grant the petition of the Sophomore class to be allowed to use the Armory for their Cotillion on Monday evening of Commencement week, on the ground that the Seniors are to have exclusive use of the Armory during the week.

—The Nevius Memorial is now in Itiaca waiting to be put in place after having made three trips across the Atlantic. Upon its arrival in New York in the early part of the year it was found to be broken and was returned to London for repairs, hence the long delay.

—At a meeting of the *Sun* board held Wednesday evening, J. N. Harmon '93, was elected to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Becket. It was also decided to reduce the number of next year's board to eight members, all of whom are to be chosen by competition. The board will then consist of four Seniors, two Juniors, one Sophomore and one Law School representative.

—The Senior Society of Civil Engineers, which was organized last term, meets weekly, and is doing excellent work. Papers are read at each meeting by members of the society and discussions are held over articles from leading technical journals of the day. As many text books on engineering are far behind the times, the Seniors find this a valuable course with which to supplement their regular work.

College News.

—The mass meeting which was held Thursday for the purpose of considering an amendment to the ERA Constitution resulted in the defeat of the proposed change. The majority of the Board favored a proposition to allow them to return one of their Junior members for the succeeding year if they so desired. The measure was opposed partly on political grounds and also on the ground that it was giving the Board too much power in addition to their right of election by competition. As the matter now stands, the Board cannot reelect any of its present members.

—Ex-President White will deliver two lectures in the Armory on Tuesday and Friday evenings April 28, and May 1. The subject of the lectures will be Egypt, and they will be copiously illustrated by lantern views taken by Mr. White himself while in Egypt. An admission fee of fifty cents for the two lectures will be charged, the proceeds to go to defray a small balance yet remaining unpaid on the memorial window to be placed in the Chapel in honor of Edward Nevius, '90, who so heroically sacrificed his life in an attempt to save a young lady from drowning. The balance of the proceeds are to go to the new hospital. The object is certainly a noble one, and ex-President White's name is sufficient to secure a large audience. The doors will be open at 7:30 the lecture to commence at eight.

Personals.

'75. Charles Sumner Harmon, who was Principal of the Clover Dale Academy in 1877, is a prominent lawyer in Chicago.

'87. The Gotham Club of New York gave a minstrel show a short time ago. M. H. Goodkind was in his proper place as end-man, and frequently brought down the house with his impromptu wit.

'89. Earl J. Kelsey is professor of Latin and Greek in the Omaha High School.

'90. J. A. West is employed by the Royal Electrical Company in Peoria, Ill.

'90. John F. Skinner, now engaged in city engineering work in Rochester, was in town last week.

'90. F. E. Brooks, the champion wrestler while in college, is spending the year in study and travel abroad.

'90. Harold Reid, as assistant secretary of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A., has charge of the educational work of that organization.

HARVARD.—Summer courses in geology, French, German, chemistry, botany, physics, field engineering, English and physical training will be given during the coming season. . . The Yale and Harvard alumni have presented a valuable cup for competition between Yale and Harvard athletes. The first contest occurs on May 16. . . Trafford '93 was successful against Corbett '94 in the contest for the graduate foot-ball cup.

IN GENERAL.—Professor Edmund J. James, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been elected to the presidency of the University Extension movement. . . A Pan-Hellenic convention of women's fraternities was held in Boston last week under the auspices of the Boston chapter of K. K. G. . . The number of enrolled students at Johns Hopkins is 468. Fifty per cent of the students have come from Maryland. . . The Brown nine recently defeated Harvard by the score of 6-4. . . Of a total of 1839 college graduates who have been distinguished politically, Yale claims 525, Harvard 414 and Princeton 399. . . Michigan has 2410 students this year.

Amusements.

THE GAIETY GIRLS OF LONDON.

The Opera House held a good sized audience last night, the greater part of which came away somewhat surprised at the merits of the evening's entertainment. Most of those attending supposed, and they judged the present from the past, that the performance would be about the same as many others of the kind seen here during the past year. Such, however, was not the case. The company is a strong one and their performance was as respectable as that of any specialty attraction. The company was as good as any seen here. The comedy and specialty parts were excellent. Take it all in all it was not half "so bad as pictured." —*Syracuse Courier*.

At Wilgus Opera House, Monday evening next, (April 27.) Reserved seats, 75 cents. Chart at Baker & Warren's Drug Store, No. 3 North Tioga street.

LEVY'S AMERICAN BAND.

Levy's Great American Band will appear at the Wilgus, Wednesday evening, April 29. Reserved seats may be secured at Finch's. Prices \$1.00, 75 and 50 cents. The Philadelphia *Inquirer* of April 5, says: "Mr. Jules Levy has taken a very commendable step in organizing a military band. The organization has appeared before the public but a few times, but we are likely to hear a great deal more from it in the years to come. There are about fifty musicians, all of a high rank, conducted by Mr. Levy, who uses his cornet a portion of the time."

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Editorial.

ANNOUNCEMENT has recently been made of a new departure in the methods of the Cornell Congress, which brings into prominence an organization that, though having received some special attention of late, has not obtained the support from the students that it should. It depends, of course, entirely upon individual inclination whether any real interest is taken in the Congress, for the benefit to be derived from public debate of this character is perfectly apparent to every student. However, not a sufficient number avail themselves of the advantages thus offered. There is not the tendency toward this sort of mental training, at the University, that ought to exist, and while this state of feeling is not at all strange, still it is unreasonable that it should always continue and that Cornell should fall far behind in one of the most necessary elements of a thorough education. Not only one class, but every class of students should consider the Congress a place where the most beneficial work can be done outside of the regular

curriculum. There are a few hindrances at present to a general participation in the weekly debate, but, doubtless, in one way or another they will finally be removed. If the Congress carries out the plan now in view an interest will be awakened that will make it a permanent feature of college life. It has been resolved to inaugurate a prize debate which is to be held in the spring term of each year. Six men will be chosen to participate and the choice is to be based upon ability in debate, that has been evinced during the year. The subject for discussion will regularly be one of public policy, and the judges of the contest, three in number, are to be appointed by the President of the University. A gold and a silver medal will be awarded as first and second prizes. The scheme in itself shows with how much favor it is looked upon by the Faculty, and it would seem that nothing stands in the way of its becoming a recognized college honor, than which nothing could be more desirable.

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THE proposition to make a change in the ERA constitution, submitted to the mass meeting of last week, met with a defeat by a vote the size of which was somewhat surprising, and showed either a strong antipathy to the measure among the students generally and the present Freshman class especially, or, what is more likely, that its passage at this time was looked upon with suspicion by politicians, who felt that their plans would be interfered with thereby and had carefully worked up a large attendance of partisans to defeat the amendment. However, it is likely that history is only repeating itself here, for it took years to bring about the change which made possible election to the ERA board on the basis of merit as shown by competitive work, and a continued educational campaign may be necessary to convince the general student body of the advisability of conceding the further prin-

cept of permitting the Board of Editors to return one of their own number, as a Senior editor, in recognition of particularly meritorious services while upon the Board. For one can feel assured that so reasonable a reform is not to be put aside and settled so easily at a single mass meeting. If it be found advisable to keep intact the power of the classes to elect four members each year by general class election, then, in the opinion of the present Board, it would be best to give to the Board the option of returning one of their own number, or electing a Junior not of their number on the basis of competition, instead of limiting them to the latter alternative, as the constitution does now. The present arrangement is too inflexible to secure the best results, and early next year, before the gathering clouds of political combination shall have arisen to obscure the vision of the students, and before competitors shall have acquired any vested rights, a proposition to amend the constitution in accordance with this idea will surely be advanced, and should meet with general support.

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WITHIN the past few years students of ancient history and art have been pursuing archæological studies with a zeal that has greatly enhanced the value of work of this character. The fact is thoroughly appreciated not by specialists alone, but by everyone concerned with antiquity that the advantage of being able to view ancient life by means of the material remains cannot be overestimated. The work in archæology that is being done at Athens is carefully watched from all parts of the world, and the manner in which France and America vied with each other to secure the privilege of excavating at Delphi is a strong indication of the high estimation in which this study is held. In this country there are many distinguished archæologists, who have received the most careful preparation and training, and Cornell has the good fortune to place on the roll of the non-resident lecturers for the present term five men, from this class, of special prominence. This is the first time that such a

course in art study has been presented by noted scholars from abroad, and it is to be sincerely hoped that it is a dawn of a new era in this line of work at the University. The subjects of the lectures have been well chosen, and the two to be delivered next week are decidedly of a character to awaken general interest. It is announced that as soon as proper arrangements can be made, there will be a purchase of castes of ancient art for the University and thus a nucleus formed for a department in a field of work not before entered upon here, but one that will be of great value to this institution; and if the general appreciation expressed at the course of lectures now being given is of any moment, the work in such a department would be largely taken up by students both literary and technical.

A SCOTCH GEOLOGIST.

On a summer day seventy years ago one might have seen in a stone-quarry near Cromarty, on the northeast coast of Scotland, a young apprentice hard at work with hammer and chisel. He was attired as roughly as any of his fellow-workmen, and a casual observer might have passed him by with a single glance, not noticing anything remarkable in his appearance; but if he looked more closely he would have detected a look of keen intelligence in the face of the young man which few if any of his companions possessed. He worked carefully and assiduously, and there was evidently in his mind a purpose not only to perform as much work as his fellows, but also to learn of the rocks in which he worked; for we find him now bending over some curious creases and fissures in the rock, now seizing with joyous smile upon some fossil organism which his keen eye had caught sight of, imbedded in the stone, and laying it aside to be added to his collection.

A strong, well-built man was he; somewhat above middle height, and of large and sinewy frame. He could lift weights single-handed which it usually required two men to raise. But his ambition was not merely to become a skilful stone-cutter. He worked one-half of the year in anticipation of the leisure he would have during the other half, in which to pore over his books; the knowledge and rude culture which he already possessed had been obtained, not from the parish school, where he

was anything but a faithful pupil, but from careful reading of the best literature of his native language. And there was a vague hope in his heart that some day he might achieve for himself some eminence in the world of literature, perhaps of science.

Hugh Miller was one of the greatest of the many famous men who have been proud to call themselves the sons of Scotland, and one of the most noted scientists the present century has produced. Cromarty was his native village, and there his early years were spent. His parents were humble peasants, the father following the profession, inherited from a long line of ancestors, of a sailor, the mother likewise descended from a hardy race of men, who had followed the sea for many generations. When he was but five years old his father perished in a storm at sea.

For several years the boy was sent to the parish school, and his relatives hoped that he might one day become a minister. But their hopes were not to be realized. Instead of working faithfully at the Latin which the master had assigned for the day, he remembered the English version which the master was accustomed to give his pupils each morning, and then spent his time in stealthily devouring stories of adventure, reading translations of the classical authors, and making up tales about imaginary heroes which he was accustomed to relate to his wondering and delighted fellow students. He fell into a difficulty with the master one day, over the spelling of a word, as he tells us in that delightful story of his early life entitled "My Schools and Schoolmasters." The master was the more at fault of the two; but he was obstinate, and when young Miller refused, after a cut or two of the taws, to yield his ground, the master grappled him. After a somewhat longer and harder struggle than the master had anticipated, the boy was conquered and given a sonnd drubbing, which made him sore for a month after. Nothing was left for him but to seize his cap and march straight out of the room; and thus abruptly terminated his school life.

This, however, was but the small beginning of his real education. Guided by his own tastes and by the kindly suggestions of two uncles, themselves self-educated, he read various Scotch and English authors; continued those expeditions into the surrounding country which had been his delight from childhood, roaming over the hills, wandering up and down the valleys and fens, penetrating the caves and crevices along the coast, and learn-

ing the lessons of nature as they were revealed to him in simple majesty in those wild, mountainous regions of the north of Scotland.

No doubt it was in some degree this love of nature's world which influenced him, when he came to decide upon a life-work, to become a stone-mason. Another important consideration, to which we have already alluded, was the leisure which this trade would give him during the winter months for reading. The next seven years of his life were spent in work as a mason and in laying the foundation, by reading, of that "mastery of pure, elegant, and masculine English that even an Oxford scholar might have envied," which Mr. Gladstone says he possessed. He worked in all parts of his native country, becoming familiar with its scenery, its history and legends, and its geological formation: for Hugh Miller, even before he knew the names of the rocks, was deeply interested in their study. His discoveries in the Old Red Sandstone which were made during this period, and of which he has written so interestingly for us, were in themselves sufficient to bring him marked distinction in the scientific world.

But Hugh Miller was not a mere delver in stones and fossils. In the field of journalism he showed that he could cope successfully with the ablest. For several years he was the editor of the *Witness* at Edinburgh, the organ of the Free Church party, which was then rising into prominence. His articles were characterized by a keenness of perception, a mastery of clear and cogent language, and an energy and elevation of style which at once brought their talented author into extended prominence. An ardent believer in the peculiar tenets of the Free Church, if he was at times hasty in his judgments and bitter in his arguments, his love of truth and high sense of honor impelled him to make such amends as were in his power.

He is known to the world at large by his numerous published works, which, while written in popular style, are largely scientific in character. "The Old Red Sandstone" is one of his most interesting productions, "the first, the freshest, and the best of all his scientific writings." It is the story of his wanderings along the beach; of the observations he made in the stone-quarries; of the discovery of wonderful fossils in rocks and strata which were previously supposed to be quite barren of remains of any form of primitive life.

The career of Hugh Miller, stone mason, geologist, journalist, philanthropist, will ever remain for us a shining example of what it is

possible for the human mind, aided only by such training as it can secure from its own efforts, and envired by the most adverse circumstances, may accomplish for itself. His was a singularly strong and earnest character,—firm as Scotch granite. The story of his noble life will long influence humanity as an illustration of how even the humblest, if actuated by high purpose and noble resolves, may reach the highest point in the development and refinement of the human mind. The memory of Hugh Miller is dear not only to the Scotch heart, but to all who love manliness, nobility of mind and soul and freedom of conscience; and the fruits of his genius and perseverance are the priceless possession of the whole world.

C. S. N.

A LETTER FROM AN ALUMNA.

WOMEN AND CORNELL.

Each year it is given to the Alumni of Cornell to elect a member of its Board of Trustees. I hope that this privilege is duly appreciated. When the copy of the Law and the blank ballot comes to me from the office of the University's Treasurer, I feel a wave of pleasure and gratitude to be able to continue any connection with our beloved institution. There is a sense of obligation and of honor in casting a vote for a man who may become a member of its supervising body.

But with certain ones of us the pleasure and gratitude and honor are clouded by a feeling of indignation that we are always asked to vote for *men*. We are women. We are loyal to Cornell; we bless her for what she has done for us, and is doing and will do for other women. We realize her liberality in allowing us to vote for her Trustees. But where so much is given, we look for all; where tolerance is so great we wish it to be perfect. We expect from Cornell, because of our love for her, treatment broader and fairer than we could hope for elsewhere.

If Cornell gives education to women why does it exclude them from governing counsels? If it considers them worthy to receive its diplomas why must it shut them out from its Faculty and Board of Trustees? We have more than the crumbs that fall from the table, but we are far from yet sharing the full meal. These things make us indignant, chiefly because of the inferiority of women that they imply. And we believe in *womanhood*. We believe in its strength of brain as well as of heart, in its wisdom as well as its sympathy, in its judgment as well as its conscience. All

women could not fill positions of trust, neither could all men; but that there are women who are capable we as firmly believe as that there are men who are capable. We also feel that in the present state of things there is a want unfulfilled. From the moment that the University opened its doors to women students, there should have been a woman or women elected to its Board and its Faculty. So long as women remain at Cornell there should be women to represent their needs and their interests. If the student body was made up exclusively of young men we should still believe that a woman's brain would be of service in its management, but as it is made up of both young men and young women it seems to us a singular condition that only men should sit over it.

The time is coming when women will take their right places in the educational ranks, but it is not yet. We are long in shaking off the shackles of prejudice and tradition. Because we honor Cornell, and believe in it—as we begin women—we want it to stand among the first when America's colleges come in at the end of the march.

How long must we wait before we can at least have the satisfaction of writing a woman's name on our ballot for Trustee? How long must we be prevented by "inexpediency" from proposing one for consideration?

Will any one answer?

I. H.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 20, 1891.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL LECTURES.

The course of lectures in archæology will be brought to a close next week by the lecture of Professor J. R. S. Sterrett, of Austin, Texas, on the subject of "Asia Minor as a Field for Archæological Exploration," to be delivered Friday and Saturday evenings. The subject is one of general interest and especially will attract the attention of all Bible students. Professor Sterrett is a very noted archæologist, and his personal investigation of the missionary journeys of St. Paul has given to the world the most valuable information respecting various places that were situated in the path of those journeys.

A colleague and friend of the lecturer has kindly sent to the ERA the following biographical sketch: "Professor J. R. S. Sterrett, who is soon to deliver two lectures on archæology before the University, is a native of Rockbridge county, Virginia. His academic education was

received at the university of his native state ; later he studied at the Universities of Leipzig, Berlin and Munich, taking his doctorate at the last mentioned about 1880. He has spent many years in active explorations in Greece and Asia Minor and, for a time, was secretary and vice-president of the American School of Archæology at Athens. He is one of the few American scholars who have received the honors of Berlin, and his work has been warmly praised by Mommsen and Kiepert. For a short period he held the chair of Greek in Miami University, which he resigned, in 1888, upon his election to the same chair in the University of Texas. He is the author of several books and many papers of importance, among which may be mentioned 'The Wolfe Expedition to Asia Minor' published in 1888."

H. AND P. S. ASSOCIATION.

The lecture before the H. and P. S. Association, last Wednesday evening, was delivered by Colonel Henry Kyd Douglas. The subject was "The Southern Volunteer," and the lecture was one of the most interesting yet given.

Colonel Douglas stated that during the first year of the war, the Southern volunteers numbered 350,000 men, or more than half of the total number engaged on the side of the Confederacy, and the army was at this time in its best condition. The first volunteers were largely made up of students from the universities and colleges. There was little regard for show or display of any kind. Never in all history, it was claimed, has there been another army so well equipped as that of the North ; their camps were comfortable, and they had an abundant supply of food. The South, on the contrary, was hemmed in on all sides. She had no foundries, no factories, no paper mills and no ships with which to bring supplies from abroad ; during the whole struggle the democratic ideas among the soldiers of the South warred against discipline, and they never had the training of a well regulated army.

The prevalent idea that the Southern armies had more dash and the Northern more pluck and endurance, is erroneous. The Northern soldier was fighting for the Union, the Southern was incited by an individual motive, and when the Union forces crossed the Rappidan and enclosed Petersburg, Grant found that only repeated blows could overcome the army of Virginia.

—The last Military Hop for the present year will be held on May 15th.

LECTURES ON EGYPT.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, ex-President White delivered two lectures on Egypt, profusely illustrated by stereopticon views. In the first lecture ex-President White gave interesting descriptions of the delta region of the Nile, and of the two largest cities in Egypt, Alexandria and Cairo. The pyramids, those landmarks of almost prehistoric antiquity, were graphically portrayed. Among the many views exhibited were those of the sphinx, mummies, mosques, and characteristic street and desert scenes.

The second lecture was much better attended than the first, almost every seat in Barnes Hall being filled. A journey was taken from Cairo up the Nile, visiting on our way now on one side mosques of modern architecture, now on the other half-buried ruins of vast temples and ancient halls, such as those at Luxor and Karnak. The hugely sculptured statues of Memnon and Rameses II still stand in all their lofty grandeur. Cavernous tombs of the Kings, and palm-covered sites of once prosperous cities, are now all the vestiges which remain of the Egyptian civilization of the past.

BASEBALL GAMES.

The game with Syracuse University last Saturday was uneventful. Our team won easily by a score of 27-6. The visitors were outclassed, they playing a very poor game. The score shows that Cornell batted hard ; the field-work, however, was not of the best.

On Tuesday we played another one-sided and uninteresting game with the Rochester University team. Our team played well except in the fourth inning when Rochester scored six runs. In our half the team had no difficulty in hitting the ball for two and three baggers, and the result was 10 runs. In the fifth Cornell again made a large score of 12 runs, and were almost forced to make the three runs in the sixth. The game was then called with the score 29-6 in favor of Cornell.

Stevens Institute played her first game with us yesterday, meeting with an unexpected shut-out by a score of 13-0. They have, however, a good, strong team, their battery and out-field doing splendid work. Brilliant plays were made on both sides, the prettiest of all being the long foul fly catch by the Stevens catcher. Our team put up an almost faultless fielding game from beginning to end, not once showing any signs of being rattled. Priest pitched in excellent form, striking out ten

men, killing many visitors on first, and letting only two hits be made off his delivery. Cornell made seven hits and, as the score shows, took advantage of every one.

Stevens plays here again to day, and since she took her defeat hard, a good, close game may be expected. The Cornell team is playing excellent ball.

Sage Chapel.

Bishop John H. Vincent, DD., LL. D., of the Methodist Episcopal church, will occupy Sage Chapel to-morrow. He began preaching at the age of eighteen, having had but an academic training. A few years later he studied at Wesleyan Institute, Newark, N. J., and was received into the New Jersey conference in 1853. He was ordained deacon in 1855, and elder in 1857. From that time he preached at Galena, Chicago and other places until 1865, when he became largely engaged in Sunday school work. Dr. Vincent was the originator of the Chautauqua educational method, and is now chancellor of Chautauqua University. As an author he has gained an enviable reputation.

Cornelliana.

—Last Military Hop, May 15.

—The Almy began its regular trips this week.

—About twenty candidates are now training for the Freshman baseball team.

—The Civil Engineers leave for Glen Haven May 25th, for the annual two weeks survey.

—About a dozen men, who are training for the spring meet, have gone to a training table at Schallowitz's.

—Six thousand dollars a year is the sum which Professor Francis M. Burdick is to receive at the Columbia Law School.

—Mr. Wilcox, the new instructor in Psychology, is very popular with his students, both as an instructor and as a lecturer.

—The Agricultural Association will be addressed on Tuesday evening by Messrs. H. Martin, S. D. Maynard and H. Hayward.

—The class in Junior English for next year will be limited to twenty-five. Those wishing to elect the course should make application to Professor Hart before the close of the present term.

—The Cascadilla School is putting up four tennis courts for the use of its students; two near the school, and two on its athletic field.

—Professor Wait has rented the Grand View House for next year to be used as a dormitory in connection with his Cascadilla School.

—The final examination in Political Economy this term, will cover the work of the whole year, instead of the work since the last examination.

—Professor Smith has discontinued his law school section in elocution, but its members are allowed to continue their work in any of the regular sections.

—The Cornell Total Abstinence League has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. A. Duniway, President; L. C. Root, Secretary and Treasurer.

—The time of Professor A. B. Canaga's detail for college work will have expired at the end of the present school year, and he will resume his duties on the sea.

—Forty volumes selected from the works of George Sand have been received recently at the Library. They consist for the most part of novels, but include, also, a few dramas.

—F. H. Parke, '92, has been elected stage manager of the Masque to fill the place left by W. C. Langdon, '92. A second play will probably be presented during Commencement week.

—The subscription for the crew fund amounts at present to \$3000 of which \$1300 has been paid in. The names of those having paid their subscriptions will appear in next weeks issue.

—To-morrow evening Mr. Miller, head of the Pennsylvania School of Industrial Art at Philadelphia, will lecture in the Physical Lecture Room upon "Art From the Schoolmaster's Standpoint."

—Students now registered back who have submitted thesis subjects and hope to graduate with '91 are requested to call at the Registrar's office and look up their records some time during the coming week.

—The men training for track athletics have been excused from all except three drills this term. One of these is to be when the Inspector General is present and the other two at times appointed by the commandant.

—The tennis games for the Inter-Fraternity championship will begin next Wednesday, May 6, on the Psi Upsilon court. The doubles

will be played on May 6th, 7th and 8th, and the singles on May 9th, 11th and 12th.

—At a meeting of the Senior class, Tuesday, the class-tax was fixed at \$11. Five dollars of the amount thus raised is to be devoted to the endowment of a ward in the Ithaca Hospital, to be known as the '91 Memorial Ward."

—The Freshmen had a deficit of \$33 on their banquet expenses, due to breakage of furniture on the night of the banquet. An assessment of fifty cents was levied to cover this and to furnish funds for baseball interests and general purposes.

—The Cornell Ethical Society, meeting each Sunday at 2.30 p. m. in Barnes Hall, is now to take up the general subject of "Student Honesty." To-morrow afternoon Professor Schurman will speak to the society about the student vice of "cribbing."

—Subscription books for '92's *Cornellian* are being circulated by members of the Board. A subscription book may also be found at Andrus & Church's. The price is one dollar per copy and it is expected that the books will be ready for distribution the latter part of May.

—The Fortnightly Club will meet next Tuesday evening in Barnes Hall, at 8 o'clock, to discuss the "Effect of Evolution on Religion and Morals." Professors B. G. Wilder, J. G. Schurman and S. H. Gage and Mr. L. H. Galbreath will open the discussion.

—Members of the Sophomore Sections in Land Surveying have been engaged in surveying a rifle range for the use of the regiment. It is to be for a distance of two hundred yards, and will be located so that the bullets may enter the bank of earth near the E. C. & N. depot.

—The Cornell Congress will have for its business of most interest on Saturday evening the selection of six men to appear in its public prize debate, to be held on the evening of May 23. The men are to be chosen by ballot, and the competition for places shows the estimation in which the honor to be won is held.

—Mr. Galbreath having declined to accept a reappointment to the position of general secretary of the C. U. C. A., the trustees of that organization have nominated Mr. Henry Floy as his successor. As president Mr. Floy served the Association well and faithfully and all members will be glad to have him accept the position of secretary.

—An important series of six lectures in Medical Jurisprudence will be delivered dur-

ing the coming week by Professor John Ordroneaux, of Columbia College. The course is designed for students in Law, but will be valuable for many others, and all will be welcomed who may attend them. The lectures are given in the botanical lecture room, at 2 o'clock, beginning on Monday.

—A very pleasant reception was given last evening by the Classical Association. Members of the Faculty and a large number of students from the literary courses were in attendance. The lower floor of Barnes Hall was placed at the disposal of the guests, refreshments being served in the east rooms. The reception was in every respect a most enjoyable affair, and the hour was late before the company dispersed.

—The History and Political Science Association will be addressed next Wednesday evening by Colonel Venable, of the University of Virginia. He will speak from the Confederate standpoint of the campaign from the "Wilderness to Cold Harbor," thus taking up the campaign where Rev. Mr. Tyler left it. Having been chief of Gen. Robert E. Lee's staff, Col. Venable is amply qualified to treat his subject in a comprehensive manner.

—Mr. Frank C. Perkins is having excellent success with his book, "Cornell University, Her General and Technical Courses." The University is to take the first 1000 copies, and Mr Perkins is to give the profits of the first 100 books sold, to the Crew Fund; one-half to each crew. A second edition of 4000 copies will be published soon. Students purchasing before June 1st may obtain the book for \$1, after that time the price will be \$1.50.

Personals.

'85. A. M. Mossrop is assistant engineer for the Rochester Bridge & Iron Co., having charge of the city office at Rochester.

'88. S. C. Register is making a tour of Italy and Southern Europe.

'88. Miss Agnes A. Rogers is teaching Latin and History in Englewood, a suburb of Chicago.

'88. P. C. Payne, Woodford prize orator, is with Hoadley, Lanterbauch and Johnson, one of the leading law firms of New York City.

'88. A. D. Hasbrouck, who has during the past year been a member of a civil engineering firm in Colorado Springs, Col., has accepted a government position on the river and harbor survey. He is now located at Sea Bright, N. J.

'89. Miss Katherine Bates is studying medicine in New York City.

'89. N. Loeser, formerly '89, is on the staff of the New York *Recorder*.

'89. F. S. Fielder is studying medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

'89. Dodgson is a member of the firm of Rafter and Dodgson Civil Engineers, Rochester N. Y.

'89. J. S. Stone is superintendant of the Templet shop of the Chicago Forge and Bolt Company.

'90. Miss Berry has been visiting friends at Sage during the past week.

'90. C. B. Stewart is assistant engineer in the "Sanitary District of Chicago."

'90. John F. Skinner, now engaged in city engineering work in Rochester, was in town last week.

A CRITICISM.

Editor of the Cornell Era:

DEAR SIR:—The following remarks are directed against the plan contemplating an archway between the proposed Law Building and the new Library.

In the first place such an archway will disfigure the Library Building. From the point of architectural beauty the edifice has but one façade. From the south the strange contrast between the tower and the two stacks does not permit any harmony of style, from the west the stack with its many windows dominates, while the attempt at polychromy was a decided mistake, from the north the building looks anything but handsome as anyone may readily judge for himself by standing in front of Morrill Hall, or the Fiske McGraw mansion, from which last place the architecture of the Library, to say the very least, looks very strange. On the east side we have a full view of the tower to the right of it, the church like end of the main building and the ornamental entrance. To construct an archway abutting against the main hall will not only spoil the appearance of this portion of the building entirely, but will destroy, from every standpoint, the only good façade the building has by dividing it into two parts, so that the edifice, which was erected to front out into the road, and the hoped for quadrangle is left without any façade, its effect as a whole having been ruined.

This is not all. The bridgeway will take away the delightful view from the Campus down the road to Cascadilla gorge. It will also cut away from this field of vision, daily enjoyed by some thousand or more persons, nearly all the lower portion of the Campus, notably Sage Chapel. To put up a fine church and thereupon to limit the commanding view it has by a structure which is not at all needed, seems to me most ill advised. The archway will have no substantial reason for its existence. We have no Grand Canal for another Rialto, or is it perhaps the interest of the architect to copy inappropriately what is so much more beautiful elsewhere, the Bridge of Sighs? Furthermore the two buildings to be connected have nothing in common. The law students have a library of their own, and their appearance in the general

library has been very scarce. If a demand for this passage way does exist, it had better be directed toward a connection with Sage Chapel, and the reason for building it put upon apparent ethical grounds.

Then again, it is a difficult problem in architecture to unite two buildings in this manner. In one sense they will form one whole, the individuality of each becomes merged in the combination attempted. They are dependent upon one another for all lines of beauty. To those who deem the architect's taste a safeguard to the objections I have offered, I submit the following opinion to more critical examination. It will be noticed that the characteristics of Mr. Miller's art are these, marked talent for some work of a more general order, not to speak of the well arranged interiors, an absurd tendency to overload by senseless ornamentation, and the entire absence of any fundamental general idea which is supposed to be at the basis of an entire structure, pervading also the detailed work for ornamental amplification. The Fiske-McGraw mansion in this respect talks most eloquently. It has no style, it might be part of a castle on one side, (the northeast,) and on the other with its porches a villa on the Riviera, in the second story looking northward we find two different gables, to offset each other, one of which imitating the woodwork structure of Nuremberg does not harmonize with its stone foundations, etc., etc., and scattered all over the walls, ornaments, heads, checkerboards which ought never to have been made and detract from the dignity that otherwise might have been put into the stone. The absence of any one definite idea in the library building is perhaps excusable, it also, has no style whatever, the exterior was made to depend upon the interior, but that will not excuse everything. The roof is not graceful and its very clumsiness is rendered the more conspicuous by the choice of such dark colored tiles. Everyone has had a chance to observe that the conic roof of the tower has diminished its beauty. Look at the east end of the library hall. Why are the glass window panes of the basement divided six inches lower than the stone division calls for? Are the three huge windows above you not ugly? What is meant by the stone band dividing each of them? All the windows bring the building into a category called *style de caserne* in Paris, but we owe this to the interior of course.

The key-note to Mr. Miller's architecture is given by the buttress on the tower of Barnes Hall. It is evident to every one that a buttress is intended to support a wall, and the strain is supposed to be carried down diagonally from the wall through the breadth of the buttress, which principle is so beautifully illustrated by the flying buttresses, delicate like lace-work on the dome at Milan. This Barnes Hall buttress sustains nothing at all, it pushes against the corner of the tower which cannot have any outward strain to support.

Furthermore, the diagonal strain is carried through three vertical columns. This structure is not a buttress, but an ornament without sensible reason for existence (the same is true of these proposed arches, they have no *raison d'être*.) And this is the architecture of Mr. Miller.

In view of all these circumstances, I can but deplore with other true lovers of unadulterated fine art and architecture, having the ultimate beauty of the Campus at heart, the decision arrived at by the trustees of the University in sanctioning the erection of a structure which upon its very face stamps itself as

ugly, and they shall not be excused in disfiguring this campus perchance because the beautiful view up the verdant valley, and down the limpid lake, will remain when the buildings they have erected shall have crumbled into dust. X.

Department News.

LIBRARY.—Through the generosity of Professor Willard Fiske of Florence the library of Cornell University has just received the valuable and useful gift of three extensive collections of early Italian literature embracing in all three hundred and twenty-three volumes, of which eighty three are of large octavo size, the remainder in 16 mo. These three collections are: "Collezione di opere medite o rare dei primi tre secoli della lingua;" "Scelta di oscarita lettera rie medite o rare dal secolo XIII. al XVII." and "Il Propugnatore." The first collection is published under the care of a royal commission instituted in 1860, at the time of the formation of the Kingdom of Italy. This commission, now composed of the most eminent scholars of the whole country, has its seat at Bologna and its function is to edit and publish work of value for the early literature and language of Italy, including such laws and statutes as have a philological worth. The amount of material to be published was so great that in 1861 it was necessary to issue an appendix in the shape of the second collection mentioned above, which should contain shorter works and thus avoid the need of volumes of miscellany in the first collection. The "Selection of unpublished or rare literary curiosities of the XIII. to XVII. centuries" contains also some extensive works which, except in point of date, would properly belong to the first collection. In 1868 a further appendix became necessary and a journal was founded, appearing every two months under the name "Il Propugnatore" ("The Defender," i. e. of the national language as a mean of national unity), containing philological discussions, literary-historical articles and brief texts. The two last named collections, while directed by members of the Royal Commission, are not like the first official publications of the Commission. It is difficult to give briefly any idea of the contents of these collections, but it may be said that they are to Italy what the "Early English Text Society" is to England and the "Société des anciens textes français" is to France. Besides some interesting municipal laws, they contain mostly works of interest for Italian philology and literary history, among these are collections of the earliest lyrical poetry, romances of the Round Table, early commentaries upon Dante, the Italian translation of the Bible published by Jenson in Venice in 1471, etc. The second collection embraces a wider range of time (it came down to the XVII. century, the first collection covers only the XII., XIV., XV. centuries) and topics, and contains among other things a large number of legends of the saints, specimens of early Italian fiction, letters, lyrics, etc. The various collections are handsomely bound in half morocco, with red tops, and constitute a splendid and useful gift to the University, and serve as a fresh proof of the continuing interest of donor in the Library, which in its early history owed so much to his care and judgment.

LAW SCHOOL.—At the last meeting of the Trustees of the University, a week ago, the plans for a new Law School building, submitted by Mr. W. H. Miller,

of Ithaca, were accepted. The building to be erected will be in the form of a cross, opposite and directly east of the new Library. The longer arm of the cross, 143 feet in length, will extend east and west, reaching to Central Avenue, over which, and connecting the two libraries, there will be an arched passage. This will be sky-lighted and will have room for a small library of 4,400 volumes. Three arches supporting this passage, one over each sidewalk and the other over the road, are intended to form a handsome entrance to the campus quadrangle. The shorter arm of the building, 63 feet in length, will stretch north and south, extending across the road which now leads to Sage College. The entrance to the building will be located on the north side of this short arm. It will lead into the main hall, from which, on the three sides of the ground floor, access will be had to three large lecture rooms. These on the west, south, and east sides, will have a seating capacity of 400, 250, and 150 students respectfully. Above the large lecture-room on the west the library will be situated, having space sufficient to provide for 26,496 volumes. The room will be finished in natural pine; it will include both second and third stories in its height and the ceiling will be open timbered. On this same floor five suites of rooms will be provided for the professors, each consisting of an office, a study, and a small lecture-room. On the third floor, the plans provide for three more lecture-rooms, smaller than those on the first floor. The rooms will be well ventilated, and the Plummer system of heating will be used. The material of the building will be stone, and the general design and style of architecture like that of the Library. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupation a year from next fall. The estimated cost of the Law School building, including the archway, is \$80,000.

Book Reviews.

INSECTA. Guides for Science Teaching, No. 8. Alpheus Hyatt and J. M. Arms. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. 1890. Price \$1.00.

This neat little volume is addressed to teachers, but it is well worth a careful study by every earnest student of Entomology. After discussing in detail the external and internal anatomy of the locust, the authors take up the classification of insects and accept Branner's system with slight modifications. The diagrammatic representation of the relations of the different orders is novel and instructive. The treatment of each order is necessarily brief. Some common insect is taken as a type of the order and its structure and life history presented in detail; the more common forms in the different families of the order are briefly described; then follow a few general statements on the evolution of the order and its relation to other orders. The volume is fully illustrated, the structural outline drawings being especially numerous and good; and the copious notes and references add not a little to the value of the work.

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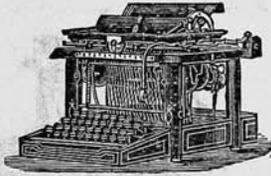
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Editorial.

THE inquiry is constantly made whether or not a regatta will be held here during commencement week. If any arrangement can be made, a race will be held on the lake and nothing has been left undone to secure it. The first attempt was to come to some agreement with the Bowdoin crew, which demanded a sum of money double the amount paid by the Navy last year; this was, however, acceded to, but the answer was a refusal to meet our crew under any circumstances. Attention has since been given to securing a race with other parties but unless the present plans for a regatta on June 13 can be consummated with the Atalantas, all efforts in that direction may prove futile. The Atalantas have announced their willingness to come, and will do so unless other duties prevent. It is the earnest desire of the Navy to have such an event occur if possible, in order that all the subscribers to the crew fund may be given an opportunity to see one or both of the crews participants in a good contest. The 'Varsity crew by thorough

and conscientious training will probably prove the equal of last year's crew, but the Freshman fail as yet to row in as good form, or pull as strong an oar as their predecessors. In another column will be found a statement as to the amount received on the crew fund, and there must be at least eight hundred dollars more subscribed before the required sum is secured. It should be borne in mind that the present management has been obliged to liquidate last year's debts, and the amount of available cash on hand is by no means great; payments must be paid at once, and all subscriptions can be given to Andrus & Church, or to the collector. If, perchance, the crew fund should warrant the venture, the 'Varsity crew will undoubtedly enter the race for the Childs Cup at Philadelphia, and surely nothing could be more desirable.

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THE unyielding tenacity with which the lower classes have, for several years, held to the custom of banqueting, either in or out of Ithaca, has presented a problem to the University authorities of a very enigmatical nature. The reputation of any institution is always more endangered by these class affairs than by any other practice in vogue among college students. The reasons are perfectly apparent and were discussed at some length early in the year. However, it seemed that these class banquets at Cornell might be supplanted, finally, by something of a more commendable character, when the Sophomore class concluded so give a cotillion instead of a banquet in town, and every one heartily approved the plan adopted. In consideration of these facts and also of the circumstances involved, it is, to say the least, surprising that the Trustees refuse the class the use of the Armory for giving the cotillion on Monday evening of Commencement week. The arguments that sustain this action are, under ordinary conditions well founded, but do not apply to the

case in question. The statement was made that it was considered a bad precedent to allow one of the lower classes to give such an affair in Commencement week, it being contrary to all custom and usage. It is very true that a Sophomore cotillion in Commencement week would be an innovation, but it is difficult to conceive how any precedent would be established, since other classes, having anything of the kind in view, would at once see the advisability of holding it in the fall term, and thereby have everything in favor of making it a complete success. The present class, necessarily, made their decision late and Monday evening was certainly the only one available for manifest reasons. The other argument that there are already too many social events, and there should be an increase in literary exercises, is certainly a strong one, but according to custom and usage every evening in the week is sure to be given up to social events of one kind or another, and it is decidedly unfortunate that the cotillion, the substitute for a class banquet, should fall without the dividing line. However, the class has resolved to hold the cotillion in town; Gartland's orchestra of Albany has been secured, invitations and programs ordered from Dreka, and everything indicates a successful and delightful social affair, and all particulars concerning it will be duly presented.

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THE sad occurrence of having six students in the University suspended on account of fraud in examinations is now far enough behind us in the history of the term, to deprive the event of any personal element and permit calm and judicial consideration of the question of student honesty. It would be better to state the question as one of student honor, for the appeal, in attempting to work any reform in the attitude of students toward cheating in examinations, must be made through the moral sensibilities if it is to have more than a passing or even ignoble effect upon the characters of the men and women who have most at stake in the matter. Utilitarian considerations are not to be contemned as of no

use; they must be heeded as of much practical importance; they have the greatest influence upon the thoughts and actions of too many of the average students to be lightly put aside. But so long as a man takes as his test of contemplated actions, the query "Will it pay?" the balancing of motives in any particular case is as liable to result in a bad as in a good choice. A Faculty may so imbue students with a sense of the danger of attempting fraud, that they will dare to cheat only in rare instances when detection seems unlikely, but better than this is a healthy public sentiment among the general student body, which will make it as much a point of honor to be fair in examinations as to be truthful in speech. The Cornell Ethical Society is considering this matter at present and in this way is directing public attention to the importance of the subject. It is to be sincerely hoped that something may come of these discussions, which take the form of free interchange of opinion between both students and professors, that may at least tend to mitigate the evil in our midst disclosed by the recent suspensions. The discussion might very profitably go further than it has thus far, for examinations have been tacitly assumed as a normal condition in the University, and examine the grounds for the continued existence of the marking system, to determine its influence for good or ill on the moral character of the student. The decision of the question involves a nice discrimination and a breadth of view which can be attained only after the most careful investigation and reflection, and is worthy the best thought which can be given it.

EARLY ITHACA.

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In the year 1834, a tourist, Solomon Southwick, by name, attracted by the reports of the beautiful natural scenery, paid a visit to the village of Ithaca. While here, he made several excursions to the neighboring points of interest, and in accordance with his fixed habit, jotted down in his diary the events of the day which had most interested him. Later, at the earnest solicitation of the residents of the village, he embodied these observations in a lit-

tle volume known as, "Views of Early Ithaca." As it may not be uninteresting for those acquainted with the Ithaca of the present time to gain some conception of this valuable book, the writer has ventured to offer a brief outline of its contents.

At the time of his visit, according to the author's statement, Ithaca was a village of about three thousand inhabitants. It could boast of five churches, besides a congregation of colored people, as yet having no established place of worship, three newspapers, one of them the *Ithaca Journal*, several hotels, a bank, and numerous factories, mills and other manufacturing interests, nor had the facilities for acquiring an education been neglected. The "Incorporate Academy of Ithaca," had been recently enlarged by the addition of a female department, and there were also two or three private schools. Here the author added a note which is interesting on account of the insight that it affords to his character and attitude toward advances in scientific research and thought. It is a vigorous protest against the use of Paley's work on "Moral Philosophy," and an exhortation to substitute for it Sir James Mackintosh's "General View of the Progress of Ethical Philosophy," supplemented by Dewar's "Elements of Moral Philosophy and Christian Ethics." "Dewar," he wrote, "does not appear to have thought, as most of all the other writers on the subject, that he knew as much as God, or more."

The Ithaca and Owego Railroad had just been completed and was proving a success in every respect. For other means of travel and communication, there were no less than nine stage routes making circuits of from two hundred and six miles, the Jersey City route, to thirty-eight miles, the Elmira route. The fares charged varied from eight dollars in summer and nine in winter, in case of the first mentioned, to two dollars in the latter instance. Add to this the pathway which the lake afforded and Ithaca was well situated as times then were. Indeed, the visitor must have been very favorably impressed with the advantages of the village for he declared, "If the present energy is maintained, in less than a generation a city, and that too, of no mean proportions, will stand upon this site."

But, aside from its historical worth, as the work of an impartial observer, "Views of Early Ithaca" possesses a distinct literary value. Over the artistic beauty of the surrounding scenery, Mr. Southwick was enthusiastic. He wrote in his preface: "Had I the genius of Claude Lorraine, as a painter of

natural scenery, and that of Shakespeare, Milton or Thompson as poetical describers of scenery, I should still despair of doing anything like ample justice to the uncommonly beautiful landscape, the grand and numerous waterfalls, and the sublime height of steep and rugged rock, or verdant mountain top, with which Ithaca is surrounded." Nevertheless, he attempted the task and succeeded remarkably well. By far the greater portion of his book is devoted to descriptions which are pervaded with a richness of imagination and a variety of expression that is quite unusual. Figurative and poetic phrases seem to have been at his command in countless numbers, and there was, certainly, no lack of inspiration, but there is now and then a tendency to effusiveness and the romantic in his style, which makes it amusing.

Perhaps the most interesting account which the book contains, is that of a trip to "Lucifer's Falls," on "Five Mile Creek." To this delightful bit of natural scenery, the author journeyed in company with a friend, an old sailor, while a third member of the party followed, mounted on "Postscript," so called from his faculty of always "coming in last." Lucifer's Falls, as he states, received its name from an old tradition relating how "His Satanic Majesty," once accidentally fell into it while on his way to call on Ithaca friends. From the same source, also, came many of the other names borne by the surrounding objects, and on this occasion, they were enabled to inspect his "Kitchen" and "Parlor."

The other gorges and falls in the vicinity of Ithaca were also visited and a word picture of each is to be found in "Views of Early Ithaca." In many instances, the names which were first applied in that work have been retained and the objects bearing them now stand as monuments to the memory of its author.

FROM ANOTHER ALUMNA

May another Alumna speak?—only to assure the trustees of the University that not all the women graduates of Cornell join in contemplating an immediate raid upon the respected Board. We are all duly indignant that we may not have a finger in the pie, and that the protest of "I. H." is calculated to rouse even those whose sense of injustice has hitherto slumbered, is witnessed by the remark of a college woman as she laid down last week's ERA with a curious sigh. "After reading such an article," said she, "I always feel that I am ground down by the iron heel of man!"

But unfair as the present arrangement is, whereby we accept privileges without helping to bestow them, many of us realize that a woman on the Board would scarce help matters. How respectfully would she be listened to, how gallantly addressed—and in the vote how completely ignored. No, one gentle being against this whole perverse body of masculinity could effect nothing but humiliation to herself.

What we wish in reality is that which the future is sure to bring us, namely, a *majority* in the Board. Then our brains and hearts (mentioned by I. H.) will indicate themselves, and guided by the ever womanly, this University shall achieve greatness. Until then a large number of us are content to wait patiently without drawing attention to our ignominious shackles by rattling them.

E. C. E.

THE H. & P. S. ASSOCIATION.

A large audience assembled in Barnes Hall Wednesday evening to hear the address of Colonel Venable, formerly of General Lee's staff, and at present a member of the faculty of the University of Virginia. The speaker seemed thoroughly familiar with his subject, "From the Wilderness to Cold Harbor." His style of expression was simple in the extreme, though his remarks were at times disconnected. The lecturer gave an exhaustive sketch of the main movements of the two armies in this great series of contrasts, occasionally enlivening the discourse with some thrilling incident. He opened his narration by stating the relative strength of the two forces, and set forth, in general, Grant's plan for the campaign ending with the capture of Richmond. His purpose was to move the army to the south side of the James, by the enemy's right flank, and thus to cut off from the Confederates their sources of supply. The speaker described the struggles in the Wilderness; the five bloody, indecisive battles fought in two days; the seizure by Lee of Spottsylvania Court House, the determined attempts of Grant to drive him back, and the stubborn encounter of the 12th of May; also the terrible losses suffered by the Union army in the battles of North Anna and Cold Harbor were very vividly portrayed.

The speaker tried to impress his auditors with the horrors of warfare; and closed with an allusion to the mutual admiration and esteem of the armies of the Potomac and Northern Virginia.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

"The Effect of Belief in Evolution on Religion and Morals," was the subject of an animated discussion by the Fortnightly Club, Tuesday evening. The speakers differed widely in the definition of terms; but, in the main were agreed that evolution was entirely compatible with religion in its essence.

Professor Gage, in a brief abstract, stated the general ground of evolution, and its teaching in relation to the individual. The more ready for self-sacrifice each one holds himself, the more powerful and progressive is the community. Dr. Wilder maintained that evolution applies only to the body and to certain inferior parts of the mind, in contradiction from the higher realms of the soul. In the human mind, there is the divine quality of mercy or charity, which is lacking in the animal. The speaker concluded that evolution was detrimental neither to religion nor to morals. Dr. Schurman extended the definition of evolution to the growth in the history of ideas, beliefs, institutions, and in fact, of every thing that is. In this doctrine, there is nothing which eliminates the idea of God; in any sense, it does not effect morality. Practically, a connection exists between evolution and religion, logically however, there can be none.

Mr. Galbreath closed the special discussion and dwelt especially upon the harmful effects, resulting from a superficial conception of evolution.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. Daniel Merriman, D. D., Congregationalist, of Worcester, Mass., will preach at Sage Chapel to-morrow. He is a man of middle age and has had the advantage of a thorough education. He is intimately connected with the technical schools of Worcester, and is interested in educational affairs generally. He is pastor of a large and influential church; and comes recommended as a man of rare and unusual accomplishments.

—Dr. Ordonaux closed his lectures on Medical Jurisprudence to-day. The last two lectures were on Insanity, a subject on which the lecturer was eminently well qualified to speak because of his position for many years as State Commissioner on Lunacy.

Cornell Verse.

A NEW MEANING.

We stood alone; 'twas time to part
 From one I'd tried to please.
 In one short eve she'd won my heart
 And now, the rogue, to tease,
 She called me "Freshie," for my class
 'Twas good old ninety-four;
 She called me "Freshie"—yet this lass
 Was only Sophomore.

If that's my name, I softly said,
 Then hark what I'll call thee;
 You call me that, my pretty maid,
 And I'll call you P. G.
 But I am but a Soph, said she,
 While scornful lips did curl—
 Said I, you're none the less P. G.
 For that means—Pretty Girl.

QUATRAIN.

Where last summer's breezes are
 The north wind, winter's herald, whistles shrill
 His call o'er snow-clad field and frozen rill.
 Deep in thy heart, secure from winter's harm,
 Last summer's breezes hide, and keep it warm.

'Sr.

THE CAMPUS AT NIGHT.

How different, Alma Mater, is thy campus in
 The day from in the night! Then intellect's strong
 light
 About thee shines, and all thy walks with busy feet
 Are thronged, while now the soul can sweetest pleas-
 ure find
 In dear unnoticed Nature's self! For who shall say
 Inanimate are all foaming streams, thy chasms,
 Thy distant views and all the eye, the ear delights
 To linger o'er? Dead? Cold, dead metal nothing more
 The bells that through the silence ring and win the
 heart
 To feel as words the brain to think? Nay, listen, while
 Far off, up o'er the hill, the quarter chimes divide

The invisible, then on at leisure's pace
 And yield you free to Nature's love. But not to see
 In tree and rock distorted human shapes and try
 To dote on limb as arm, on knot as eye, on crag
 As nose. A maggot mass of monstrous births were
 then

The fields and woods! Nay, rather loving each one for
 And as itself—just as the gardener loves the flowers
 That bud and bloom beneath his care. Is Beauty but
 An outward symmetry? No, 'tis the expression of
 A soul,—expression all imperfect, true, but yet
 More perfect still wherein it promises e'en more
 Than Beauty can express.

Mere day-light's child, when still
 The sun had not yet set, you told me that in all
 Before me here, I see but empty forms or dry
 Unsympathizing shells. Now twilight, darkness, night
 Succeeds the day, come now and see. Look far down
 thro'

The rocky gorge at yonder lighted town, a piece
 Of star-bright heaven to earth thrust down. Hear as
 we near

And as we past it go, full on the ear in grand
 Crescendo's swell, the stream pour forth its voice and
 then

To murmurs sweet, diminuendo, softly fall.
 Across the valley see that spark of light, a ray
 From lingering sun-set caught upon a bramble-bush,
 There still it burns and yonder shining, golden wire
 The light-house throws upon the lake's reflecting
 waves,

Thence, as we stroll with aimless foot-steps, over all
 A lulling stillness softly spreads and whence we hear
 The evening breezes whispering—"Hush! For all the
 world's asleep!"

W. C. L. JR.

ON HIS METTLE.

The Cornell man is on his metal,—
 Quoth a bright but slangy lass,
 When this is the order of things to settle:
 "Tin" "Zinck;" then "Copper" for his "Brass."

ARCHÆOLOGICAL LECTURE.

Professor J. R. S. Sterrett of the University of Texas last evening delivered, before a lamentably small audience, the first of his two lectures on "Asia Minor as a Field for Archæological Explorations." His style was clear and vigorous; his discourse, in itself a mine of information, was pervaded with a broad, scholarly spirit.

The speaker described the character of the natives, their often unfavorable attitude toward archæologists, and the superstitious greed for hidden treasures, which has led them to undermine and destroy many valuable monuments. The study of the inscriptions, which still exist in large numbers, is conducted mainly by the examination of mosques, fountains, and the old Turkish cemeteries. Thus are found copies of ancient municipal laws, acts of legislation, letters from kings, and edicts of Rome. The location of an ancient city is often determined by the discovery, near its site, of some monument bearing its name. The lecturer spoke of his daily life in Asia Minor and his manner of work which was often arduous on account of the almost inaccessible position of the inscription under investigation. He described in full several of the remarkable discoveries in which he bore a leading part, and which have made his name famous.

BASE BALL GAMES.

The second game with Stevens Institute was played last Saturday, the result of which was 25-0 in favor of Cornell. Cadmus pitched a good game and our team gave him excellent support, playing an errorless game.

A game with the Elmira professionals was arranged for Monday. The expected defeat of our team resulted in a victory over our professional visitors by a score of 10-1. The feature of the game was the pitching of Priest, whose left-hand curves constantly eluded the Elmira bats.

The best college team which has played here this season is that from Union, which was defeated by us by a score of 9-3.

Rumor has it that Union's battery was decidedly "professional," but notwithstanding this, Cornell could not be beaten. The game was hotly contested, until the ninth inning the score standing 3-3. Then our boys hit the ball hard, took every advantage possible and brought in six runs, which gave the game to us. It was a chilly, cold day and it was very difficult to do sharp field-work. Seymour pitched for Cornell the first three innings and

Priest pitched the remainder of the game, shutting out the visitors every inning.

THE GAME WITH OBERLIN.

Our team left Ithaca for their western trip Thursday evening, and yesterday crossed bats with Oberlin. The latter put their strongest team on the field and pitted their crack pitcher against Cadmus, who was in the box for Cornell.

The score resulted as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cornell,	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	x-6
Oberlin,	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2

In the first inning Oberlin made her only two runs of the game on two opportune hits. Cadmus then pitched a fine game, striking out a large number of the Oberlin men and holding them down to 4 hits for the nine innings.

As the score shows, our runs were brought in at intervals. Cornell made seven hits in all and although the men did not hit the ball with the usual vigor both in quality and quantity, yet every hit made was hard and clean. Every one counted.

In the field Cornell played a good, strong game. Two errors only were made; one was entirely excusable, and the other did not affect the score.

It is claimed that Oberlin's best twirler is almost, if not quite as good as U. of M's crack pitcher who pitches the Cornell—U. of M. game to-day at Detroit. However that may be, the result of the contest this afternoon will be eagerly watched and we may rest assured that the team will do its best to win.

Priest and Field will form the battery; Cadmus will play on third with Miller probably in right field.

Cornelliana.

—The matter for the *Cornellian* has all been forwarded to the publishers

—Essays for the History and Political Science prize are due May 15th.

—Mr. W. H. Hudson lectures at the Unitarian church next Sunday evening.

—The Sophomores have accepted the Juniors' challenge to a game of lacrosse.

—The Natural History Society elects officers at its meeting next Thursday evening.

—The Cornell Congress will elect officers next Saturday evening, for the ensuing year.

—Professor B. I. Wheeler will lecture before the students of Syracuse University next Sunday.

—The training table for the crews, formerly at the Tompkins House, has been changed to the Clinton House.

—The third text-book examination in course 10, American History, will be held next Wednesday, May 13.

—Princeton will probably play a return game of baseball on Percy Field sometime during Commencement week.

—An examination for removing conditions in Sophomore English will be held Saturday, May 9th, in Room 2, White Hall.

—Yale has refused to play baseball with Harvard because Harvard refused to play Princeton. Yale now wishes to play Cornell.

—Mr. Hudson, chief cataloguer of the President White library, has recently declined the chief librarianship of Indiana University.

—Dr. Wilder's Senior lecture was delivered yesterday afternoon to Seniors and to others who do not expect to return to the University next year.

—Mr. W. L. Saunder's lecture in Sibley College on "Compressed Air Production" was published in the *Scientific American* for April 25th.

—Professor Sterrett will deliver a second lecture on "Asia Minor as a Field for Archæological Explorations" this evening at 8 p. m. in Barnes Hall.

—Instructor O. F. Emerson has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, *magna cum laude*. His thesis was upon the "Dialect of Ithaca, N. Y."

—Senior orations and theses are due next Monday. Many Seniors have already handed in their theses, while others have secured an extension of time.

—Next Friday afternoon Professor J. M. Whitham, U. S. N., of the University of Arkansas, will lecture in the Sibley Course, upon "Mechanical Stokers."

—Dr. David Starr Jordan will visit Cornell about May 18th. While here Dr. Jordan will probably lecture under the auspices of the Natural History Society.

—Another series of lectures before the Law School will begin next Tuesday. The topic will be "The Statute of Frauds" and the lecturer Justice Francis M. Finch, of the Court of Appeals.

—The different denominational organizations are considering the plan of having an excursion down the lake on Decoration Day.

—The Trustees have authorized the employment of an assistant professor and the establishment of two additional fellowships for the department of economics.

—A. J. Baldwin, '92, left this morning to visit Union College and Troy Polytechnic Institute in the interests of the Visitation Committee of State Y. M. C. A.

—The Sophomore Cotillion will take place Monday evening, June 15th, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Gartland's Tenth Regiment Band will furnish the music.

—Major J. W. Powell, Chief of the U. S. Geological Survey, is to come to Cornell to lecture on "The Languages of the American Aborigines," on Saturday of next week.

—The long-postponed third Chamber Concert will be given next Wednesday evening. The Beethoven String Quartette, assisted by Mrs. E. K. Clancy, will be the attraction.

—Target practice is being held every day from 11 a. m. until 3 p. m. in the Armory. The best marksmen will be instructed in outdoor shooting as soon as the range can be prepared.

—At a meeting of the Sophomore Election Committee held Wednesday evening, at the Phi Delta Theta House, it was decided to hold the Sophomore Class elections on Tuesday, May 19th.

—F. C. Perkin's new book "Cornell University, Her General and Technical Courses," appeared this week. It is generally commended both for the matter it contains and for the way it is presented.

—Workmen have been employed for several days in painting red the letters on the marble slabs on the front of the various buildings. This greatly facilitates the reading of the inscriptions by passers-by.

—It is probable that the examination for Seniors in Agriculture will be held earlier than usual this term in order that they may visit several of the model farms in Dutchess and Orange counties and in Western Pennsylvania.

—A new calorimeter designed by Professor Carpenter has recently been placed in the Mechanical Laboratory. The equipment of that department is in excellent condition, and commercial testing in all branches will be done.

—A Sophomore class meeting was held in Physical lecture room B, Monday, at which the following committee was chosen to have charge of the coming class elections: B. Strait, chairman, T. W. Woodbridge, A. C. Howland, C. B. Hadden, and F. C. Pond. It was also decided that the class should bear any loss resulting from the Cotillion during Commencement week.

—Professor W. G. Hale's handy little pamphlet on the "Art of Reading Latin: How to Teach it," has been translated into French by Dr. J. Keelhoff, Professor of the Athenee Royal of Tongers, Belgium. The translator in his preface pays a high tribute to the value of the treatise. In a footnote the Doctor mentions the fact that Professor Hale's pamphlet on "Cum Constructions," is about to be translated into German.

—At the meeting last Thursday the plans for the new gymnasium annex were accepted finally, and \$23,000 were voted to be appropriated for its erection. There were but a few minor changes in the plan submitted three weeks ago. There will be a trophy, crew room, swimming tank, and batting cage, as previously stated. The building will be finished by next September, and the present annex will be torn down or removed to the farm, perhaps before Commencement.

—The *Cornellian* Board has awarded the prizes which it offered at the beginning of the year for both artistic and literary work. For artistic work, Mr. D. R. Collin, '94, son of Professor Collin, received first prize, and F. C. Draper, '93, honorable mention. For literary work the contest was so nearly equal that the Board decided to divide the prize, and gave K. F. Rubert, P. G., the first award, and T. D. Davis, '91, the second award, with honorable mention of D. S. Tuttle, L. S., '92.

—At the last meeting of the Cornell Congress the following were chosen as competitors in the prize debate: E. R. O'Malley, A. D. Stillman, A. A. Bird, M. V. O'Shea, C. M. Weeks and F. E. Wood. Messrs. Flaherty, H. C. Howe, Hogg, A. S. Barnes and L. C. Root were appointed a committee on arrangements. The debate is to take place Saturday evening, May 23, and will be upon the immigration bill as passed by the last National Congress. Appropriate medals will be awarded to the winners.

—One week ago to-day an extensive and thoroughly satisfactory efficiency test was

made at the power station of the Utica Electric Street R. R. by a number of Sibley students under the supervision of Professor Carpenter. The work was directed by O. G. Heilman and H. B. Clark who will use the results obtained in their thesis, and they were assisted by the following persons: from '91, W. W. Kirley and L. W. Emerick, the latter having charge of the electrical measurements; from '92, A. H. Green, G. L. Hoxie, H. G. Hamann, C. B. Auel, J. Kuhn and P. H. Knight.

Personals.

'75. George B. Stevens is Professor of Theology in the Yale Theological Seminary. After graduating from Cornell he studied at the Rochester Theological seminary. Then he preached in Buffalo for several years.

'76. E. S. Kaufman is partner in the law firm of Wellman & Kaufman in New York. Mr. Wellman is Assistant District Attorney of the City of New York.

'85. J. D. Adams, who was editor of the Sunday *New York World*, has left that paper, and is now editor of the *Cosmopolitan*.

'86. Henry E. Summers, a prominent athlete while at Cornell, and who was elected Fellow for three successive years, is now Professor of Biology in the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, Tenn.

'88. E. H. Woodruff has accepted the librarianship of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University. Mr. Woodruff is now in Italy with Professor Fiske, and will return in time to enter upon his duties next fall.

'89. G. L. Fielder, captain of the victorious crew of '87, is manager of the New York office of the American Writing Company.

'89. H. E. Millholen has been made Librarian of The Players, the club of which Edwin Booth is the founder and president. Mr. Millholen will also continue on the staff of the New York *Evening Post*, where he has been since graduation.

'90. R. Wagner is on the staff of the *Dry Goods Economist*. He has charge of the personal trade-items.

'90. J. E. Greenawalt is now at Los Angeles, Cal., superintending the wiring for an extensive electric railroad.

'90 Sanders (C.E.) who has been in Denver, Col., since his graduation as assistant engineer for the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth R. R., has resigned the position to accept a more lucrative one on the New York Central R. R.

'93. H. B. Brazier is employed in the Baldwin Locomotive Works. A short time ago he had the misfortune to crush one of his fingers.

The Era Crew Fund.

The following paid subscriptions have been received:

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College News.

IN GENERAL.—There are seventy-eight men training for the athletic team at Princeton. . . Lehigh will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation at its next commencement. . . The number of recitation hours at Harvard has been increased. . . A cricket club has been formed at Yale, and the challenge from the Harvard club accepted. The game will be played in New Haven on June 6th. . . The Williams nine has returned from a southern trip in

which twelve games were played. Three games were won, one was a tie, and eight were defeats. . . The fifty-eighth annual convention of Psi Upsilon was held with Amherst chapter on May 7 and 8. Ex-President White delivered an address. . . Boston University has 1020 students this year. . . Lafayette has 319 students coming from twenty states. . . The Columbia freshman crew is practically made up. The average weight is 153 pounds, which is a trifle heavier than most Columbia freshman crews. . . Efforts are being made toward the formation of a football league between Columbia, Lehigh, Lafayette, Cornell and one or two other colleges in the Middle States. Captain Johanson of our next year team has initiated the movement. . . The University of California has 763 students. . . A challenge has been received by the Atalanta Boat Club from Cornell University for an eight-oared shell race on Lake Cayuga, at Ithaca, N. Y. Capt. Van Raden said yesterday that it would probably be accepted.—*N. Y. Evening Post*, April 27. . . The gifts and bequests received by Yale during last year amounted to \$1,151,272 a greater amount than in any previous year in Yale's history. . . The attendance at Yale this year is 1645. . . The University of Minnesota will erect an \$80,000 medical college building on its campus. . . Yale has cancelled its baseball dates with Harvard, owing to the refusal of the latter to play Princeton. . . R. S. Hale, '91, lowered the Harvard record for the mile walk at the class games of the H. A. A. lately. His time was 6 m. 56½ seconds against the former record of 6 m. 59½ sec. Mr. Hale, it is reported, will enter Cornell next year. . . The Mask and Wig, the dramatic club of the U. of P., gave a performance in New York city last Saturday of their musical burlesque "Miss Columbia."

Book Reviews.

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. (Harvard Historical Monographs, No. 2). By Albert Bushnell Hart. Boston: Ginn & Company. 1891. Price, \$1.00.

In this monograph is given a brief study of what is recognized as the most striking political tendency of the century. The work does not pretend to be exhaustive, it is merely an introduction to a more elaborate treatise which Professor Hart is preparing. There is first given a statement of the theory of federal government, and a catalogue of federations, ancient, mediæval and modern. The larger part of the work, however, is devoted to a parallel view of the constitutions of the four great existing confederations, America, Germany, Canada, and Switzerland. No notes are added, each constitution serving as a commentary on the others. Finally there is given a complete bibliography, typically arranged, of federal government, and this is not the least valuable part of the work.

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The thirty-third annual course of instruction will begin Tuesday, September 29, 1891, and close Tuesday, April 26, 1892. The course of instruction is graded, students being divided into first, second and third year classes, with fourth year course optional.

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Editorial.

A VERY gratifying interest continues to be taken in baseball and there is no reason that the case should be otherwise, since the team has played very satisfactory ball from the start, and if the work is thus continued for the remainder of the season a worthy record will be placed to the credit of the nine. The recent defeat by the University of Michigan cannot be considered as due to any reprehensible playing on the part of Cornell, since the tactics pursued by her opponents were not at all commendable in many instances, and under the severe strain that the team was forced to play many of the errors could not but have been expected. In order that success may be assured in future games, it is absolutely necessary that every member of the team make special effort to improve his playing wherever any weakness has been made prominent in the games contested. Above all it is apparent that careful training will alone secure the best results, and the men should

not fail to fully consider this. In individual instances a few remarks on the chances for improvement can be made, possibly to the advantage of the players. Dowling, Dowd and Black are all rather weak in hitting, the latter's batting record, however, being lowered by his many sacrifice hits. Towle is also weak in hitting, and somewhat slow in fielding. Herrick's batting could be improved, but he certainly excels as a base-runner. The battery is all that could be expected, and has done conscientious work. The change of Burrows and Rich to short stop and second base respectively is proving a good one, Burrows being a satisfactory fielder and swift thrower, and Rich's quick underhand throw very effective. Taylor plays a strong game on first; he is a heavy but not a sure hitter. Cadmus plays a generally good game, but is most too much self-centered; he impresses one as being able to play better if he chose. As an incentive to make the improvements suggested, as well as for financial aid, the games should have the support of the student body. The manager was obliged to cancel the game with Colgate on account of the poor attendance. Also, the proper authorities should immediately have the diamond smoothed and rolled, since its roughness gives the in-fielders much trouble in gauging the ball.

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IT is gratifying to be able to note improvements in the opportunities offered for economic study at Cornell. The ERA has already called attention to the University's failure to fulfill just expectations in this direction, a failure not so much due to want of impulse in the right direction as to the loss of the men who had been selected to carry on the work. It has been a standing reproach that the multitude of American citizens, who as voters are called upon continually to decide momentous public questions, have had no adequate training

in these matters of economics and finance which constitute so large a proportion of the political questions of the day. And what is still worse, college men are too often as ignorant in this respect as their less educated brothers in citizenship. It is a shame that is almost a crime, to have hundreds of men and women go through the University without giving the slightest heed to the investigation of fundamental questions that affect in the closest manner the welfare of our common country. Beginning with next year the department of economics and finance is to be strengthened and a further advance made toward bringing that class of work in Cornell to a standard commensurate with its importance. A new assistant professor will be appointed, and two additional fellowships created, while further facilities will be provided for advanced study and original investigations. The elementary work has been made a required study in Civil Engineering and Agriculture, and special courses will be offered that will be of advantage to graduate students. A publication fund will supply the means for printing such original investigations as shall be of value. The news of this action by the Trustees will be received with pleasure by all who are desirous of seeing the University's courses rounded out to fuller completeness, and who have realized its need in this one branch in particular. Students, too, will be quick to recognize the value of this work, even though they do not expect to become specialists in economics, and we may hope to see at least elementary instruction taken by increasingly larger numbers.

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THE broad field of educational advantages offered at the University is notably such as to render it impossible for one portion of the student body to appreciate the work that is being done by the other. The average student in one of the general courses has a very limited knowledge at the best of the various methods of scientific education that make the technical courses at Cornell so prominent. However, the opposite of this is not necessarily

true, for the Sibley student is to a greater or less degree able, and it is presumed always eager, to visit the lecture-rooms of the general courses on the occasions, and they are not few, when subjects of universal interest are presented, and which, without exception, are of high value for the general culture of all classes. But the purely technical nature of any lectures or discussions that occur in Sibley College will naturally attract only those specially interested in scientific work, no matter how prominent may be the persons who are invited to address the students of the University on subjects of this character. This is particularly the case respecting the course of Sibley lectures that has been maintained for several years, and sufficient consideration should be given it, to make every one thoroughly informed regarding the true character of the course as at present conducted, and also the high standing of the lecturers whom it is the good fortune of the students to hear during the college year. Ever since the inauguration of this annual series of lectures it is noticed that those delivering them have been men of the highest eminence, and recognized authorities in their particular lines of Mechanical or Electrical Engineering; and thus are presented many of the most essential features in both of these fields of work. It is customary for the lectures to be published in full in the *Scientific American Supplement* and they are occasionally printed in pamphlet form for private circulation. There could be no greater proof than this of the actual worth of the lectures to all technical students. Furthermore, they do not listen to men who are evolving a mere theory, but those having a practical knowledge of the subject discussed; and no student can hardly fail of hearing some topic treated that is of peculiar interest to himself, for in the present year, at least, they range all they way from the Romance of Engineering to the Construction and Operation of Steam Boilers. The general attendance of Sibley students at the lectures makes it apparent that they are aware of the benefits to be derived.

THE HISTORY OF TENNIS.

The origin of tennis is wrapped in the obscurity of the Middle Ages, and it is possible that rough forms of the game existed centuries previous. Ball-playing of every kind is so simple and natural, that it probably suggested itself to the youth of a period long antecedent to the Christian era. Indeed, it is certain that the Greeks enjoyed this sport in early times; and Herodotus is said, with his characteristic veracity, to have referred its invention to the reign of an ancient king Atys. There are, too, many evidences that ball-games, instead of being transplanted, originated and developed in many different countries. The Indian game, lacrosse, sprang into existence hundreds of years ago, and descriptions still survive of a kind of tennis, played on horseback by men of high rank at Byzantium. This old horsemen's game is but the prototype of the modern polo.

From such uncertain beginnings arose tennis, gradually improving and refining, both as an out-door game and as one played within a four-walled enclosure, the court. It is clear from the French name *la prume*, that the ball was once struck with the palm of the hand. This was afterwards protected by a glove, as is still the custom in the Basque country. Then, the glove was lined and hardened; and upon it were stretched tendons to communicate a faster impulse. One step further, and the addition of a handle completed the transition to the racket, practically identical with the instrument which is so widely used in our day. Tennis has been called "the king of games and game of kings," for it began as a royal pastime, practised by monarchs and their countries. Many nobles, too, in France and Italy constructed courts in their huge feudal castles, or in the surrounding ditches and parks. Nor was the game long confined to the princely and wealthy classes, for it soon acquired a remarkable degree of popularity among men of moderate condition, especially in the age of Elizabeth.

Tennis receives its first mention in English literature in Gower's "Ballade to King Henry IV," and later, Chaucer makes several references to it. It is evident, too, that even in early times women were adepts at the game, for St. Faix relates the story of a woman, called Margot, a resident of Paris in 1424, who was "rather young, from twenty-eight to thirty years old," and who played at "hand-tennis with the palm and also with the back of her hand better than any man." But the sweet

mystery, which, for us, might cling about this damsel's name, is dispelled when the record reveals the sad fact that this "rather young" woman was inspired by no higher motive than the gain of lucre. Another instance of hand-play occurs in the time of Henry VII, when his majesty, using the "rackets," condescended to contend with his captive, the Archduke of Austria, who was so unfortunate as to be familiar only with the handgame, and therefore received odds.

The first book which attempted to describe tennis in detail, was published at Venice in 1555, and contains a vast deal of interesting information, especially in regard to the system of scoring, the origin of which has always been enigmatical, and, we believe, has not yet been satisfactorily explained. Rabelais, writing in the early part of the same century, says that "Pantaguel came to Orleans, where he found a store of swaggering scholars with whom he learned to play at tennis so well that he was a master of that game. For the students of the said place made a prime exercise of it. As for breaking his head with overmuch study, he had an especial care not to do it in any case, for fear of spoiling his eyes. Which he the rather observed, for that it was told him by one of his teachers that the pain of the eyes was the most hurtful of any to the sight." It is curious to note that some students of our time are wont to observe the same precaution.

The widespread popularity of tennis was followed, both in England and in France, by edicts prohibiting the game as an idle amusement, and Shakespeare, who makes frequent allusions to the sport, also states that it was forbidden as a diversion of the English court. Yet tennis always remained dear to the hearts of the people, and was played throughout Europe as merrily as of yore. Many of the kings were themselves ardent devotees of the pastime, especially those of France. Henry II was a mighty player; and of Henry IV it is related that he arose at daybreak on the morning after St. Bartholomew to finish a match, so enthusiastic a sportsman was he. In England, the Tudor and Stuart sovereigns granted tennis their warm favor. Henry VIII indulged his royal person in many a contest of this, as of every other game of the time. In a set of household instructions bearing the date of 1610, the Prince of Wales ordered guards to be stationed when he went to play tennis, for "it hath been noated that, when I have byn at the tennys play, there hath scarcely byn six p'sons about the tennys court,

and most of them but lackeys or pages, which is neither safe nor fit for the state of a prince." Charles II, too, must have been a lover of the sport, for Pepys mentions several great matches in which the King participated. He declares with his usual ingenuousness that Charles "sometimes indeed did play very well, but to see how his play was extolled, without any cause at all, was a loathsome sight;" on one occasion, he assures us, the King weighed himself after the game, with the astonishing discovery, that he had lost four pounds and a half. To such a height did interest in the game rise that an eminent Quaker of this time once swore tremendously to himself when he lost.

In the seventeenth century, courts were very numerous, but their number has now sadly lessened. In England, there are said to be only thirty-one still in existence, and some few of these receive little or no use. Not a single court is to be found throughout Italy, Spain and Germany. In France, where court tennis was once almost a national pastime, two only remain through the lapse of ages; and of these the one at Versailles, because of its historical associations, is preserved from desecration by any modern player. In place of this old court game, requiring an elaborate structure and best fitted for people of wealth, has arisen lawn-tennis, which is more in harmony with the spirit of to-day, because it is more truly democratic. This form of the sport as it is now played was invented in England about fifteen years ago, and since then has become widely popular, but only with Americans and the English. France seems to have lost almost all of her love for the game; Italy still clings to a kind of tennis, which, however, is so violent that professionals alone dare engage.

Such, in brief, is the history of tennis. There must, indeed, be some element of vitality in a game that has come down to us through so many centuries, and which, we trust, will serve to amuse and exercise countless generations that are to come.

C. E. L.

THE MAY MAGAZINE.

The Cornell *Magazine* for May is one of the most interesting numbers of the present year. Prominent among its best features, is the conclusion by Professor Osborne, of his article on, "What Richardson Did," the first part of which appeared in the March number. This paper depicts the influence of that great architect's life and work upon the style of

American Art, and fully maintains the interest aroused by its predecessor. The graduate contribution, this month, is from the pen of Theodore Stanton, '76. It presents a charmingly drawn picture of the society in "Old New England," and especially of the institutions and customs of Harvard University as they existed at the beginning of the present century.

This number contains, also, a delightful short story by K. F. Rubert, '90, entitled "The Story of an Old Violin." "Bible Study and College Education," by R. J. Kellogg, is an able and earnest plea for the courses in Bible Study, as a means of intellectual training.

"Here and There in the Library," a department which has become very popular with the readers of the *Magazine*, was edited this month by J. H. Tanner, who succeeded in giving it a particularly bright and attractive style.

The selections of verse, two in number, are "Vivérol" by David Starr Jordan, President of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and "Ballade of Antique Forms," by J. A. Hamilton, '92. Both are charming productions, the former being remarkably graceful in its expression.

The book reviews for this number are by writers especially well fitted for their tasks, Instructor Theodore Henckle's review of Schiller's "Geisterseher" is able and instructive, and is well worthy of imitation by others attempting a similar line of work. Professor William Knight's "Essays in Philosophy, Old and New" is also treated in a scholarly manner by R. J. Kellogg.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. Robert Collier, Unitarian, of New York City, who preaches to-morrow at Sage Chapel, is well known to Cornell audiences. He is an Englishman by birth and when a mere child suffered from the oppressive laws of that country. When John Bright worked his great reform in child labor in England, Robert Collier was one of the children set free from a life of toil little better than imprisonment. While still in his teens he came to America, without money or friends. Gradually he rose to his present well-known position. A few years ago he secured the old factory bell that used to call him to early hours of toil, and gave it to the University. Besides preaching and lecturing in the chapel nearly every year, he has in other ways shown himself a warm friend of the University.

Cornell Verse.

THEY'RE DECEPTIVE.

Ye maidens, ye maidens, if ye would ne'er grieve,
Beware of the man with his heart on his sleeve;
For tho' ye may think it is easy to win,—
That sleeve is the place for the man to laugh in.

X.

BY A CYNIC.

There are many crying evils
Which our life and patience bore;
But the loudest crying evil
Is Brown's new kid, next door.

TWO VIEWS.

The girl paused a moment, and laid down her book
To ask what by "drummer" was meant;
The father replied, with a hard, sneering look,
My dear, by that name we mean "Agent."

But the drummer, the man whom the father employed,
When asked what his business name meant,

Twirled his gorgeous mustache, with his diamond
stud toyed,

And proudly replied he was "A gent."

B. N.

FROM MY WINDOW.

Pretty little maiden just across the way,
Why are you so saucy, can you tell me pray?
I see you move your fingers upward to your lips,
Ah, those lucky, happy, pretty finger tips.
One eye you close so slyly, and mouth so full of grace
Is twisted with all roguishness half across your face;
Then you take your fingers from your pretty lips,
And you point them towards me—darling finger tips.

Pretty little maiden, I've an opera glass,
Now I'll watch you closely—roguish little lass.
But ah, I'm doomed to sorrow now I see you near,
For they are not kisses, throws the little dear.
And my heart so loving, you don't strive to wheedle;
Just as all girls do it, you merely thread your needle.

B. N.

CORNELLSCHMERZ.

Among a Collection of Landscapes.

The long room stretches into dusky gloom,
The soft light falls in glorifying rays
On paintings, etchings, bits of light and shade,
Suggestions of an artists dreamy days.

I revel in the the color richness there,
I marvel at Art's cunning that has caught
The hues of sunset, wood and hill and field,
Their deepest meaning on mere canvas wrought.

But while I gaze, from every line and tint
Remembrance doth a dearer story tell.
Each picture calls a memory, dim or bright,
Of happy comradeship with thee, Cornell.

Wide placid rivers winding far away,
Blue sparkling lake depths, white foam dashed on
high,
Mean fair Cayuga in its varying moods,
Responsive to the moods of changeful sky.

In wood crowned hills, in valley's gentle lap,
In meadow's green, in rolling upland's swell,
I see the setting which has made thy name
Mean all of beauty and of charm, Cornell.

I catch a glimpse of Enfield's rocky gorge
In cliffs that tower abruptly to the sky;
Each mountain stream in glen or deep ravine,
Is Cascadilla's torrent rushing by.

Dark hemlock boughs bend 'neath their weight of
snow,
As o'er thy winding paths on wintry days,
Here flame thy autumn tints, there lie the warm
brown woods
As in thy Indian summer's faint blue haze.

This afterglow that melts in purple dusk,
Whose soft dark veil o'er lake and valley lies,
Where but beyond thy sloping western hills
Could bloom such tender violet in the skies?

Hark! Surely those are chimes. From neighboring
square
Peals forth the voice of sweet toned vesper bell,
But not *thy* chimes. Swift rush the sudden tears,
Ah, happy, happy days with thee, Cornell!

'90.

THE CHAMBER CONCERT.

The third Chamber Concert postponed from March 25th was given in Barnes Hall, last Wednesday night, before a very large and gratified audience. The "Beethoven String Quartette," of New York, appeared instead of the New York Philharmonic Club, and by the smoothness and brilliancy of their execution fully demonstrated the wisdom of the committee in their choice. The programme was a longer one than usual and the proportion of instrumental numbers was pleasingly large. The opening number for the Quartette was the opus 12 in E flat major of Mendelssohn, the canzonetta of which was especially well rendered. The soloist of the evening was Mrs. E. K. Clancy, of Syracuse, New York. Her singing in the first two numbers of the programme was somewhat disappointing, but subsequently a marked improvement was observed. The accompanist to Mrs. Clancy was Mr. Bronson, who performed his part in his usual excellent manner. The playing of the stringed instruments was a revelation to most of the audience. It is seldom that such exquisite phrasing and delicacy of touch can be observed in Chamber Concert music, and the quartette doubtless received the silent thanks of many of the audience for a most enjoyable evening.

The members of the quartette are Gustav Dannreuther, first violin; Ernest Thiele, second violin; Otto K. Schill, viola, and Adolf Hartdegen, violoncello.

DR. D. S. JORDAN'S LECTURE.

A large audience greeted with applause the newly elected President of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Dr. D. S. Jordan, as he began his lecture Thursday evening on "The Ascent of the Matterhorn." The lecture was given under the auspices of the Natural History Society and in beginning Dr. Jordan gave a few reminiscences of the society as it was when he was a member of it and an undergraduate here at Cornell. He then gave an interesting description of Mt. Matterhorn. It rises to a height of 14,800 feet above the sea, and its foot and sides are glacier covered. It is extremely ragged and precipitous on the northern side while its eastern slope is comparatively smooth. Innumerable attempts were made to climb to the summit of the Matterhorn, but not until 1865 was the topmost pinnacle reached by Edward Whymper, after untold hardships and difficulties. Even now, only six or seven persons yearly succeed in

reaching the peak and come down in safety. Dr. Jordan said that he had the honor of being the heaviest man, who had ever climbed to the top of the Matterhorn.

With the aid of lantern views, he gave a most vivid and picturesque account of the ascent and descent, which he made together with five others. He graphically portrayed their dangerous experiences, the dizzy heights which they scaled, and the lofty though extremely narrow, pinnacle of the mountain which they finally reached far above the clouds among the snows.

The lecture throughout was humorous and entertaining.

THE SPRING MEET.

The annual Spring Meet of the Cornell Athletic Club was held on Percy Field last Saturday. The attendance was small, and the meet, from a financial standpoint, was not a success.

Judging from an athletic point of view, however, the meet this year compares very favorably with any former ones.

Thirteen events were contested, out of which four Cornell records were lowered and one record established. The games opened with a pretty 100 yards dash, which was won by A. T. Baldwin, '93, in $10\frac{1}{2}$ sec. Among the most interesting of the contests which followed, were: the two mile bicycle race, in which E. D. McConnell '94, the winner, lowered the mile record to 7 min. $6\frac{1}{2}$ sec.; the 220 yard run, won by C. R. Sheerer in $24\frac{1}{2}$ sec.; and the mile run which, although closely contested, was won by O. T. Louis, R. G., the mile record being lowered to 5 min. 5 sec.

The pole vault between Horton and Jaquish resulted in a tie at the 8 ft. $10\frac{1}{4}$ in. mark, the former record being raised 1 ft. $3\frac{3}{4}$ in.

E. G. Horton also broke the record for the running broad jump by 1 in., increasing it to 20 ft. 4 in.

The different events passed off smoothly, and were promptly called.

As a result of the contests last Saturday, the following men have been selected for the Mott Haven Team to represent Cornell in the games at Berkley Oval: A. T. Baldwin, '93, C. R. Sheerer, '93, A. P. Knapp, '92, E. D. McConnell, '94, Ward Mosher, '92, G. W. Rulison, '94, O. T. Louis, R. G., H. P. Goodnow, '93, O. Payne, '94, E. G. Horton, '92, Thos. Kaveny, '94.

The additional funds necessary to defray the expenses of the trip to New York will have to be raised by subscription.

BASE BALL GAMES.

Cornelliana.

Cornell played University of Michigan at Detroit last Saturday. The score resulted 8-6 in favor of U. of M. Codd and Walsh formed the battery for U. of M., while Priest and Field were in the points for Cornell. The immense crowd present was decidedly U. of M. in sympathy, and their noisy demonstrations at critical times rattled our pitcher greatly. Aside from this, the game was a close and exciting contest.

Yesterday's game with Lafayette was played before the largest and most appreciative crowd of the season. The score resulted 8-2 in Cornell's favor. Baxter, Lafayette's star pitcher, was in the box and, and pitched a good game although our team hit him pretty hard at times. Two home runs were made, by Rich and Miller, while a total of nine hits was scored.

Cadmus pitched a fine game against the visitors, while Field caught splendidly, making a phenomenal foul catch. The fielding was ragged at times, Lafayette playing quite poorly.

The official score is as follows :

LAFAYETTE							
	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Halloway, l.f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fox, 2b.	4	2	2	2	1	2	2
Contrell, s.s.	3	0	1	1	1	2	1
Clark, 1b.	4	0	0	0	9	0	0
Rothermal, 3b.	4	0	0	0	1	0	2
March, c.	3	0	1	0	8	2	0
Rowan, r.f.	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Drake, c.f.	3	0	0	0	2	0	1
Baxter, p.	2	0	2	0	1	3	1
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	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Herrick, l.f.	5	0	0	0	1	0	1
Burrows, s.s.	5	4	2	0	1	4	1
Field, c.	5	1	2	0	5	2	1
Taylor, 1b.	5	0	2	0	11	0	0
Miller, 3b.	5	1	2	0	3	2	1
Cadmus, p.	4	0	0	0	1	1	2
Rich, 2b.	4	1	1	0	3	3	0
Dowling, c.f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Towle, r.f.	3	1	0	2	0	0	1
	40	8	9	2	25	12	7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lafayette,	0	0	0	0	1	0	1-2
Cornell,	3	2	0	1	1	0	x-8

Earned runs, Cornell 2. Bases on balls, Lafayette 1, Cornell 1. Struck out, by Baxter 10, by Cadmus 4. Home runs, Miller 1, Rich 1. Double plays, Lafayette 1, Cornell 2. Time of game, 3:10. Umpire, B. McCauley.

Lafayette plays her second and last game with us to-day; Baxter will probably pitch again and a close and interesting game may be expected.

—The crews are now rowing about twelve miles each day.

—Target practice in the Armory has been suspended until Monday.

—O. Shantz has been appointed to take charge of '93's lacrosse team.

—The Cornell Congress will elect a speaker and other officers, this evening.

—The Civil Engineers will go on their surveying trip down the lake, next week.

—Professor Hewett delivered the third illustrated lecture on "Faust," Thursday.

—The announcements of the school of Law, for 1891-92, are ready for distribution.

—The Junior prize speaking occurs in the Armory Friday evening next at 8 p. m.

—Manager McCormick has secured a game with Princeton on the home grounds, June 16.

—The baseball teams of Phi Delta Theta and Psi Upsilon will play at Trumansburg, to-day.

—The new Sigma Phi House will be situated between Professor Nichols' and the Psi Upsilon House.

—Note books in Physics must be handed in at the lecture hours on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

—The lectures in Physiology will be omitted for the remainder of the term as the practicums will require all the time.

—At a business meeting of the C. U. C. A., Monday evening, H. Floy was elected General Secretary for the ensuing year.

—Mr. L. E. Lapham, instructor in French, has accepted a similar position in the new Catholic University, at Washington, D. C.

—The inter-fraternity tennis tournament resulted in a victory for Psi Upsilon in the doubles and for Kappa Alpha in the singles.

—Professor Moses Coit Tyler, will deliver the address at the Commencement of the Shattuck Military Academy, at Faribault, Minn.

—Major Powell, Chief of the United States Geological Survey, will lecture in Barnes Hall, at 12 m. to-day, on the subject, "The Colorado Cañons.

—At the close of the lecture Thursday evening, Dr. David Starr Jordan was given a reception by Delta Upsilon of which fraternity he is a member.

—Seniors in Architecture will be required to attend a lecture on "Professional Practice," at 12 o'clock each Tuesday during the remainder of the term.

—Rev. Robert Collyer will lecture in Barnes Hall next Monday evening, on the subject, "Clear Grit." This is considered one of Dr. Collyer's best lectures.

—Ex Governor Foraker has declined to deliver the address before the graduates from the Law School, as business matters will require his presence elsewhere.

—The appearance of the Barnes Hall reading room has been much improved by an elegant set of curtains which have been hung at the entrance of the room.

—President Warner has appointed the following committee to have charge of '92's class election for this term: Tourtellot, H. W. Hull, Haring, Erisman and Werner.

—At the Choral Club Concert given on Thursday evening, at the Wilgus, the Alpha Delta Phi orchestra participated, rendering a selection entitled "The Hope of Alsace."

—Mr. Hudson's lecture on "The Satan of Theology," will be given next Sunday evening, at the Unitarian church. Illness prevented its delivery last Sunday as announced.

—The members of the various athletic teams drilled in the Armory, Thursday evening, from 7 o'clock until 9. They will also be required to drill next week when the Inspector is present.

—Seniors deficient in any mathematical subject are requested to communicate with Assistant Professor McMahon in order that early arrangements may be made for holding special examinations.

—John L. Elliott, '92 will present a paper entitled, "A Sketch of Early Illinois," at the meeting of the H. & P. S. Association which will be held in Barnes Hall at 8 p. m., Wednesday evening.

—The competitors in the Junior Prize Speaking contest will speak in the following order: Elliott, Duniway, Hoxie, Lewis, Soulé, Shurter, Marble, Whicher, Mosher, Keiffer, Derham and Baldwin.

—The Buffalo *Express* for Sunday May 17th will contain a lengthy illustrated article on Cornell University, written by Mr. Fred Wheeler of the class of '87, who has been for some time an editor of the *Express*.

—A paper prepared by J. A. Langton and W. J. Kerr on the subject "The Book of Mormon from the Believer's Standpoint," will be

read at the meeting of the Fortnightly Club to be held Tuesday evening at 8 p. m.

—A meeting of the Classical Association will be held in Barnes Hall next Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. The Acharnians of Aristophanes will be translated, after which there will be the annual election of officers.

—The Treasurer of the Cornell Congress will be at the middle entrance of Morrill Hall from 12 m. until 12.10 p. m., May 18th and 19th, and at Barnes Hall from 12.15 p. m. until 1 p. m. of the same days, to receive the spring term dues.

—Messrs. Russell, Lozier and Clephane were the delegates from the Cornell Chapter at the Annual Convention of Alpha Delta Phi, held in Baltimore on Thursday and Friday of last week. Messrs. Baldwin, Easton, Hall, Gifford and Gill were also present.

—The election to Phi Beta Kappa from the Junior and Senior classes was held last Friday with the following result: From the Seniors, A. A. Bird, R. J. Kellogg, E. L. Phillips, Phillip Ogden, Miss Reed and Miss Robbins. From the Juniors, G. W. Noyes, Miss Flint and Miss Caldwell.

—The preliminary list of candidates for graduation contains 181 names. Of these twenty-two are in the course in Arts, eighteen in Philosophy, thirty in Letters, fifteen in Science, ten in Agriculture, eight in Architecture, three in Chemistry, twenty-four in Civil Engineering, twenty-seven in Electrical Engineering and twenty-four in Mechanical Engineering.

—The requirements for admission to the Law School will, next year, include the following additions: The applicant must be nineteen or if for advanced study twenty years of age. He must also pass an examination in first year Latin (or its equivalent in French or German) in Geometry and in Civil Government. The course of instruction has also been materially changed.

—The last Military hop of the season occurred at the Armory last evening. It was in every respect a most enjoyable affair and the attendance was unusually large. Among those present from the Faculty were: Professor and Mrs. Hale; Professor and Mrs. Hewett; Professor and Mrs. Church; Professor and Mrs. Crane, Professor and Mrs. Bailey; Professor and Mrs. Ryan; Professor and Mrs. Canaga; Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock; Professor and Mrs. Webb; Captain Tutherly; Professors Fuertes and Laughlin.

Personals.

- '89. Dowling is at present in Groton.
- '89. Hayford is in the Bureau of Weights and Measures at Washington, D. C.
- '89. Dodgson is one of the firm Rafter & Dodgson, Civil Engineers, Rochester, N. Y.
- '90. F. K. Wing has opened an office in Buffalo.
- '90. Wm. Turing is this year employed by the Jersey Central Railroad.
- '90. J. E. Wadsworth is now engaged in business with the Berlin Bridge Co.
- '90. F. M. G. Dodd is now connected with the Ontario and Western Railroad at Middletown.
- '90. G. H. Ashley has a good position with the Geological Department of the Ward Natural History Establishment in Rochester.
- '90. J. S. Loomis has been in Rochester, N. Y., since February putting in shoot generators for the street car lines. Seven generators have already been put in and six more will soon be added.

College News.

HARVARD.—Professor Cohn of the French department has accepted a place at Columbia . . . The series of ball games between '91 and '92 was won by the former, the seniors winning two out of three games . . . The officers of the Harvard Union for next year have been chosen . . . In the inter-scholastic tennis tournament held by the Association the silver cup was won by the Cambridge Latin . . . A painting of St. Christopher and the Christ child has been presented to the Memorial Hall.

YALE.—The Hebrew and Semitic clubs gave a dinner to Professor W. R. Harper on May 14th . . . The annual spring regatta was held on Lake Whitney Thursday . . . The receipts of the Antigone performance were \$2,063. The money is to be used as part of the Yale Infirmary fund . . . The Scroll and Key are about to erect a dormitory near the society hall on College street . . . The Scientific School has a military company which uses the city armory . . . The crew men have been cut down to ten. Hagerman, Cornell '90, will be No 7.

IN GENERAL.—Columbia's class-day invitations are out . . . The coach and manager of the football teams have been elected for next year at Columbia . . . The annual concert of the Columbia glee and banjo clubs was held last night in Chickering Hall . . . At Williams the '93 *Gulielmian* board have chosen their artist . . . The Williams freshmen will hold their class supper at Saratoga . . . Amherst, Dartmouth and Williams have formed a tennis league . . . '92's *Melange* is out at Lafayette . . . Dr. E. D. Warfield, Lafayette's new president, will be inaugurated next fall . . . At Michigan the board of regents have voted \$4,500 for

a new athletic field . . . A petition for coeducation has been made to the trustees of Rochester . . . The will of P. T. Barnum gave \$40,000 to Tuft's College . . . G. M. Richardson of Lehigh goes to Leland Stanford, Jr., as assistant professor of Chemistry.

Book Reviews.

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF THE HISTORY OF LANGUAGE. By Herbert A. Strong, Professor of Latin in University College, Liverpool, William S. Logeman and Professor B. I. Wheeler. Longman's, Green & Co., publishers.

This work is intended to be introductory to Paul's "Principien der Sprachgeschichte," and the chapters correspond in number, order and subject to those of that author. In the method of treatment, however, it differs from Paul's work in that it leads from the concrete to the abstract. The illustrations employed are, for the most part, chosen from the English language, and whenever a foreign language is used a careful translation is appended. Special attention is also given to those parts of the subject of which the English language furnishes frequent examples. It is an admirable book, and one which will be heartily welcomed by those interested in its particular branch of study.

Amusements.

This afternoon and evening J. W. Carner, an old-time Ithaca favorite, will present at the Wilgus, "Widow Bedott" and "Rip Van Winkle." The Syracuse *Courier* says: "It is more like witnessing a scene in real life than a play on the stage. We unconsciously forget that we see Carner and remember only the hero of Irving's legend. He is truly a great actor." Admission, 25, 35 and 50 cents, and for the matinee, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

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Editorial.

BY some strange oversight, perhaps due to the custom of holding the elections in the Fall term, the classes have failed to elect the directors for the various athletic interests, as had been requested by the Athletic Council. It is eminently desirable for all three classes to name their representatives before the term is over, so that the managers may be elected before Commencement and thus be enabled to take up their work at the beginning of the next college year, without having to submit to the usual vexatious delays incident to backwardness in organization. Officers of the respective classes should immediately take hold of this matter and see to it that the recommendations of the authorities are carried into effect. Time yet remains sufficient to hold the necessary elections before examination week, and the extra trouble imposed would be more than compensated for by the resulting advantages.

IT is not with any desire of inducing a display of sensationalism, that we feel called upon to direct attention to the need of a moral awakening in the University. It is not only quite possible, but quite probable that the state of affairs at Cornell is no worse than elsewhere among universities and colleges of the country. And indeed it is not a demand confined to this day and age, but is, one might almost say, to be periodically expected because often needed for the benefit of each generation. But it is with reference to a specific evil at Cornell that this editorial will have to deal. Allusion was made two weeks since to the matter of fraud in examinations. Its presence as an evil among considerable numbers of the students is an undoubted fact. The problem is how to bring the question home seriously to the consideration of the individual students and build up an active public sentiment that shall be entirely intolerant of any trifling with the sacredness of examinations. Ever since the days of wily Odysseus, the "smart" man has received the homage of associates dazzled by displays of ingenuity in eluding the tests of fate. This glamour still is thrown over the minds of many students who smile indulgently, not to say approvingly, on the doubtful means employed by certain of their fellows in squeezing their way through their college course. The very first step that is needed is to get students to talking and thinking on the subject, for experience has amply demonstrated that no person of average moral capability can fail to see the wrong, the dishonor, the meanness of fraud in examinations when once the matter is fairly weighed. The Faculty has not done all it could to make students feel the gravity of the offense or to encourage the development of uprightness in character, and it is largely in the power of the instructing body to set in motion forces that would lessen the evil, but which are suffered to lie dormant. Through their instrumentality there could be

brought about a better understanding of the relation of students to faculty, to examinations and to each other, and above all no class could be left without guidance by precept and example which should ensure more earnest endeavors to avoid this besetting vice of student life.

EVERY ^{* * *}victory that Cornell has won upon the water resulted from the most earnest and vigorous work on the part of every member of the crews, during the greater part of the college year. It is futile to make any attempt to arouse the energies of those at present rowing in the Freshman and 'Varsity shells unless they are willing to appreciate the need of individual endeavor if they are to be successful. The training that the crews have done lately creates the impression that the men are entirely too confident; at least, there is no other way in which to explain the careless manner in which they often row over the course. There is really no reason for this, since the men are in good condition and are able to pull a steady and winning oar if they will only put more life into their work. The 'Varsity crew does not row as good as it should, neither does it make as fast time as might be expected at this time in the term. In the Freshman shell as well there is a lack of the old-time energy which made their predecessors such superior oarsmen. However in case the men are more conscientious in their training for the next few weeks, they can, in a great measure, remedy the defects. If the members of the crews are more or less discouraged it is not to be wondered at, since the majority of the students manifest no desire to do their part to support the Navy, and it is for them to decide at once whether we send out one crew or two. Only a little more than \$3,200 has been subscribed and of that amount there has not been paid in up to date over \$1700, and by the close of the first week in June if the finances are still in such an unsatisfactory condition one of the crews will be disbanded. The Atalantas having refused to row here this spring, it is probable that no regatta will be held.

ALL additional information about the new University at Palo Alto tends to more completely confirm the opinion that it will be conducted upon the educational principles of which Cornell is the exponent, and President Jordan one of the heartiest advocates. In regard to the management of the university, Dr. Jordan is carrying out a system that is of peculiar interest to those concerned with educational institutions. The method of establishing distinct schools of history or science, each governed by a recognized head, is one which he seems decidedly adverse to, although it is largely in vogue and advocated by many prominent educators. In the new university every professor will be permitted to conduct his line of work independently and develop it as fully as conditions will allow. It is an endeavor to enable the members of the faculty to cooperate with one another, and to give each one an opportunity to direct all his ability toward advancing the interests of the university in every department. With this fundamental principle of cooperation, which is one that the founder is truly in sympathy with, the university will possess a motive element that, other things being equal, will advance it rapidly and enable it to carry out more successfully than would otherwise be possible its intention "to retain the highest talent in its Faculty." The announcement just received concerning the aims of the university and the advantages for study to be offered best indicate the intent of its president and founder. The broad field of work that it is proposed to inaugurate is set forth in a section of the charter providing for the founding of "a university with such seminaries of learning as shall make it of the highest grade, including mechanical institutes, museums, galleries of art, laboratories, and conservatories, together with all things necessary for the study of agriculture in all its branches, and for mechanical training, and the studies and exercises directed to the cultivation and enlargement of the mind." It is noticed that eighteen departments will be established next year; and this number will be increased as

circumstances dictate. In filling the different chairs prominent men from several institutions have been secured, and Cornell, greatly to her disadvantage, will lose a number of her Faculty members. One notable feature of the institution is that the tuition in all departments of the university will be free; it is estimated that the average expenses of the student need not be more than two hundred dollars a year. The advantages for education that will be offered to both men and women, and the comparatively slight expense involved would seem to assure a brilliant future for the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, and deserved success to the educational policy of its president.

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SUMMER SESSION.

[The ERA has an opportunity to present the following account of a School of Ethics recently organized, and which will commence its work next July. An announcement of its courses shows that an interesting field of work will be entered upon.]

Among the subjects discussed at the Convention of the Union of Ethical Societies held in New York City last December was "The Needed Improvement in the Training of Moral and Religious Teachers."

"There never has been a time," said Felix Adler, in an address before the Harvard Philosophical Club, "when there existed a more distinct need of moral teachers, of moral leaders, of men capable at once of clear thinking and resolute action. * * The profession of which I speak is well nigh empty. It waits for those who will see and realize its noble possibilities."

It is partly in pursuance of such a conviction that a Summer Session of a School of Applied Ethics has been organized and is to be held, beginning Wednesday, July 1st, 1891, at the old historic town of Plymouth, Mass.

The matter to be presented has been selected with regard to the wants of clergymen, journalists, philanthropists and others seeking careful information upon the great themes of Ethical Sociology.

The announcement of courses is as follows:

I. *Department of Economics*, in charge of Professor H. C. Adams, Ph.D., of the University of Michigan. Professor Adams will deliver eighteen lectures on the History of Industrial Society in England and America, be-

ginning with the Middle Ages, and tracing theoretically the gradual rise of those conditions in the labor world which cause so much anxiety and discussion to-day.

Along with this main course will be presented: First, three lectures by President E. Benj. Andrews, on "Evils of Our Present Industrial System," "Socialism as a Remedy," and "The Better Way."

Second, Professor Frank W. Taussig, Ph.D., on "Distributive and Credit Coöperation," "Productive Coöperation and Profit Sharing," and "Workingmen's Insurance."

Third, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, on Factory Legislation. Fourth, Professor J. B. Clark, Ph.D., on agrarian questions, discussing Rent and Tenure, and considering the Agrarian element in the Farmers Alliance Movement. Fifth, Albert Shaw, Ph.D., on the "Housing of the Poor in Paris," "Housing of the Poor in London," and "Gen. Booth's Scheme for Relieving Poverty," the first two of these lectures having special reference to the question of Rapid Transit Facilities in cities. Sixth, Prof. E. J. James, Ph.D., on Labor and Industrial Legislation in Europe.

Two lectures are expected also from Henry D Lloyd, of Chicago, giving chapters in the industrial history of the United States. Also Mr. Herbert Welsh, on the Indian Rights Question. If there be sufficient demand special instruction in the Principles of Economics will be provided.

II. *Department of the History of Religions*, in charge of Professor C. H. Toy, D. D., of Harvard University. Professor Toy offers a general course of eighteen lectures, treating the history, aims and method of the Science of History of Religions. Among the topics will be the Classification of Religious Corruptisms of the Deity, Religion and Superstition, Sacrifice and the Priesthood, the Idea of Sin, Religion and Ethics, Sacred Books, Religious Reformers and Founders. Provisional scheme for special courses is as follows: Buddhism, Professor M. Bloomfield, Johns Hopkins University; The Babylonian-Assyrian Religion, Professor M. Jastrow, University of Pennsylvania; Mazdeism, (not yet provided for); Islam, Professor G. F. Moore, Andover Theological Seminary; The Greek Religions, (not yet provided for); The Old Morse Religion, Professor G. L. Kittredge, Harvard University.

There will be three lectures in the Laic Religion of the Middle Ages by Mr. W. W. Merrill, editor of the *American Journal of Folklore*.

In the Sunday evening courses, Rev. Father Bodfish, of Mass., Roman Catholic, and Rev. F. de Sola Mendes, New York, (Jewish) will speak. Other speakers will be announced later.

III. *Department of Ethics*, in charge of Professor Felix Adler, Ph. D., of New York. Professor Adler offers a general course of eighteen lectures on the System of Applied Ethics, including a brief survey of the various schemes of classification adopted in ancient and modern ethical systems, the discussion of the relation of religions to moral instruction, of the development of the conscience in the child, etc. The scheme of duties treated will embrace Personal Ethics, Social Ethics in general, the Ethics of the Family, the Ethics of the Professors, the Ethics of Politics, the Ethics of Friendship, the Ethics of Religious Association. The Scheme of Duties will be treated with special reference to the moral instruction of children.

The provisional programme for the special courses in this department is as follows: Introduction to an Ethical Theory, by W. M. Salter; The Treatment of the Criminal by the State, Dr. Charlton T. Lewis, also by other lecturers not yet announced. Ethics and Jurisprudence; The Ethical Ideal of the State; History of Temperance Legislation.

The programme provides three lectures a day, six days of the week, one lecture each in each department.

Tuition for the entire school including all lectures in each department will be \$10, and board can be had at very reasonable rates. Fuller information can be obtained by applying to Professor H. C. Adams, Dean of Summer School of Applied Ethics, 1602 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE '86 MEMORIAL PRIZE CONTEST.

The fifth Junior contest for the '86 Memorial Prize, took place in the Armory last night before an immense audience. Long before the appointed hour, the hall was more than well filled and by eight o'clock standing room only was to be had. The audience was a thoroughly representative one, drawing liberally from town, gown and faculty. A very agreeable feature of the evening was the music furnished by the Ithaca Orchestral Club.

The program was opened by music, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. Robert T. Jones, of Ithaca. The first speaker of the evening was J. L. Elliott, who ably acquitted himself in the rendition of "The Charge of the Cuirassiers," by Hugo. Mr. Elliott's

gestures were good, and his quick, spirited manner of delivery was well suited to the dramatic subject of his declamation. "Immortality," one of Everett's orations, was the next piece, and was delivered by Mr. C. A. Duniway, who proved a decided contrast to the gentleman preceding him. His speaking was distinct and effective, but rather colloquial. The third speaker was Mr. R. F. Hoxie, who declaimed Phillips' eulogy of Daniel O'Connell. Mr. Hoxie was fortunate in the possession of a strong, pleasing voice, but his manner was somewhat awkward, and his gestures especially wanting in ease. Mr. L. L. Lewis was the fourth on the program and his subject was "The English Puritan," by Curtis. He proved himself an easy speaker, with a trifling tendency to self-consciousness. His enunciation was clear and his inflections expressive.

Mr. Frank Soulé spoke next on "The Negro Problem" by the late Thomas F. Grady. A graceful, earnest delivery, good ringing voice and entire self-control were the chief qualities of his speaking. The "Eloquence of Wendell Phillips," was the piece delivered by E. D. Shurter, who from the start appeared to the best advantage. His easy, earnest speaking, an agreeable presence, and a well-modulated voice, all combined to place him in the minds of his hearers as one of the likely winners. The seventh speaker was Mr. L. M. Marble, whose theme was Sumner's "True Greatness of a Nation." His selection was happily chosen, but he was handicapped by a weakness of voice and a certain timidity of manner. Mr. C. M. Whicher had the "March of Attila" for his declamation. His delivery was somewhat dramatic, and a certain mannerism was noticeable in his enunciation.

The second intermission with music now followed and speculation was already rife as to the probable winner. Mr. Ward Mosher next declaimed a eulogy on Webster by Choate. His speaking was marked by much earnestness, ease and animation, and the voice was especially pleasing. Mr. L. B. Keiffer introduced not an unpleasing innovation in taking his selection from very recent literature, namely, a stirring account of the affair of March 14th in New Orleans. To his fine presence on the stage was added a full and powerful voice, but his manner though graceful had something of the melodramatic in it. Mr. M. G. Derham delivered George William Curtis's "Gettysburg" in lively, graphic fashion. The voice and gestures were somewhat hesitating, but the general effect was good. The last speaker was Mr. A. J. Baldwin. "What

Our Eyes have Seen," by Barrows, was his selection and though his voice was inclined to be monotonous, his manner was earnest.

The interval between the finish and the announcement of the decision was agreeably filled in with musical selections, which added much to the evening's enjoyment. After the usual impatience displayed under such circumstances, the judges, Professors Schurman, Laughlin and H. S. Williams, returned from their consultation and Professor Smith then announced their award of the prize to Mr. E. D. Shurter, with honorable mention of Mr. Frank Soulé. The announcement aroused the greatest applause and the audience left, apparently well satisfied with the decision.

ROBERT COLLYER'S LECTURE ON CLEAR GRIT.

The Reverend Robert Collyer delivered a lecture Monday evening at Barnes Hall on "Clear Grit" for the benefit of the grand piano fund. The speaker was introduced by the President who very pleasantly spoke of the good luck which the horse-shoe made by Mr. Collyer, just after the great Chicago fire, had brought to the University.

Mr. Collyer said that clear grit is the best that is in a man and it never gives way except for a good cause or reason. It is the power to say "No" to enticements even if the tempter comes in the garb of an angel. The devouring determination to have a "good time," which is a characteristic of the Anglo Saxon race, is one of the most dangerous evils of our times. The elements of grit are, first, the power to make sure of yourself and to save yourself; second, to be willing to help others more than yourself when they need it, and third, never to count the cost of accomplishing the purpose in view. Mr. Collyer then spoke of the application of these rules to our every-day life, which may be summed up as follows: First, the power to do a good honest day's work. Second, the ability to get a home and, if it be God's will, a family. Third, the will to waste no time in doing it. Fourth, to hang on to what you have got and be contented with your lot. Mr. Collyer then deplored the decay of the old American families and contrasted them with the old Saxon families in Great Britain which were founded before the Norman Conquest and are still flourishing, closing by reciting a poem on Saxon Grit which he delivered at a banquet at New York.

—No one should fail to hear Dr. Brown at Sage Chapel to-morrow.

ARCHARNIANS OF ARISTOPHANES.

A well attended meeting of the Classical Association was held in Barnes Hall, Thursday evening, when the translation of the "Archarnians" of Aristophanes was admirably rendered by the following members.

Dikæopolis,	Mr. Howland.
Herald,	Mr. Gilbert.
Ampitheos,	Mr. Melrose.
Ambassador,	Mr. Durand.
Zendartabus,	Mr. Perrine.
Theoros,	Mr. Northup.
Servant of Euripides,	Miss Barton.
Euripides,	Miss Soulé.
Chorus,	Miss Fitzpatrick.

The election of officers for the coming year ensued. Mr. Davison was elected president; Miss Flint, vice-president; Mr. Northrup, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Beardsley, '92, Mr. Townsend, '93 and Mr. Lathrop, '94, were chosen to constitute the executive committee.

BASEBALL.

The most exciting game of the season thus far was played last Saturday on Percy Field. It was the second game with Lafayette. The victory of Cornell on the previous day may have caused the looser playing on the home team's part and the more careful and effective playing of her opponents. At any rate, up to the last inning Lafayette out-played our team both in batting and fielding. At the beginning of last half of the ninth inning Cornell came to bat with the score 7-3 in Lafayette's favor. Black, first to bat, got to first on balls. The crowd in the grand stand and bleachers, shivering with the cold and having nothing else to do, cheered lustily. Field next faced the pitcher in a manner which indicated that he realized the gravity of the situation. He nobly arose to the occasion and lined the ball out for three bases. The crowd repeatedly gave the Cornell yell and followed up with that of Michigan. With the crowd constantly howling, Burrows made a neat single. Taylor a two bagger, Cadmus was given his base on balls, and Rich followed with a three-bagger. By this time the crowd were wild. The game was won for Cornell, and no one out. Enthusiasm took the crowd on to the field, and the players were all carried to the dressing-rooms. Probably such excitement over baseball was never exhibited here before.

—Yale and Harvard have signed an agreement to row their boat races at New London for the next five years.

SENIOR BANQUET.

The Senior Banquet was held last Tuesday evening in Journal Hall. The banquet room had been decorated in an appropriate manner and the music for the occasion was furnished by Dousek's orchestra. Owens, the caterer, had prepared a most satisfactory menu and the supper was excellently served. The attendance of Seniors was very small, not more than fifty in all took their places at the tables when the banquet began. The prize orator of the evening was Mr. T. D. Davis who awarded the usual prizes during the intervals between the courses. When the feast was over, President Beardsley presented the Toastmaster, Mr. Hurd, who called for the following toasts:

<i>Class of '91</i>	<i>E. B. Bentley</i>
<i>The College Press</i>	<i>I. B. Easton</i>
<i>The Faculty</i>	<i>F. K. Hiscock</i>
<i>The Percy Field</i>	<i>E. C. Bailey</i>
<i>Our Freshman Days</i>	<i>J. S. Waterman</i>
<i>The Fair Sex</i>	<i>J. K. Garnsey</i>
<i>The Athlete</i>	<i>A. C. Field</i>
<i>Our Benefactors</i>	<i>F. P. Shoemaker</i>
<i>Our Navy</i>	<i>E. L. Phillips</i>
<i>Out of Sight</i>	<i>A. M. Wittenberg</i>
<i>In the Cold World</i>	<i>C. J. Levy</i>

It was a late hour before the banquet came to a close, having been a success otherwise than financially. The committee on arrangements was composed of the following gentlemen, E. Yawger, H. H. Sanger, J. F. Booraem, and B. F. Hurd.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. John Wesley Brown, D. D., Episcopalian, of New York City, will occupy the University pulpit to-morrow. Dr. Brown was formerly of St. Paul's church in Buffalo, one of the most prominent and influential churches of the denomination. A few years ago he was called to the rectorship of St. Thomas in New York. He is characterized as a clear, deep thinker, and a polished speaker.

Though not so widely known as some older men in the ministry, he is accustomed to overflowing audiences in one of the largest churches in New York, and will be sure to have something to say that will interest students. He is in sympathy with the young, likes to preach to them, is very taking, and nobody who has once heard him would be apt to miss a chance of hearing him again.

—Drill was suspended Wednesday afternoon for the term. The Sophomores gave down their yell at the close of the hour.

Cornelliana.

—The new Courses of Instruction will be out soon.

—The new ERA board will organize this evening.

—Examinations for advanced degrees begin next Monday.

—The Junior class voted down the mortar-board by a vote of 92 to 72.

—The Chi Phi Fraternity moved into their new chapter house this week.

—C. H. Howes took a photograph of the Junior speakers Thursday afternoon.

—The contestants in the Berkley Oval sports will leave for New York next Wednesday.

—About one hundred dollars was netted from Dr. Robert Collyer's lecture for the piano fund.

—The last examination in text-book work in American History occurs next Monday afternoon.

—The class of '81 proposes to hold a reunion during the coming Commencement, probably on the evening of June 16th.

—Marsh, '91, has accepted the position of Superintendent of the City Schools of Tonawanda, N. Y., at a salary of \$1500 per year.

—The Sunday edition of the Buffalo *Express* contained an article on Cornell. The illustrations were taken from Perkins' new book.

—Arrangements have been completed for the excursion down the lake on Decoration Day by the various denominational organizations.

—Four essays have been handed in on Electoral Corruption. The judges are President Adams, Hon. J. H. Choate, and Hon. Geo. Wm. Curtis.

—The Freshman crew will consist of Higley, Captain, Dole, Root, Dunham, Place, Hall, Gilson and Kranz stroke, with Daggett and Clark as coxswains.

—Mr. J. L. Elliott, '92, read a paper before the historical association on Wednesday evening, entitled a "Sketch of Early Illinois." This is the last meeting of the college year.

—The *Sun* Board met Wednesday evening and elected the members of next year's board. At the conclusion of the meeting, the new board met and organized by choosing L. E. Ware, '92, as Editor-in chief, and A. J. Baldwin, '92, as Business Manager.

—Monday evening in Barnes Hall occurs the Prize Debate under the auspices of the Cornell Congress. The successful competitors will receive medals as rewards for their efforts.

—At the meeting of the ERA Board last Saturday evening, G. W. Laidlaw, '92, C. S. Northup, '93, and C. E. Ladd, '93, were elected to next year's Board on the basis of competition.

—The Civil Engineers of the Junior and Senior classes finished their examinations today. They leave for Glen Haven Monday morning at 5:35 on the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the annual two weeks' spring survey.

—At the Cornell Congress last Saturday evening the following officers were elected: Speaker, C. A. Duniway, '92, (re-elected); Clerk, C. B. Hadden, '93; Treasurer, L. N. Nichols, '92, (re-elected); Sergeant-at-Arms, F. J. Beardsley, '92.

—The same plan which Professor Hart is pursuing in regard to next year's class in Junior Rhetoric will be followed in Senior Rhetoric. The latter class will not exceed twenty-five, and all must be approved by Professor Hart. Application must be made before June 1st.

—The Sophomore election last Tuesday resulted in the election of the following for the *Cornellian* Board: E. M. McGonigal, F. C. Cosby, Jr., G. B. Warner, G. P. Witherbee, B. M. Jaquish, C. J. Barr and Oliver Shantz. For the ERA, Benj. Nathan and Harlan Moore were chosen.

—There will be a meeting of all students interested in the Northfield summer school directly after the regular C. U. C. A. meeting on Sunday afternoon. Both those who have been at Northfield in former years and those are thinking of attending this season are especially invited to attend.

—The crews have at last been definitely picked. The 'Varsity crew will consist of Griffith, L. S., Benedict, '91, Wolfe, '93, (Captain,) Hill, '93, Wagner, '94, Kelley, '93, Marston, '92, and Witherbee, '93, stroke, with Young, '93 and Barr, '93 as substitutes and E. P. Allen, '92 as coxswain.

—The Junior election for ERA editors was held last Wednesday and resulted in the election of C. A. Duniway by a vote of 102 and a tie between Messrs. Huestis and Mosher for the second place, each receiving 85 votes. A special election was held Thursday to vote off the tie, with the result that 122 votes were cast for Mosher and 62 for Huestis.

—At the meeting of the Natural History Society last Thursday evening, a very interesting paper was presented by Mr. Fish, on the Endymal Epithelium. The paper, which showed much thoughtful work, was very favorably commented upon by Dr. Wilder. The following were elected as officers of the society for the ensuing year, President, A. S. Eakle; Secretary, E. J. Durand; Treasurer, Miss E. B. Earll; Executive Committee, W. W. Rowlee, P. A. Fish and G. S. Hopkins.

—Miss Ida Benfey reads at Barnes Hall, Saturday evening, May 30th, under the auspices of the Ethical Society. Miss Benfey has a New York reputation and has pleased her audiences at Yale, Vassar and Ann Arbor. She will give her dramatization of "Mill on the Floss" (George Eliot). The story is developed in eleven scenes, the various characters telling their own story in dialogue. Her method is somewhat like that of Locke Richardson. The reading is complimentary. All are invited.

—The following is the list of members to Sigma Xi, elected on May 18, '91: *From the Faculty*.—L. H. Bailey, R. C. Carpenter, W. R. Orndorff, G. S. Hopkins, W. W. Rowlee. *Graduate Students*—F. Bedell, W. R. Hatt, H. W. Hibbard, H. J. Hotchkiss, Miss A. H. Palmié, D. Royce, P. L. Saurel, M. E. Thompson. *Class of 1891*.—G. M. Brill, E. M. Chamot, P. J. Darlington, L. W. Emerick, S. W. Hayes, J. E. Kress, E. B. Lovell, C. W. Mathews, M. V. Slingerland, H. B. Smith, J. H. Tanner, A. S. Crane.

Personals.

'83. A. R. Kolb is Secretary of the Linspar Decorating Co., New York. They decorated the new theatres, Hermann's, and the Harlem Opera, both of which reflect great credit on the company.

'88. H. R. Ickleheimer is in England with the English branch of the banking house of Heidelberg, Ickleheimer and Co. He intends to spend one more year with the German branch at Frankfurt, and will then return to this country.

'88. Powell, post-graduate in '87 and '88, was in town last week. He is instructor at the College of the City of New York.

'90. H. H. Nathan is with the firm of H. S. Henry and Son, a house in New York doing a large business with South America, the West Indies, and Australia.

The Era Crew Fund.

College News.

The following paid subscriptions have been received:

T. J. D. Fuller,	\$10 00	W. B. Hand,	5 00
O. S. Lyford, Jr.,	10 00	F. G. Bagley,	5 00
J. C. Thompson,	10 00	L. W. Emerick,	5 00
W. F. McLaren,	6 00	E. Fitts,	5 00
J. Westervelt,	5 00	C. J. Barr,	3 50
G. E. Stanford,	5 00	G. R. Harney,	3 00
W. E. Schroeder,	5 00	*G. W. Laidlaw,	3 00
J. B. Landfield,	5 00	G. A. Rumsey, Jr.,	3 00
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W. C. White,	5 00	J. S. Shearer,	1 50
F. N. Jewett,	5 00	C. H. Bertholf,	1 00
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T. D. Davis,	5 00	Total,	\$1520 55

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Department News.

SIBLEY COLLEGE.—The Mechanical Laboratory of Sibley College has been doing a large amount of work in the extension of its outfit for research and for commercial work through the labors of its own people, and the students and instructors in the shops, in ways that could not be adopted without such help, and in securing accessions of apparatus that could not be purchased. Its large and very perfect belt-testing machine—partly the contribution of the well-known tool-builders of Philadelphia, Messrs. Sellers & Co.—has been completed and set in operation by students and the instructors of laboratory and shops, and is probably an unequalled means of testing the qualities and the behavior of belts. It is anticipated that it will find considerable use in both routine work and in investigation.—Professor Carpenter and his assistants have been much interested in the perfection of the modern forms of calorimeter for determining the "quality" of steam, *i. e.*, what proportion of moisture it brings to the engine from the boiler, and in the problem of its separation. They have invented a number of new forms of the instrument and perfected older ones, and the laboratory now possesses a considerable number of these instruments, built by and for the department. Students and instructors have invented and constructed a variety of "extensometers" for use in the tests of ductility of materials, and some very interesting and ingenious forms of automatic recording mechanism; which register with accuracy the results of experiment, in some cases in tests of strength of materials, in others in tests of the friction and heating of lubricants under the conditions of actual use on machinery. Two of the students have invented and are using in their investigations a system of test and record of the work done on the planing machine in the removal of layer after layer of iron from the piece to be worked into shape.

IN GENERAL.—The Freshman class of Princeton has passed resolutions against hazing in the future. . . Lehigh has refused to join the proposed football league between Cornell, Columbia, and Lafayette. . . Trinity recently defeated Yale at baseball by the score of 12 to 7. . . The Lehigh lacrosse team contemplate a Canadian trip early this summer. . . The Yale seniors have voted in favor of the cap and gown. . . The medical school of Johns Hopkins has been recently endowed with \$100,000. . . Two records were broken at the recent meeting of the Hamilton Athletic Association. . . The Wesleyan Juniors have voted to give the usual promenade on the Monday evening of Commencement week. . . The new Semitic Museum at Harvard has been formally opened. Its equipment consists of originals, photographs and plaster casts. The photographs are nearly 1000 in number. The School of Finance and Economy of the University of Pennsylvania has just celebrated the completion of its first decade. Its endowment consists of \$125,000. . . Harvard has 365,000 bound volumes in her library, Yale has 200,000, Columbia 90,000; Syracuse 75,000; Dartmouth 68,500; Lehigh 67,000; Brown 66,000; Princeton 65,000; Bowdoin 84,000, and the University of Virginia 40,000. The Kappa Gamma Local Society of the U. of P. has been made a chapter of Psi Upsilon. . . The Intercollegiate Football Association held a meeting in New York on May 2d and elected the following officers: President, McClung of Yale; Secretary, Warrin of Princeton; Treasurer, Tackaberry of Wesleyan. . . The University of Pennsylvania will soon have dormitories, plans for the buildings having been selected.

Among Our Exchanges.

HISTORY.

"Johnnie," the mild-eyed teacher softly said,
 "Had Washington a brother, do you know?"
 "Yes, mum," said Johnnie, with a smiling face,
 "I know it, for my Mamma told me so."
 "John," said the mild-eyed teacher once again,
 "This brother, was he famous, have you read?"
 John thought awhile, then took his kerchief out,
 "He was his country's uncle, Mum," he said.
 —*Harvard Lampoon.*

MERCENARY MOTIVES.

I fancy I'll cut,
 That is—if I dare,
 But then, if I cut
 They will notify *père*
 That his son and his heir
 Can seek knowledge elsewhere.
 Then the door will be shut—
 Seems to me I'd be cut—
 Notwithstanding my prayer.
 Now I can't say I'd care,
 To be son *and not* heir.
 No, I don't think I'll cut,
 I'd far rather be heir.

—*Trinity Tablet.*



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Editorial.

THE most careful attention of every Senior should be given to the proposal that has been made for the erection of an Alumni Hall. No better opportunity could be offered for those so soon to become alumni of the University to lend assistance to a plan that depends for its success entirely upon the efforts of graduates and other students having attended this institution. It is an object that should appeal at once to the members of the class and as far as possible have promise of their support before the close of commencement week. The generous offer of ex-President White to give \$10,000 to the fund, is on the condition that the Alumni raise the sum of \$50,000 within the limit of six years, and this opportunity must not be allowed to pass. The committee having the matter in charge decided that the enterprise should take the form of a club, to be known as The Cornell Central Club, and admission to membership will be granted on the payment of \$25, which sum can be paid at once, or extend through the period of five years, five dollars being paid

annually. This is considered as one share in the club stock and any person contributing more receives a certificate for every additional share entitling the holder to the privileges of one member. Consequently it is possible for all those having any intention of subscribing to the fund to do so this spring. The present Alumni of Cornell have never made any munificent donations to their Alma Mater and they can well afford to respond liberally to the appeal made to them by the committee, and in accepting the proposal, erect upon the University grounds a building that shall eventually afford them all possible accommodations whenever they visit Ithaca. Every Senior should give the matter the consideration it deserves, and those who wish to subscribe should confer with R. H. Treman, in town, who will furnish all necessary information.

THE one great ^{* * *} danger to which intercollegiate athletics are exposed is the tendency they develop toward "professionalism." Whenever any team or management becomes more anxious to win a game over a rival than careful to conduct the contest in a spirit of entire fairness, the danger has been reached. Every institution is quick to cry "fraud" when its opponents attempt to get men to play on athletic teams who are not honestly members of the colleges which they pretend to represent; but not all are as scrupulous about taking advantage of the same doubtful means to win success for themselves. The existence of this danger makes governing bodies necessarily strict in the supervision of athletic contests, and counts with them as one of the reasons weighing against the acknowledged benefits accruing from intercollegiate sports. Other drawbacks, such as the advertising, the time and expense, fall into insignificance when compared with this. The Faculty of Cornell have let themselves be heard on this point with no uncertain sound in former years, and

rumors as to the *personnel* of the college baseball nine that has been away on the eastern trip have revived discussion of the subject with great vigor. Exact information as to whether any man, not a registered student of Cornell, has been actually playing in the games, is not obtainable; but this much is known, that a graduate student of last year was confidently expected by the team when they left Ithaca to meet them on their trip and alternate with Priest in the pitcher's box. Such action cannot be too promptly repudiated by the student body at large. It would reflect discredit, not merely on the mistaken policy of the management, but on the entire University. Better an unbroken chain of defeats, than victories won at the cost of this way of playing. With the charitable hope that the original plan was not consummated, but was recalled when its import was realized, it is nevertheless incumbent upon the ERA to voice thus plainly the best sentiments of Faculty and students upon such a plan.

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IT has always been considered, since the foundation of the *Cornell Magazine*, that that publication was conducted upon as purely a non-political basis as was possible in any college enterprise. Its editors are elected strictly upon their merit in literary work, by a committee chosen from the faculty in connection with one from the retiring board, and the sanction of this committee from the faculty is required for the election of any person to the board. It is greatly to be regretted, therefore, that occasion should arise which should give color to any such accusation as that contained in a communication printed in the *Sun* on Thursday last, styled "Practical Politics." Its tone was exaggerated, and several of its statements incorrect. But notwithstanding this, it brought before the student body a very peculiar proceeding, to say the least, of this year's electoral board of the *Cornell Magazine*. This electoral board met early in the week, and proceeded to the election of the five juniors which were to constitute next year's *Magazine* board. One of the names brought

before their consideration was deemed worthy of an editorship, but the gentleman to whom this name belonged preferred the business managership, and the committee either thought, or had been informed, that he would make a good manager. So they elected a "provisional" board, who were to be informed, separately and collectively, that their election was provisional upon the election of the aforesaid gentleman to the business managership. If, however, he were not chosen, the "provisional" election would be called "off," and his name substituted for that of some one unhappy member of the "provisional" board. Probably it never entered the minds of the committee referred to, whose only intention was, doubtless, to assure a place on the board to one whose work deserved it, that such a proceeding could be called "gag law" or "bribery," but such it has amounted to, for it is the constitutional privilege of the new board to elect whom they please to be their business manager, and this was simply a very forcible way of requesting the new board to vote for whom the committee pleased instead. It is understood that the "provisional" board met on Thursday, but made no election. The whole proceeding is unique in the history of the *Magazine* or any other college publication here, and it offers an interesting field for discussion. No such thing as a "provisional" board in this sense has ever before been heard of among Cornell publications, and one point that is said to have been brought up at the meeting on Thursday would seem to be a logical statement of the case. It was, that if those meeting together constituted a "provisional" board, they had no right, according to the constitution, to elect a final business manager. If they were the real board, they had a right to elect whom they pleased.

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COLLEGE life, contemplated in any sense, is a test of a man's mental and moral strength. It is here that real development begins, that habits of life are formed, and a decision made either for right or wrong. Many doubtless, appreciate the critical character of

this period, but not all. For were it true that every student considered that in his college career he was sowing what he could not fail to reap, fewer sad mistakes would be made. Thoughtlessness, usually, first causes him to err, but unfortunately this does not excuse him, or lighten the penalty. Temptations are not few and in the case of the average young man thrown upon his own responsibility, and having all the healthy influences of home life removed, the result may well be anxiously watched. In an institution like Cornell where the student body is so large, it is imagined by many that the moral condition is at a lower ebb than in many smaller sectarian institutions. There is no justification for such an opinion since, though the number of students is large, the objectionable element does not exert a greater influence comparatively than elsewhere. But the atmosphere of any college needs clarifying occasionally and the time has now come for Cornell to have this experience; the first step is being taken in the timely awakening concerning cribbing, a subject already discussed in these columns, to which neither the Faculty nor the students have given sufficient consideration. It is also gratifying to note that the town authorities are at last making strenuous endeavors to check certain demoralizing influences that are always lurking about and which wreck the life of many a promising student. The instances of disorderly conduct of recent occurrence, from the fact they come within the pale of the law, should be severely dealt with; and the disposition to do this meets with the hearty approbation of the major portion of the student body. It is the only way to remove an element that tarnishes the reputation of an institution and creates a center of corruption at its very doors. It is, naturally, quite impossible for the University to discover all cases of this character, and the most stringent methods that can be pursued by the officers of the law are the proper means through which the desired result can be attained. When a person has become so degenerate that he loses all respect for himself and no amount of moral

suasion can revive it, the sooner he tastes the bitter consequences the better it will be both for him and for society in general.

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DISSATISFACTION with the training of some of the members of the 'Varsity crew has at last culminated in a plain understanding of their status, which it is hoped will result in better work from now on, until the races are over. Numerous lapses in the details of discipline and training on the part of all but two or three of the men in the boat, from Captain down, have seriously injured Cornell's chances of putting out a winning crew this year. There is still time for great improvement to be made in the spirit and the method of the training on the part of the offending men, and if they but pull themselves together and work with conscientiousness and vim, the University need not despair of being well represented on the water. Coach Courtney last night had an important consultation with the entire 'Varsity crew, and matters that have been going from bad to worse, were brought home to the men, so that they now know that irregularities in meal hours, excursions for ball games, attendance at late sociables, tardiness at the boat house, participation in class rows, or any sort of dereliction from the training rules, will not be tolerated. Responsibility to those who subscribe for the support of the crew combines with responsibility for the reputation of the University to lead the crew to see this matter in its true light, and they give evidence of being men to acquit themselves worthily of the trust. Now that the gathering storm has broken the atmosphere is sure to be clearer.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOETHE.

After the fire of some noble genius has been extinguished forever, the world is often rudely awakened to a keen sense of what it has lost, so that it feels, as it never felt before, the deep worth and grandeur of him who has passed away. Then, every detail of his life, every phase of his feeling, is carefully gathered and lovingly cherished. So it has been with Goethe, for he, perhaps more than any other

poet, cannot be understood through his works alone without a knowledge of his life, in itself a great masterpiece of art. To arrive at a just conception of his character, he must be viewed from all sides, in the precepts he taught, in the lofty example he himself set. His nature has been likened to a delicate harp, silent if not touched, and giving its music to every wooing of the wilful mind; it is his spontaneous manifestations that must be studied. His mighty intellect may be seen mirrored in many of his conversations; some of his sayings in daily life reveal the sublimity of his character, the dazzling splendor of his genius.

The eighth volume of an exhaustive work on "Conversations with Goethe," edited by Baron von Biedermann, has recently been published. In this appears a number of incidents relating to two different periods in the poet's life, credited to Professor Hewett and the result of his own investigations. It has been our privilege to secure these, and print them verbatim.

Among those still living in Jena who vividly remember this early period is His Excellency, the Hofrath Seebeck, who related to me the following incidents:

His mother had arrived at Jena with eight children, and was invited immediately to make her home with the Knebels. Goethe was a guest in the house at the same time. One evening, a discussion upon education arose at the supper table between Knebel and this Frau Seebeck, whose whole family was seated around the board. Knebel, as was his wont when roused, was impetuous and testy. Goethe, who did not like argument, interfered against his old friend with the proverb, "Age does not protect from folly." ("Alter Schütz vor Thorheit nicht.") Cease to contradict this worthy mistress of educational theories. Look at her successful works in eight volumes, pointing to the children, and the strife was decided in behalf of the lady.

The young Seebeck had recently returned from school in Nuremberg. Goethe addressed him with, "Well, what news do you bring from Nuremberg?" "Nothing," answered the lad, "exactly new, but something old. I had two comrades at school who could not live apart, and yet could not get on together; the name of one was Teufel (Devil), and the name of the other was Faust."

The aged councilor remembers now the wonderful kindness and pleasure with which Goethe received the boy's clever compliment and said, "Excellent, excellent!"

One incident illustrating Goethe's power as

a reader was related to the councilor by his friend Rapp. Goethe was an impressive reader, although he did not possess the reputation which Lieck enjoyed, who was welcome in every circle for his wonderful voice and exquisite interpretation. Goethe said of Lieck's visit to Jena, where he read his *Genoveva* to a select company, "It was striking eight when he began, and eleven when he finished. Nine and ten I did not hear." Goethe took with him on his third Swiss journey the manuscript of "Hermann and Dorothea," which had not then been published. At Stuttgart, he spent an evening in the family circle of Rapp, one of Schiller's devoted Swabian friends, where he read the poem aloud. The splendid personality of the author, the feeling with which he read, and the idyllic charm of the poem, moved all present. There were some passages which the poet could not read, even to his later years, without tears. Upon this occasion he was deeply affected, and, as he wiped his eyes, said, "Thus one melts over his own coals." A little daughter of Rapp, five years of age, had occupied, unnoticed, a seat in the window during the entire reading. When Goethe finished, she stepped into the middle of the floor with the words, "Why does not the man go on? What he says is good." No compliment could have pleased Goethe more than this simple testimony from the child; he caught her in his arms, with, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, thou hast ordained praise." The little child lived to become the wife of Sulpiz Boisserée, the author of the great work upon the Cologne Cathedral, and the writer upon Gothic architecture.

The following incidents refer to a later period in the great poet's life.

The Baroness von Grün, whom Goethe trained in the delivery of a poem of welcome to the Empress of Austria, still resides in Jena, and has vivid recollection of her part in that ceremony. Her face is still lovely; her complexion, of an ivory purity and delicacy; and her hair dark. Goethe wrote an allegory for this occasion, representing amid the months, the immortal works of the Great Weimar poets and many of their leading characters. Dreams, fancies, the muses, the spirits of earthly and heavenly knowledge, and the Arts mingled with the *Cid*, *Wallenstein*, *Faust*, *Goetz* and *Oberon*, while the *Ihu* wound in and out among them and while *Aurora* and the *Day*, and *Pallas* and the heroic *Epos* and *Tragedy* were especially honored. *Fräulein von Grün*, with scallop shells and silver spangles, was a *Pilgrim Genius* leading the brilliant proces-

sion. A timid school-girl, she was summoned to the house of the great poet and minister. Goethe received her with the greatest courtesy and gentleness; he read her part to her and made her repeat it after him. He bade her learn it so that she could say it asleep. When she went to him again, she had committed it perfectly to memory. Goethe praised her and said, stroking her locks, "No one could say it better than you, my beautiful dark-haired child. Do not fear in the presence of kings or emperors." In the presence of the Court she was not afraid, for Goethe's assurance was in her heart, and his eye upon her. She remembers well the Frau von Stein at whose house she often visited. She describes her as being in later life, thin in feature, with sunken eyes, and presenting no trace of the charms of her earlier years, when she won Goethe to her side, and whose influence on him was the most permanent of any of his loves. The Grand Duchess Louise always retained her friendship for the Frau von Stein, and was often seen sitting upon a bench before the house, and chatting with her. Schiller's wife, Charlotte von Lengefeld, she only knew when old, and her impressions of the stout matron can scarcely be taken for the Lottie of whom we have so full a picture in her letters.

THE WOMAN TRUSTEE.

AN ANSWER TO E. C. E.

The tone of E. C. E.'s communication shows that she does not understand the spirit of the letter to which she refers. The idea of a woman on the Trustee Board is not a matter over which to become simply sarcastic and amusing but one worthy of serious consideration; as such we hoped to bring it before alumni and others connected with the University. Cornell is an institution founded upon principles of justice. We wish that its workings might carry out those principles in their broadest possibilities.

Since E. C. E. refers to "shackles" borne by the alumni, she admits that there is something not quite fair in the present arrangements. Why does she deprecate a discussion of those arrangements? Shackles are seldom agreeable and how are they ever to fall if not seen to exist by those who alone have the power to remove them?

Why does E. C. E. take it for granted that a woman elected upon the Board would be antagonistic in her vote to all the other Trustees? Such a case is hardly supposable. But one can easily imagine a time when a woman's

opinion would be invaluable. When, for instance, the government of Sage College was under consideration, an alumnus who had lived at Sage and who had had in the years since her graduation the experience which the world gives would speak more intelligently upon the subject than any man could speak, however great his interest in the welfare of the young women—we do not think that such a person expressing her opinion upon the question would be gallantly listened to and then quietly voted against. If her ideas were of value, they would be so received and would, according to their value, affect the votes cast—just as her own would be affected by the ideas of other members upon questions when she might feel less assured.

We contemplate "no immediate raid upon the respected Trustee Board" but we are earnest and sincere in our desire to have one of our number there. Emerson said, "It is very cheap wit that finds it so droll that a woman should vote." The present question is not one of suffrage but E. C. E.'s drollery is quite as untimely. I. H.

SOPHOMORE COTILLION.

The Sophomore Cotillion Committee are exerting every effort to make the Cotillion an enjoyable social affair, and everything indicates that they will be successful.

The Cotillion will be held in the Bank Building on Monday evening of Commencement week. Extensive preparations are being made for decorations which are to be furnished by the Bool Co. The programs, furnished by Dreka, will be very beautiful souvenirs of the occasion; each one bears a tasty monogram in class colors, and an engraving of the new Library Building. A ball program of ten numbers will precede the Cotillion proper, which will decidedly add to the evening's pleasure. F. G. Smith Sons & Co., of Detroit, are preparing several silver favors, of very handsome design. The music will be furnished by Gartland's Orchestra of Albany. The Committee announced early in the week the following patronesses: Mrs. Charles Kendall Adams, Mrs. W. H. Sage, Mrs. Robert H. Thurston, Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. J. G. Schurman, Mrs. H. B. Hutchins, Mrs. J. H. Comstock, Mrs. H. S. White, Mrs. A. D. White, Mrs. Hitchcock.

The number of tickets has been limited to one hundred and fifty, the spectators tickets have also been limited. The programs and invitations are on sale at the book stores today.

Cornell Verse.

WHY SHE PONDERED.

Maiden, why that dreamy look?
 Why the pages of the book
 Idly slip thy fingers through?
 Do its pages or its rhyme
 Call back memories of time?
 Or some picture strike thy view,
 Striking some responsive chord?
 Or the man that you adored
 Has he gone clear back on you?

"Neither, neither, sir," she said,
 "In the *Sun* I just have read
 Something they have labelled
 'JOKE.'"

X.

WHAT COULD SHE HAVE MEANT.

We sat alone, yes, just we two,
 Talking sweet words as lovers do;
 And feigning shy and bashful ways,
 Her dark brown eyes were downward sent
 Each time I tried to meet her gaze—
 Now, what do you suppose she meant?

Amid our talk I told this miss
 That truly I ne'er stole a kiss;
 She answered with all sweet accord
 While warm blood to her forehead went,
 "And boast you, sir, of that record,"
 Now, what do you suppose she meant?

A silence broke by not a word,
 A silence where no sound was heard,
 Not even one small breath of air.
 I wondered did she grant consent;—
 At length she spoke: "Sir, did you dare?"
 Now, what do you suppose she meant?

N.

ILL CHOSEN TIME TO WATCH.

If you would win the never-dying love
 Of her to whom you bear affection deep,
 When in her hammock she begins to move,
 As to alight, pretend to be asleep.

B.

DRINKING SONG.

Fill up the glasses, brothers all,
 'Tis wine that fires the soul,
 The deepest men of ancient day
 Were deepest in the bowl.
 Let beakers then a-brimming be,
 Let's down with downs and ups,
 The boldest man the world has seen
 Is boldest in his cups.

R.

TO A CARNATION.

Modest flower
 Of lasting worth,
 Of richest dye,
 Though born of earth.

The fairest rose
 That ever grew
 Can tell not half
 That's told by you.

Thy meaning is
 Affection pure
 That lives and lasts,
 A love that's sure.

K. F. R.

MAKING LIGHT OF IT.

'Twas in the dusky supper room
 We waited for our meal;
 There was no lamp, to clear that gloom
 Which we could almost feel.

We asked the waitress why no light
 Adorned the eating hall,
 Why we were thus deprived of sight—
 We barely saw, at all.

Her face turned sad, her eyes were damp,
 Then came the answer rough:
 "I don't see why you need a lamp—
 You meal is light enough!"

N.

A NATURAL HISTORY COURSE.

Considering the profound effects the investigation and speculation of Darwin and modern naturalists have had upon the thought of our times it seems appropriate that the opportunity should be offered every student to become familiar with the fundamental facts of the nature and history of organism.

As an initial step toward supplying this need, I have prepared the following courses which will be announced in the forthcoming schedule of studies for next year :

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Course 4 open, for the first year, to all juniors and seniors. A general knowledge of Botany and Zoology is desirable. This course is designed to supply a demand for instruction in the general principles of Natural History. The elaborate specialization of this subject into Botany, Arboriculture, Horticulture, Entomology, Invertebrate and Vertebrate Zoology, Anatomy, Physiology, and Paleontology has practically excluded Natural History from a place in a four years course of liberal education. This course is therefore designed to explain the chief problems regarding organism in such a manner as to meet the needs of the general student, as well as to form an introduction to the special studies already provided for in the separate departments of Natural History.

The hour (11, a. m., T. and Th.) may be inconvenient, therefore I would like the names of those desiring to take the lectures with a statement as to the convenience of the hour, before the close of this term.

H. S. WILLIAMS.

Cornell University, May 25, '91.

Sage Chapel.

Sage Chapel pulpit will be occupied tomorrow by the Rev. Francis G. Peabody, D.D., of Harvard University. Dr. Peabody is a prominent divine in the Unitarian denomination, and every one should improve this opportunity to hear him preach.

Cornelliana.

—Our publisher's bills are due June 1st, and are in a large part still unpaid. In order to enable us to meet these obligations it will be necessary for each subscriber, who has not already done so, to remit at once to the business manager or to Andrus & Church.

—Examinations begin next Friday, June 5th.

—There are eleven men in the Berkeley Oval team.

—Cornell plays her return game with Lafayette this afternoon.

—The work of tearing down the old annex will begin next week.

—The D. K. E. Fraternity has won the pennant in the Star Baseball League.

—All classes in Political Economy will be examined on the work of the whole year.

—The Presbyterian Union held their last meeting for the year in Barnes Hall last evening.

—The annual reception to the newly elected members of Phi Beta Kappa was given Monday evening.

—The Senior and Junior Civil Engineers left Monday morning for Glen Haven for a two weeks survey.

—Larned, '94, defeated White, '93, for the tennis championship of the University in singles and has received from Johnson and Mills a very fine racket as a prize.

—The final examination in course 10 American History will be held on Wednesday afternoon next from three to five o'clock.

—A large number of tickets have been sold for the excursion down the lake to-day, and a pleasant time may be expected by all who go.

—The new officers of the Agricultural Association are, President, C. W. Mathews ; Vice President, H. D. Howe ; Secretary, H. Hicks.

—The Student's Guild is in urgent need of more money. Less than half enough has been subscribed this year to pay the demands made upon it.

—The election for *Crank* editors last Wednesday resulted in the choice of C. S. Hoyt and C. F. Kress, '92, and J. M. Thomas, Jr., '93.

—Two games of baseball will be played on the Athletic Field next Monday and Tuesday with the Olympics, a crack amateur team of Louisville, Ky.

—Eleven members in the course of Agriculture took a trip down the Hudson last week to visit several large stock farms, among them being that of G. S. Davidson, '89.

—“Sigfrid and Brünhild, the favorite story of ancient Germany,” is the subject of Mr. Von Klenze's lecture to be given at the Unitarian Church next Sunday evening.

—The Berkeley Oval team left for New York at 12:05 on Wednesday via the D. L. & W. The contests occur this afternoon and all will await with interest the report of Cornell's showing.

—The following persons have been elected to the *Magazine*: J. L. Elliott, G. W. Noyes, E. W. McKnight, M. V. O'Shea and L. D. Baldwin. The Board have not yet completed their organization.

—At the Faculty meeting last Friday, eight fellowships were awarded. There still remains two fellowships in History and Political Science, three in Philosophy and six graduate scholarships in Philosophy.

—Miss Ida Benfey will render a dramatization of “The Mill on the Floss,” at Barnes Hall this evening, under the auspices of the Ethical Society. Miss Benfey comes highly recommended and all are invited to hear her.

—By a rule of the Faculty, not enforced heretofore, all seats in front of the entrance to the chapel will be reserved for the students until 10:55 and 3:25, after which times, the city people will be given the same chance as the students.

—The first prize in the public debate held under the auspices of the Cornell Congress last Monday evening was awarded to C. M. Weeks, and the second to E. R. O'Malley. The gentlemen will receive gold and silver medals respectively.

—The games played by the ball team this week have resulted as follows: At Richmond, Va., University of Virginia 1, Cornell 0. At Philadelphia, U. of P., 6 Cornell 2. At Princeton, Princeton 5, Cornell 2. At Fordham, Fordham 4, Cornell 3.

—About fifteen men have already signified their intention of attending Mr. Moody's summer school at Northfield this summer. It is hoped that others will decide at once to go. Information can be obtained from General Secretary Galbreath at Barnes Hall.

—The time will soon be at hand for the choice of managers for the football and baseball teams, Director of Track Athletics, and Commodore of the Navy. All nominations for

those positions should be sent at the earliest convenience to H. H. Sanger, Secretary of the Athletic Council.

—The Intercollegiate Press Association met at Utica last week. Mr. L. E. Ware represented the Cornell *Sun*. Mr. Ware was elected Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year, and also responded to a toast at the banquet in the evening. The next meeting will be held at Ithaca, Oct. 16th.

—Following the usual custom the Junior editors will issue a Souvenir Commencement number of the *ERA*. Full reports of the events of the week will be given, and all Cornellians should have this number without fail. It is sent to all regular subscribers without extra charge, but students must leave their address to secure the paper. The usual price, 10 cents, will be charged. Leave your names, addresses and number of copies wanted, accompanied by the cash, with Andrus & Church.

—The students of the College of Agriculture will hold a Agricultural Jubilee and Banquet in Barnes Hall, Thursday June 11th, at 8 p. m. A few of the prominent features of the celebration will be a menu made up entirely from products grown on the University grounds, a programme bound in wood cut from the University forest, responses from noted Agriculturists, and a banquet hall representing in its decorations the various departments in the Agricultural College. Professor J. P. Roberts is to be master of ceremonies and Professor L. H. Bailey, the toast master.

—Two of the new professorships which have been established were filled at the Faculty meeting last week. Professor Alfred Emerson, of Lake Forest University, who lectured here this year, has been chosen Professor of Archaeology and will have charge of the new collection of casts which the University has just secured. The other selection is that of Professor A. C. Miller, of the University of California, as Assistant Professor of Political Economy. Professor Miller will assist Professor Laughlin in the elementary course and will also give two courses, one on Taxation, and one on General Economic History.

—The successful candidates for next year's fellowships are; A. A. Bird, Ph. B., Cornell '91, American History; F. Bedell, A. B., Yale '90, Electrical Engineering; Miss L. Maddox, A. B., Knox College '90, English; C. W. Matthews, B. S., Cornell '91, Agricul-

ture ; E. F. Nichols, B. S., Kansas Agricultural College, '88, Mathematics ; P. Saurel, B. S., College of the City of New York, Mathematics ; M. B. Thomas, B. S., Cornell '90, Botany and Zoology ; Miss A. M. Walton, A. B., Smith College '87, Greek, Latin and Comparative Philology. There still remain to be filled two fellowships in Political Economy, two in History and Political Science and three in Philosophy, with six graduate scholarships in Philosophy, all of which were created this year.

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Personals.

'88. H. L. Taylor, is at his home in this city recovering from the spike wound which he received some time ago in a ball game at Baltimore.

'90. Frank H. Brown has a position with George Palliser, an architect in New York city.

'91. E. M. Sheldon has accepted the position of General Secretary of the North Troy Y. M. C. A.

'91. A. W. Abrams has secured the position of Principle of Liberty Union School, Sullivan, Co. N. Y.

'91. G. C. Roberstson, formerly '91, at present principle of Belleville Academy, N. Y., will return to the University next year to complete his course.

'91. Philip Ogden has accepted a position as teacher of Latin and Greek in Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.

'92. E. D. Shurter, of the ERA Board, has accepted a position in the Catskills for the summer, and left the University this week.

'92. R. R. Duniway, Junior Law, has gone to Wiscasset, Maine, where he will have a position on the U. S. Geological Survey for the summer.

NOTICE.

PHYSIOLOGY.—There will be no examination on the practicum of this week, but all are required to take it ; those who have not had it this week may come on Monday at 2 o'clock. The examination papers may be obtained Tuesday morning.

The ten examinations during the term are designated by letters ; on the west blackboard in the lecture room are written the numbers of the lectures and practicums included in each, and the pages of the notes. From the list posted in the room each student may see what examination he has to take.

There will be two examination days, Wednesday, June 3d, and Saturday the 6th, in the Anatomical lecture room ; examinations A, B, C, D and E at 3, and the rest at 4.30. Either set may be taken on either day, or all on one day, but no examination on both days, nor will there be any opportunity after Saturday.

Those who have an average of at least 70, and have received at least 60 on each examination, are excused from further examination.

In determining the term mark, ten is deducted from the average of the preliminary examinations ; when there is marked deficiency in any of the subjects a still greater deduction may be made ; in effect, whatever the numerical average, the professor reserves the right to decide whether or not the student shall pass upon the course.

College News.

IN GENERAL.—The summer courses at Harvard will hereafter count toward the bachelor degree . . . Harvard and Bowdoin row an eight-oared shell race on the Charles river, May 29th. If arrangements can be made, races will be held with Columbia and Cornell . . . The Art School at Princeton was formally opened last week . . . Yale defeated Princeton, May 23rd at baseball by the score of 4-1 . . . The first basemen of the Harvard, Yale, and Princeton teams all prepared at Exeter Academy . . . The Bowdoin scientific expedition to the North Seas will start on June 27th. The party is composed of twenty persons . . . The new Amherst athletic field costing \$20,000 was formally opened recently.

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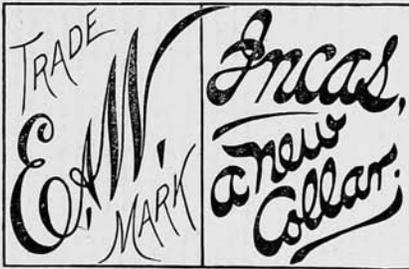
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Editorial.

CONSCIENTIOUS editorial work on one of the college papers is not carried on without considerable self-sacrifice, but the educational benefits derived are a suitable recompense. There is fostered, also, a peculiar interest in the welfare of the University, and many important ideas are gained concerning the best manner of promoting it; and at least a few opportunities for this are offered through the columns of the paper. It is through the medium of the college press that the University is represented abroad, and in a certain degree creditably or otherwise, according to the character of the editorial work. It is, therefore, of the highest moment that all questions relating to University policy, to the student body, or college life in any of its phases, should be discussed considerably and in a manner to voice the better sentiments of the undergraduates. To carry out this principle has been the aim of the ERA for the past year, and how successful the attempt has been, it is for the subscribers to determine. In order

that the literary tone of the paper may be properly maintained from week to week, aid must be received outside of the Board itself; in this respect the ERA has been especially favored, and the Editor-in-chief desires to express his sincere gratitude to those who have so kindly contributed to the columns of the paper, and especially to Professor Corson, who has given most valuable assistance, having prepared several articles of special interest and merit. The favorable and unfavorable criticisms upon the year's work have been truly appreciated; the former giving encouragement when often the trials of college journalism were being most keenly experienced, and the latter indicating where improvement could be made to a decided advantage. The Commencement number, issued by the Junior members of the Board, will complete the twenty-third volume of the ERA, and the present editorial staff consigns the paper to the new elected editors with the confidence that it will be ably conducted, and merit the hearty approval of all.

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A FEW weeks since the ERA Board presented to the students, a plan for returning one of their number to the Board of the succeeding year, and by an overwhelming majority, it was rejected. It may be a difficult matter for the better sense of the undergraduates to assert itself, but before long those especially interested in making the prosperity of the ERA assured, will be rewarded for their patience, and the indefinite consequences of the present elective system will be removed. The argument offered at the mass meeting was, that the ERA had succeeded sufficiently well thus far and no change was demanded. Granting that this is true, it would seem perfectly reasonable to fortify the position of the paper, and make this success permanent beyond all question. The constitution was changed to allow competition only after a long and wearisome struggle,

and the proposed change is one in exactly the same line. The plan of allowing the Board the option of returning a Junior or of choosing one from the class will secure the man best fitted for the place, which was the end in view when competition was introduced, and it will in this way be attained with still greater certainty. At the beginning of the next college year when the usual bluster about political intrigues cannot possibly be raised, the matter should be again presented by the Board. And it is to be hoped that a decision will be made for the best interests of the ERA.

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THE crisis in the financial status of the Navy has been successfully passed, provided the future has in store what can reasonably be expected. The payments lately made on the crew fund subscription, are very encouraging, and although the fund is not by any means complete, it is anticipated that the receipts from the Crew Benefit, to be given by the Masque on Wednesday afternoon of commencement week, and a few individual contributions that may be made, will, at the lowest estimate, allow the crews to enter the spring races without incurring too great a financial risk. The unpaid subscriptions will receive immediate attention and their total considerably reduced within the next two weeks. The management of the crew fund this year has, perhaps, been as successful thus far as formerly, but a correct opinion cannot be formed, either concerning its merits or faults, until the period of its work has closed; then it will be possible to determine whether the present plan is, or is not, superior to that previously used. In regard to the future management of the fund, the advisability of starting an alumni subscription paper ought to receive serious consideration. Such a paper if properly managed, could hardly fail to be a satisfactory source of revenue for the Navy. It could be conducted upon a principle in vogue elsewhere, which is that an alumnus by signing it agrees to pay a certain sum annually, provided a specified number of other graduates will enter into the same agreement; and any one can be

released from the obligation by notifying the person in charge of the subscription, before the beginning of a new year. If the sum to be paid annually should be fixed at ten dollars the alumni would readily respond, and the names of many Seniors could be obtained each year. The success of such a plan seems assured, but whatever method it may seem feasible to pursue, an alumni subscription should be started, and at the earliest convenience.

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CORNELL'S team at the Berkeley Oval intercollegiate contests did not make any very brilliant showing, but it did about all that it was expected to do,—maintained a good position with the field in each event, acquired an experience that will be of great value for our future teams, and made a beginning that will result in encouraging better training for athletic contests. For the first year that the University has had a well-equipped athletic field, a result has been had that was as creditable as could fairly be hoped for. A number of very promising athletes were brought forward as the result of the training, but unfortunately none of the men were pushed close enough by competitors in their home trials to develop them into "stars," when it came to competing against the best amateur material in the country. Without this stimulus of sharp competition, inexperienced runners could not be shown the imperativeness of accustoming themselves to working at their highest powers, for the men who represented Cornell on the team had all had comparatively easy victories in our Spring games. In the face of these drawbacks and with the further lack of any traditional athletic prestige to be maintained, it is a cause for congratulation that the men stood as well as they did. It may be taken as a good omen that this year is the first time that any Cornell man has ever scored a point in these intercollegiate games, E. G. Horton, '92, getting third in the 220 yards hurdles. Cornell records were beaten by nearly all the men, though of course their time cannot stand as records, Horton making 20 feet 11½ inches in the running

broad jump, and doing the hurdles in $26\frac{1}{2}$ seconds; McConnell doing the two-mile bicycle race in 6 minutes and 35 seconds, Louis the mile-run in 4 minutes and 40 seconds, and Baldwin the 100 yards dash in $10\frac{3}{8}$ seconds. Mosher was sick, Payne collapsed at the end of his third quarter, and Kaveny was far from being the last in his race. Now, as to the future of our Cornell track athletics, whatever is worth doing is worth doing well, and several points must be understood if successful competition is to be looked for in this direction. Interest in these sports must be more sustained among larger numbers of the students; training must be longer and more conscientiously carried on, beginning with the organization of a team after the Fall games to work all during the Winter; better service for a training table must be provided, and it should be located near the athletic field for the convenience of the men; and sufficient financial support must be assured. Failure to bring improvements in these points suggested, means failure to win events in the intercollegiate games, and would make it unprofitable to participate in them.

A LEGEND OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

Many a year has flown, since the wild forests on the shore of the great Lake Superior rang with the shrill cries of America's first children, the mighty Indian huntsmen. But through time's long vista, still feebly lingers the renown of Wawanosh, placed above all in the chase, the battle, and council. No startled deer was so fleet that it could slip back into shelter, before the huge bow bent with the sinewy body, and the deadly arrow carried its swift, awful message. And the fierce foe, interlocked in the arms of Wawanosh tottered and fell like the mountain-ash before the pitiless blast of the winter. Words of deep wisdom passed from his lips at the council; and hoary heads seamed with the scars of battles innumerable, eagerly hearkened, wondered, and trusted. Perhaps, the Great Ruler spoke in the rich, melodious voice that flowed smoothly on, as the south wind whispered and sighed in the tall pines above them.

There was another, a maiden, far-famed as this great chief, her father. Eighteen times had she seen the spring send forth its blossoms.

Black were her tresses as the wing of the raven, and when she knelt, they rippled about the slender form almost to the greensward. Her hazel eyes sweetly beamed as the moon at the full, when not a cloud dims her soft splendor. Shy and timid was this child of nature. How warm was the blush that rushed to the cheeks, how fast did the small heart throb under the heaving bosom, if but a tiny fish leaped from the stream, turned his silvery side to the sun, and fell with a gentle murmur! She was a timorous maid; but then Welamo loved—Hamaha, and Hamaha loved Welamo. He was a tall young brave with a great dark eye that glowed as the eagle's, and when he sped through the forest, the wariest fox could catch no warning from the quick, noiseless step of the moccasins. His youth had given small scope to the play of the broad, handsome muscles; but, still, they promised deeds of daring that should resound from the vast woods of the North to the warm southern waters.

Hamaha came before mighty Wawanosh, and modestly asked for the hand of his daughter. But pride filled the old warrior's breast; and his voice broke forth and thundered, like the black clouds massed in the heavens of April.

"Son of Moka, dost thou know what thou wouldst have of me, the illustrious chief of this nation? From the distant land of the rising sun came my fathers. The scalps I have taken are many, as the shells washed on the shore of Superior. The strongest wind cannot turn the point of my arrow, nor outstrip me in pursuit of the terrified enemy. Many a haughty warrior, worthier than thou, would venture his life for the hand of the daughter of peerless Wawanosh. Curb, then, thy presumption; and think not of so matchless an honor, until, around every campfire in the tribes of the Lakes, shall resound thy name, thy feats of daring."

The deep voice sank, but the echoes bore onward the harmony through the silvan recesses, until it was lost in the whispers of nightfall. The hot blood surged to the face of Hamaha, but he said not a word. Coldly he bowed, and withdrew. Then he gathered his young comrades about him, and spoke of the deeds of prowess the future should give them, how with their aid he would win the scalps of the foes. He replenished his quiver with arrows, sharpened the edge of the tomahawk, and sought a last interview with Welamo. They met on the edge of a woodland stream that mournfully babbled and gurgled

low to itself, as it crept on its way and mingled afar in the foam-crested waves, that came booming in and swept high up the beach. There passionately he poured forth his story, so sad for the past, yet so sweet for the distant future, how his blood had boiled when Wawanosh had spoken so slightingly of him, how he was resolved to leave for the wild western region, never to return unless fame heralded his coming and proved to all the might of his valor. But she bent her dark head and softly wept, foolish maiden. She hated the future, and wanted the present to last forever and ever. He struggled hard against his rising feelings, to impart consolation, and painted a still brighter picture of what would certainly happen. So, little by little, the sobs became lighter; and suddenly she threw up her head, and merrily laughed while the tears were yet falling, as the rainbow smiles on the earth in the warm shower of springtime. Saddest of all came the parting. Then, he sprang over the brook, stood for a moment beneath a lofty hemlock, and plunged into the forest.

For many a moon nothing was heard of Hamaha. Perhaps, he lay buried under the golden leaves of the autumn; perhaps the great Mississippi rolled majestically over him. Welamo hoped against hope, without ceasing to breathe for him daily a gentle prayer to the Great Spirit. At last, came from the far West a fleet runner, he sped to the wigwam of Wawanosh, and there delivered his message. And he said that he thought Hamaha still was living. A blush of crimson stole to the brown cheek of the warrior's daughter, and hope reigned in her bosom. Before five suns had set, rumor proclaimed boldly the success of the mighty young chief from the Superior; and his deeds were recounted from the grand western river to the shore of far-away Erie. One beautiful night, when the dome of the heavens was lighted with its countless torches, a messenger sprang from the depths of the forests, aroused the camp and related the exploits of a battle that when he left, was still raging. Hamaha had borne on the foe, and swept all before him; and the enemy had fallen, as the grain at the harvest. Then, Wawanash called his tribe to witness, and swore that the gallant victor should have the hand of his daughter whenever he claimed it. And Welamo tenderly wept for joy overwhelming, and her heart yearned for her lover. But fearless Hamaha lay at that moment cold, silent, and peaceful; for to the happy hunting-ground had flown the great warrior's spirit.

When the sad news reached the camp,

softly they told her how a fatal arrow had pierced the breast of her lover in the hour of triumph; how they bent pityingly over as his lifeblood ebbed away, and the words faintly came, as the sweet breath of evening kindly touched the stern visage, "Welamo! Hereafter! Welamo!" Under the tall hemlock, where so many moons before they had parted, he was laid to sleep, and here Welamo lingered from dawn until nightfall. But, on one of June's rarest days, the tiny brook cried and moaned low to itself, and none heard it, for the fairest silvan flower that bloomed by Superior's waters had faded, and perished. Yet, Hamaha has Welamo.

C. E. L.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The programme of events for commencement week is as follows, in addition to the usual hours for inspection of museums:

Thursday, June 11th, 8 p. m. Agricultural Jubilee, in Barnes Hall, for invited guests only.

Saturday, June 13th, 8 p. m. Prize Debate, by Seniors of the School of Law, in Barnes Hall.

Sunday, June 14th, 3:30 p. m. The Baccalaureate sermon, by the Rt. Rev. H. C. Potter, D. D. LL. D., in Gymnasium Hall. 7:30 p. m. Anniversary of Cornell University Christian Association in Barnes Hall.

Monday, June 15th, 4 p. m. Address before the Society of Sigma Xi, by Dr. Thurston, in Barnes Hall. 8 p. m. Concert by University Glee Club, at Wilgus Opera House.

Tuesday, June 16th, 2:30 p. m. Class Day Exercises at Gymnasium Hall. 4:30 p. m. Class Day Exercises on the Campus. 9 p. m. Senior Reception at Gymnasium Hall.

Wednesday, June 17th, 9 a. m. Annual meeting of the board of Trustees in Morrill Hall. 10 a. m. Annual business meeting of the Alumni in Library Hall, 12 m. Unveiling of the Nevius memorial window, in Sage Chapel. 3:30 p. m. Reunion of the class of '86 in Barnes Hall, of the Class of '81 in Library Hall, of the Class of '76 at Ithaca Hotel, and of the Class of '91 at Ithaca Hotel. 8 p. m. Woodford prize speaking in Gymnasium Hall.

Thursday, June 18th, 9 a. m. The Twenty-third Annual Commencement, in Gymnasium Hall. The procession of Trustees, Officers of Instruction, Alumni, and Undergraduates will form in front of Morrill Hall at 9:15 a. m. 1 p. m. University Banquet.

Cornell Verse.

THE BASIS OF KNOWLEDGE.

In olden time, so I have heard,
A student came to ask a word
Of Doctor Faust, with due submission ;
To ask this sage with all good grace
In what consists deep learning's base ;
Said Doctor Faust : " Why, intuition."

In modern times at this we scoff ;
A student comes and asks a Prof. :
" Professor, hearken to my mission ;
I've come to ask with all good grace
In what consists deep learning's base ?"
Then speaks the Prof. : " Why, in tuition."

N.

SUNDAY.

(In Ithaca.)

'Tis Sunday ; all the world is stilled,
A calm breathes o'er the air ;
With tranquil peace my heart is filled,
Good will towards all I bear.
All nature rests ; the shrubs and trees
Add quiet to the day ;
I dream in happy, peaceful ease
With thoughts far, far away.
Ah, silence works a mighty charm
On such men as I am ;
No sound—But what's that wild alarm ?
" *El mi i ra Tele-gra a m.*"

B. N.

TOBACCO.

Tobacco, tobacco,
Weed of all weeds,
What a deal of contentment
From thee proceeds.
Old smokers and young ones
Bow to thy sway
Both Old World and New One
Serve thee to-day.

K. F. R.

PULL DOWN THE BLINDS.

Her eyes ? They're pathos, longing, love ;
Filled full with tender thoughts they roll.—
Two lovely orbs are peeping forth
From out the windows of her soul.
No grander beauty will you find
Though should you search from pole to pole.—
Her face—her form—but ah, her eyes,
Those wondrous windows of her soul.
One fault, and but one fault alone ;
Her shoe has got a tiny hole,—
Two lovely toes are peeping forth
From out the " windows" of her sole.

X.

THE POINT OF VIEW.

When the students stamp applause
There is thought sufficient cause
For instructor to protest,
Showing how absurd, at best,
Is the custom widely known
In college slang as " coming down."
Student stands before the glass,
O'er his face his fingers pass ;
There is but a token there
Of approaching growth of hair,
Still a smile replaces frown ;
He is proud of *coming down*.

W. P. B.

NATURALLY.

There was a young student, a fellow not prudent,
Who knew that to pass his exams—well, he couldn't.
" My friend, what's transpiring ?" some person in-
quiring,
Received for an answer, " Why *I* am transpiring."

SOPHROSUNE.

Sophrosune, goddess wise
Of Grecian birth from Grecian skies
With thee our praises e'er shall ring,
Sophrosune's virtues sing.

K. F. R.

CORNELL MAGAZINE.

The last number of the *Cornell Magazine* for the current year, while not one of the best the year has produced, contains some very interesting matter. Lieutenant Canaga, furnishes the first article, "A Cruise aboard the U. S. Flagship Lancaster," which carries the reader along the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, and thence nearly around the world, giving many graphic pictures of life aboard a U. S. man-o-war.

A. E. Hoyt; essay on Samuel Johnson, is a very finished as well as fascinating production. There is considerable personality, a style in Mr. Hoyt's writings, and he avoids the beaten track. An admirable short story is included in this number, called "A Wet Blanket," by Phillip Ogden. It is somewhat self-conscious at times, but the central idea is new, and the dialogue very amusing.

Miss Anna R. Brewster contributes an article upon "Sidney Smith and Religious Toleration," which is careful and thoughtful in its tone, and broad minded in its conclusions.

A pretty "Birthday Greeting," by M. M. A., is the only verse in this number.

In Here and There in the Library, one of the editors whose name is not signed, discusses the "Burke's Peerage" of the colleges—Baird's recent edition of his work on College Fraternities. It is a delicate subject to handle in a college publication, but the writer threads his way cautiously among the rocks, and arrives safely at the conclusion that in time there will be enough fraternities to satisfy everybody, and that all will live together in beautiful unity.

 THE '92 CORNELLIAN.

The long awaited *Cornellian* of the class of '92 appears to-day and is sure to obtain a most cordial reception at the hands of the University and general public. The book is one which reflects great credit on its editorial board, its literary and artistic contributors and its publishers, Matthews, Northrup and Co., whose superior work was introduced in the '91 *Cornellian*. For the excellence of its typographical and general mechanical execution, it would be hard to bestow too much praise. The cover of the book, though durable and well designed, is not so pleasing in color as might be wished; and the enameled class colors do not show to advantage. A new departure in the interior of the book, is the arrangement of the classes by which the Law Seniors are given the precedence, the Fresh-

men the next place of honor, while the upper classes are assigned to the succeeding places. This is, however, rendered necessary by the clever series of full page illustrations opposite each class page, depicting the smooth and rough passages in the progress of a student from his Freshman to his Senior year. The text accompanying these illustrations, consists of a series of letters and reflections that are novel and entertaining. A curious omission in the book is that of the list of Juniors in Law.

The artistic work on the whole is remarkably good and the photographic reproductions are very well done. The grinds are very numerous, amusing and direct, and have as their objects nearly all those of old, including the Sage, James and members of the Faculty and student body who have achieved prominence during the past year in one way or another. The book is appropriately dedicated to Mr. Henry W. Sage, of whom an excellent biographical sketch and photograph are given. The prizes for literary work were awarded as follows:

First prize to K. F. Rubert, '90. Second prize to T. D. Davis, '91. Honorable mention to D. S. Tuttle, L. S. '92. The prize for artistic work was awarded to D. R. Collin, '94, with honorable mention of F. C. Draper, '93. On the whole the book is one which marks a great advance on all previous *Cornellians* and it is fully deserving of all the success that it will doubtless attain.

 THE CREW BENEFIT.

In order that sufficient money may be secured for the support of the Navy, a Crew Benefit is to be given by the Masque, and no pains are being spared by the members to furnish a fine entertainment at their matinee performance in Commencement week. After their brilliant appearance last fall, there is no reason to doubt that those who go will be amply repaid and at the same time have the satisfaction of having substantially helped the crew. The Masque bids fair to be a permanent institution here, filling a long felt want in the University, and it should be recognized as such and patronized as a college organization. The management has shown good taste in selecting the plays for the coming entertainment; seldom has such a bright, witty programme been set upon an Ithaca stage. There will be three short plays, "Hearing and Believing," "Sunset" and "Cussedness of Life," all of which are pieces of the first order. Those who attended "Instructor Pratt" will

be glad that "Hearing and Believing" is on the list, as it elicited so much praise at that time. The cast of this play will be much the same as before. The management has gone to a great expense in securing this entertainment and especially in arranging with a New York firm for a cooling apparatus for the opera house in case of extreme warm weather. Tasty souvenir programmes will be given; music will be furnished by the Orchestral Club. In consideration of the many events of the week the tickets will be only 75 cents throughout the house. Tickets will be on sale at Finch's, Monday June 15, at nine o'clock, and the plays will be rendered Wednesday afternoon, June 17th.

Sage Chapel.

Rev. T. Edwin Brown, D. D., Baptist, of Philadelphia will preach the next sermons before the University. Dr. Brown's first pastorate was in Brooklyn. He was then called to the pastorate of the Second Baptist Church of Rochester; and subsequently, to the First Baptist of Providence, R. I., which is the church connected with Brown University. He is now pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Philadelphia. He never fails to impress his audience as a profound thinker, and eloquent preacher.

Cornelliana.

—Leave orders for Commencement ERAS with Andrus & Church. 10 cents a copy.

—The tower of the new Library building is completed.

—Several students took a walk to Watkins, Decoration Day.

—The Berkeley Oval team are to be photographed by Evans.

—The work of tearing down the gymnasium annex has been begun.

—There will be no Junior Seminary in American History next year.

—Next Saturday evening occurs the first prize debate of the Law School.

—Miss Jane Meade Welsh lectured in Sage parlors last Wednesday afternoon.

—The next ball games are with John Hopkins and occur June 11th and 12th.

—Professor H. D. Williams, of the Art Department, sails for Europe next week.

—Last week two students were expelled and three suspended, all for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

—The Senior and Junior Civil Engineers return this afternoon from their two weeks survey down the lake.

—The Courses of Instruction together with an announcement of the School of Philosophy are ready for distribution.

—Cornell won both ball games with the Olympic nine on Monday and Tuesday, by scores of 12 to 3, and 11 to 3.

—The *Magazine* Board has chosen O. F. Emerson, as editor-in-chief, and L. D. Baldwin, '92, as business manager.

—The course in Physiology will be a three hour course in the fall term next year instead of a one hour course throughout the year.

—The *Crank* Board has organized for next year by electing C. H. Werner, '92, editor-in-chief, and A. H. Alberger, '93, as business manager.

—Professor Thurston has declined the invitation to deliver the Commencement Address at the Ohio State University on account of a previous engagement.

—The crews have been both making great improvement lately. Since the stirring up of last week the 'Varsity men have been working conscientiously and row in much better form.

—In the Intercollegiate contests at Berkeley Oval last Saturday Cornell secured one point, Horton, '92, getting third place in the 220 yard hurdles. This is the first point taken by Cornell.

—A schedule of courses in Bible Study has been made out for next year by the C. U. C. A. Eleven courses are offered, of which seven may be taken by beginners while the remaining four are for advanced students.

—The Commencement number of the ERA will contain full accounts of the Agricultural Banquet, Glee Club Concert, Sophomore Cotillon, Senior Ball, Class Day, Woodford Speaking, Prize Debate of the Law School, and all the Commencement exercises.

—The Athletic Council met last week and chose the following Managers for next year: Commodore, T. J. D. Fuller, '92; Baseball Manager, J. M. Bloss, '92; Football Manager, L. H. Galbreath, P. G.; Manager of Track Athletics, F. E. B. Darling, '93.

—The '93 *Cornellion* Board, in organizing, elected G. P. Witherbee, editor-in-chief and E. W. McGonigal, business manager. The Board decided to give two literary prizes, the

first \$15 and the second \$5; two artistic prizes, \$15, and \$5. For the best poem contributed \$5, and \$5 for the most satisfactory cut for the cover.

—Information is received of the formation of a Cornell Alumni Association in Pittsburg, Pa., to be known as the Cornell Alumni Association of Western Pennsylvania. The officers are as follows: President, Charles M. Thorp, Esq., '84; Vice-president, Grant McCargo, '87; Secretary and Treasurer, E. L. Elliott, '87; Executive Committee, Thorp, McCargo, Elliott, H. W. Fisher, '88, W. B. Scaife, '88. The Association intends to secure permanent quarters in the city within a short time.

—Hon. W. H. Sage, Professor H. S. White, Professor B. I. Wheeler, Professor A. W. Smith, Professor E. Hitchcock, Jr., R. H. Treman, T. J. D. Fuller, '92, J. M. Bloss, '92, L. H. Galbreath, P. G., F. E. B. Darling, '93, have been elected trustees of the Cornell Athletic Association for the ensuing year. The election of the four athletic delegates was deferred until the fall, the classes having failed to elect the directors at the spring elections. Hon. W. H. Sage was re-elected president of the association and Mr. R. H. Treman was re-elected graduate treasurer; and L. H. Galbreath was elected secretary for the ensuing year. Messrs. Sage, Galbreath, Darling and Professors A. W. Smith and Hitchcock were elected as the managing board for the ensuing year.

Personals.

'78. Ruth Putnam has been visiting at the home of Professor H. S. White during the past week.

'78. W. J. Wilcox, has recently been promoted from the position of General Foreman and Draughtsman of the South Carolina Railway, to that of Master Mechanic for the Charleston, Cincinnati & Chicago Railway.

'82. J. C. Wait has been in the city taking his examination for his second degree. He is instructor in Civil Engineering at Harvard.

'88. J. A. Leonard has been appointed Civil Engineer in charge of the Newburgh Water Works. Since graduation he has been connected with the office of Caldwell & Garrison, city engineers of that place.

'89. Bryant H. Blood is Secretary of the Pennsylvania Guarantee Loan Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., in which city Mr. Blood is now residing.

'89. H. L. Smith, L. S., was admitted to the bar in Madison, Michigan, last month, standing third in a class of twenty, of whom only ten succeeded in passing.

'90. W. H. Graves has been in the city the past week.

'91. M. J. Holmes has accepted a position in the Winona, Minnesota, State Normal School as a teacher in History and Civil Government and allied branches.

'93. W. B. Clark, has been called home on account of the serious illness of his mother.

The Era Crew Fund.

The following paid subscriptions have been received:

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Prof. H. Tuttle,.....	5 00	D. J. Gampp,.....	1 00
L. M. Wilson,.....	5 00	W. C. White,.....	1 00
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F. N. Barry,.....	5 00		
F. M. Black,.....	5 00	Total,.....	\$280 50
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A. Rose,.....	5 00	Total,.....	\$1801 05
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Department News.

PHYSIOLOGY—Geo. R. White and Geo. L. Broadhead, former Cornell students who took the Medical Preparatory work of the University, are about to graduate from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, and both have received hospital appointments as is usually the case with Cornell medical students.—Dr. John A. Cutter of New York recently examined the laboratory and museum and writes, "I have brought home such an enthusiastic opinion of Cornell that my father proposes to visit the institution in about two weeks to examine for himself that he may determine about my brother's contemplated course of study there."—Both this year and last, there has been insufficient time for the work in Physiology on account of its being a weekly exercise through three terms. This arrangement was made temporarily for the convenience of the courses in Psychology and Logic. Hereafter, as always prior

to last year, the Physiology will occur three times a week during the fall term and in that way, more hours will be available.—At the request of the Professor of Physical Culture, Professor Wilder intends hereafter to afford opportunity in the winter term for the study of certain parts of human anatomy, especially muscles from the manakin and from dissected adult limbs, preserved in alcohol, for those who are preparing under the direction of Dr. Hitchcock to become teachers of Physical Culture and gymnastics. These students will be prepared for this work by the course in Physiology in the fall term since considerable practical work is done upon the muscles and viscera of the cat. This will constitute a new course (9), counting three or four hours in the Department of Physiology and Invertebrate Zoology and it is thought may also be useful to some who are pursuing artistic studies involving knowledge of the organs which underlie the contours of the human body. This work is different, both in scope and purpose, from the technical and detailed study of the anatomy of the cat, of man, or of other forms included under courses 4 and 7.

C. U. C. A.—Bible study courses for next year: 1. General Old Testament Course. Outline Bible Study, including Bible History, Biography, Geography and Institutions. Professor Jacoby. 2. General New Testament Course. Similar to course 1. Professor Bristol. Courses 1 and 2 are introductory. 3. The Books of Samuel. Inductive (or critical) study. This class is for women only, and will meet on some week day. Mrs. President Adams. 4. The Book of Samuel. This class is for both women and men, and will meet on Sunday. Professor Hewett. 5. Life of Christ according to John. Inductive method. Mrs. Hooker. 6. Life and Character of Paul. Professor B. G. Smith. 7. Christ's Ethics. Professor C. M. Tyler. Courses 1 to 7 are offered for all students, but it will be found advantageous for those taking 3 to 7 to have gained the comprehensive knowledge of the Bible presented in courses 1 and 2. 8. Synoptic Gospels. Professor Burr. 9. Minor Prophets. Dr. Wheeler. 10. Critical Study of the Old Testament. Dr. Willcox. 11. Hebrew Poetry. Mrs. Professor A. W. Smith. Courses 8 to 11 are for advanced students. Final arrangements for entering these courses should be made with the several leaders. It would be a favor to the Bible Study Committee, if students intending to enter one of the classes next year would leave their names at Barnes Hall, or with one of the members of the committee. Please state the course, if possible; otherwise the preferred courses. It will be possible to make changes at the beginning of next year.

Among Our Exchanges.

TO — ASKING FOR MY PHOTOGRAPH IN RETURN FOR HER OWN PICTURE.

The likeness you have sent me
Will quickly fade;
Mere paper, with the tracings
Of sun and shade.

Nor will I mourn the day when I with it must part—
Is not your fair face graven forever on my heart?

The picture that you ask me
I would not send,
Dust-covered in a corner
Would be its end.

Is your own heart so crowded that you no place can spare?

What profits any photograph if there I have a share?
—*Columbia Spectator.*

THE WHOLE WORLD KIN.

The beauty throbbing from the waltz,
From bosom white and hair of night,
As from her lips a sweet laugh peals,
Sends splintered shafts of jeweled light.
'Tis the style in this modern age
When all over diamonds rage!

O'Reilly, panting from his run,
His leg does smack, and he makes air black,
As from the empire's decision he appeals
For ruling out his two-base whack.
'Tis the style in this modern age
When all over diamonds rage.

—*Red and Blue.*

Book Reviews.

THE ESSENTIAL USES OF THE MOODS IN GREEK AND LATIN. By Robert C. Keep. Boston: Ginn & Co. 1891.

This little pamphlet has been out of print for about two years, during which time a new edition has been in course of preparation. Its popularity, always great, will now be increased by its improved appearance, and by the numerous additions which have been made, among which we may mention the numerous references to the Latin and Greek grammars in general use. The work forms a valuable companion to the grammar and handbook for the constructions of Latin and Greek syntax.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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THE Junior members of this year's Board of Editors follow the precedent established by former ERA Boards in issuing this Commencement number. We believe this is a custom that deserves to be maintained, and it is so well understood at Cornell, that no apology is needed or expected for the appearance of a Commencement issue. The Senior editors are thus left free to enjoy the pleasure of a well earned week's festivities with classmates and friends before the final separation from their beloved Alma Mater. What thoughts are theirs none but those in a like situation could fittingly tell, and it therefore does not become mere fledging Seniors to attempt it. As Jun-

ior members of the ERA Board, however, the compilers of this souvenir number cannot refrain from extending to the retiring Senior members, as well as to the entire Senior class, sincere felicitations for their future continued health, wealth and wisdom. May they as worthy sons and daughters of Cornell acquit themselves, as is expected of those with such responsibilities. *Salve et Vale!*

BACCALAUREATE SERMON.

Bishop H. C. Potter, D D., LL.D., of New York City, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, the 14th, addressing a great crowd in the armory. Front seats were reserved for the graduating class and the faculty, and at 3:30 the whole class marched in, preceded by President Adams and the distinguished preacher in robes of his office. Taking for his text the third chapter of Exodus, the eleventh and twelfth verses, the speaker expounded as his theme the noble and unique manliness of Moses, likening to him Lord Lawrence, David Livingstone, and Abraham Lincoln, all of whom had a high sense of the responsibility of their position under God. A most marked feature of modern commercial life in all the magnitude of its development, is the public demand for real integrity, as the quality of highest moment. Never before was there so deep a consciousness of the high stewardship of man, as now. Then, turning his attention more directly to the graduating class, the preacher recalled to their memory the fact that the 14th of June is the anniversary of the adoption of the flag of the Union, "our national symbol of patriotism, heroism and martyrdom," and urged that they be prepared to follow out these noble impulses under the leadership of Him who is the one great leader, Christ the Lord, relying for their strength on God.

LAW SCHOOL DEBATE.

On Saturday evening, the 13th instant, the first Law School Prize Debate, which is to be an annual affair, participated in by six men chosen from the Senior Law Class for excellence in moot court work, took place in Barnes Hall, before a large audience. The question

to be debated was: *Resolved*, That Congress should by appropriate legislation provide for the free coinage of silver. In the order of speaking the debaters on the affirmative were R. L. Maynard, C. B. Frenkel and I. G. Hubbs, and on the negative, J. B. Scovell, J. M. Gorham and E. R. O'Malley. The debate was, in general, very good, and the men all had different styles of delivery and treatment, varying from the quietly argumentative manner of Mr. Gorham, to the pleading and almost tender handling of the subject by Mr. Hubbs, and from the aptness and skill of Mr. Maynard and the impressiveness and clearness of Mr. O'Malley to the dash and fire of Mr. Frenkel and the historical deliberation of Mr. Scovell. Each speaker had two chances to talk, and then while the judges were out the Ithaca Orchestral Club rendered a selection. The Judges, Frank H. Hiscock, of Syracuse, John A. Reynolds, of Elmira, and Mynderse Van Cleef, of Ithaca, awarded first prize to Mr. Maynard, and second to Mr. O'Malley—a decision giving very general satisfaction.

AGRICULTURAL JUBILEE.

The celebration of the Jubilee of the Agricultural Association, which was held in Barnes Hall, on Thursday evening, June 11th, was the most unique banquet ever given at Cornell. The entire first floor was given up to the Association, and was decorated with plants from the conservatory, and grains and grasses from the University farm.

The reception committee, consisting of Mrs. C. K. Adams, Mrs. A. D. White, Mrs. I. P. Roberts, Mrs. H. H. Wing, and Mrs. L. H. Bailey, received the guests in the parlors at the east end of the building. The guests were limited to the members of the Association, the Agricultural Faculty and their wives, and the officers of the State Agricultural Society. The south dome had been fitted up as an exhibition room and in it were displayed models of agricultural machinery, grasses of various kinds, tropical fruits from the conservatory and mounted specimens from the insectary. Here about 9:30 the company assembled and the following reception program was presented:

Song, "The Chimes" Students.
Solo Mrs. A. W. Smith.
Address Prof. I. P. Roberts.
Flute Solo Harry Martin.

At the conclusion of this part of the program the company proceeded to the banquet, which had been prepared in the west dome. The tables had been arranged in the form of a horse shoe, and in the center of the room

were sheaves of wheat. Over the mantle piece a bank of evergreens had been formed and in this the figures '91, made with ears of corn, were placed.

The description of the program and the menu can be best given by the "explanation" which accompanies them. "The eatables served at this banquet, with the exception of sugar, salt and spices, were grown on the University farm and gardens, and were prepared for the caterer by the students of the College of Agriculture. The front cover of the program is oak, cut from the University farm, and the back cover is of hard pine used in the construction of various buildings of the department. The wool used in tying was sheared from a Shropshire in the farm flock, and the Raffia is that used in the Horticultural Department. In the case of some of the articles on the menu, students assisted in tilling the soil, sowing the seed, cultivating and harvesting the crop, feeding the stock and preparing it for consumption."

The banquet proper began about 10:30 with the following:

Master of Ceremonies Prof. I. P. Roberts.
Toastmaster Prof. L. H. Bailey.

Toasts.

Training and Farming Hon. A. D. White.
The University and the Farmer Pres. C. K. Adams.
Song, "Cornell" Students.
Our Early Problems Dr. G. C. Caldwell.
My Measure of an Education

W. Judson Smith, Sec'y State Agr'l Society.

What Shall I do with my Education
J. Van Wagenen, Jr.
Song, "Vive l'Amour" Students.
The Agricultural Association Chas. H. Royce.
Song, "The Old Farm at Cornell" Students.
Memories of the Farm

Hon. O. B. Potter, Pres. State Agr'l Society.

The Possibilities of an Agricultural Education
C. W. Matthews.
The Boy on the Farm J. E. Rice.
Song, "The Soldier's Farewell" Male Quartette.
Parting Address Prof. I. P. Roberts.
Song, "Alma Mater."

Letters of regret were read from Secretary Rusk and Assistant Secretary Willetts. Much credit is due the Association and especially the executive committee for the success of this first Jubilee Banquet.

SIGMA XI ADDRESS.

Owing to the excessive heat, only a small audience assembled in Barnes Hall at 4 p. m. Monday, to listen to the address before the Sigma Xi Society, by Professor Thurston. Professor Osborne, president of the local chapter, introduced President Adams, who spoke of the formation of Phi Beta Kappa as a liter-

ary society, in the early part of the century, and of its growth since that time. After the establishment of Cornell, the need of a similar society among scientific men was felt, and so here at Cornell, the Sigma Xi Society was formed in 1886. It is a part of the constitution of the society that once a year a meeting shall be held and an address delivered by one of its members. President Adams then introduced Professor Thurston, who spoke on "The Man of Science; His Methods and His Work." He declared the aim of all true men of science, to be the searching after truth for truth's own sake, and that in doing this he must bend all his energies and faculties, but do it in an honest, noble, inspiring manner. Steady, persistent, honorable work is what counts in the pursuit of knowledge. The speaker then showed the condition of scientific knowledge in the sixteenth century, and traced its gradual growth and expansion down to the present time, and closed by showing the grand possibilities open to scientific men in all branches in the present, and exhorted the members of Sigma Xi to press on to these labors with energy and determination.

SOPHOMORE COTILLION.

On Monday evening, immediately after the close of the Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs' concert, which was made rather shorter than usual, many of the audience made their way to the new bank building, in which the Sophomore Cotillion was to be held. The third and fourth floors were beautifully decorated with bunting, draped flags, evergreens and a profusion of many colored Japanese lanterns. On the third floor were the supper room and the Japanese room, in the latter of which a very artistic effect was produced by the many Japanese screens and lanterns scattered about. The fourth floor, which contained the ball room, was decorated in as beautiful a manner as the time and pains of the committee could devise. At the east end of the hall, upon a raised platform banked with palms, Gartland's orchestra furnished delightful music for the hundred or more couples who were present.

After a program of ten dances, during which supper was also served by Owens, of Utica, on the lower floor, the cotillion proper was commenced. This consisted of eleven numbers, four being favor figures. Many of these were new, and all were very pretty, the chariot and ribbon figures being especially pleasing, while the hurdle race was productive of much fun

and several falls. Every figure went off quickly, and without confusion, under the leadership of Mr. Ernest I. White, who was ably assisted in his task by the other members of the committee. Several pretty favors were given, the last being handsome, little, silver coffee spoons for all the ladies, and silver scarf pins for the gentlemen. Great praise is due to the committee, who by their hard work carried their venture to success. The committee consisted of the following Sophomores: Wells Smith Gilbert, chairman; Spencer L. Adams, ex-officio; Ernest I. White, leader; George V. Fowler, Abram T. Baldwin, George A. Rumsey, Jr., Ethel M. McGonigal, Guido H. Marx, Freeman C. Pond, Stanley C. MacNider.

CLASS DAY.

The intensely hot weather of the preceding days brought on a thunder storm that perceptibly diminished the attendance at the Class Day exercises on Tuesday. The enthusiasm of the class of '91 was not diminished, however, and they made the Armory ring with their yell, X-C-I, as they filed into the building for the indoor exercises to the inspiring strains from Gartland's band. When all were seated and quiet was had, heads were reverently bowed as Rev. A. S. Fiske lead in prayer; and then Louis Rouillion, the secretary, called the long roll. An occasional outburst of applause as the name of some popular classman, present or absent, was called, enlivened the proceedings, and after the orchestra had rendered a selection, President Beardsley introduced the class orator, Mr. M. I. Dunlap.

CLASS ORATION.

The oration by M. I. Dunlap was a striking effort, worthy of himself, having for its subject the "Ordinance of 1787." The opening paragraphs give the key to the whole oration, and they are as follows:

The Ordinance of 1787 has exerted a marvelous influence on our national history. Colonial jealousies had separated people by different nationalities, but [Englishman, German, Frenchman, Puritan, Catholic, Huguenot and Quaker met upon the national soil of the Northwest, married and intermarried, and with the blood of all nations in his veins was born a national citizen who owed allegiance to no foreign country, to no sovereign state—the first true American. Statesmen the most illustrious, warriors the most renowned in the past generation were Northwestern sons, just recipients of Lowell's worthy eulogy on Lincoln:

"For him the Old World moulds aside she threw,
And choosing sweet clay from the breast
Of the enchanted West,
With stuff untainted shaped a hero new."

The following paragraph gives the special application of the oration to the occasion :

"This document established a new system of non-sectarian education to be supported by governmental land grants and fostered by the state ; a system different from those of Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. Well has one said : 'The educational seeds sown in the broad western fields germinated, endured a half century's winter, and are now beginning to yield their perpetual succession of golden harvests throughout these extensive regions, and the fruits are even born back to the parent state which furnished the seed.'" The harvest is rich and plenteous, but there is one golden sheaf before which all others bow in reverent obeisance, and that sheaf is Cornell. The ripened grain was gathered by Ezra Cornell, bound by generous benefactors, but sprung from seed sown in the Northwest a century ago."

As Mr. Dunlap finished delivering his scholarly production, he received hearty applause, though the character of his oration was not a fitting one to arouse enthusiasm among a class about to leave Alma Mater, and thinking mostly of the parting from its halls.

Miss G. P. Taintor then read the class poem, which in legendary form, fittingly set forth thoughts of ideals appropriate to the occasion. The class essay was read by Miss O. R. Capron, who in an interesting manner told of the picturesque sides of the beginnings of student life at Cornell, bringing vividly to mind the contrasts between that time and the present.

B. W. Davis as memorial orator spoke of the fitness of the memorial hospital fund left by '91, whose benefits will be shared by all future classes, and preserve the memory of its givers. Then after a selection by the orchestra, J. W. Beardsley stepped forward to give his

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

After sketching the demands of the country for men of intelligence and worth, President Beardsley said : "More completely than any other institution, Cornell meets these demands. Her literary and technical courses differ only in name. If her technical courses attain to skill in hand alone they are failures, in harmfulness only surpassed by literary lines pursued from utilitarian reasons. Her reputation depends not upon extent of lands, equipments

of laboratories, breadth of curriculum, nor on the high attainments of the instructing body ; but upon the lives and deeds of students and alumni. * * * Members of the class of '91, there is a feeling in the public mind that to be a college graduate is to be a complete library, catalogued for ready reference,

'Bound in gorgeous cloth of gold,
In Morocco, rich and old,
Some in paper, plain and cheap,
Some in muslin, calf, and sheep
Volumes great and volumes small.'

The public is wrong. The title pages of our intellects remain unchanged. A few more leaves have been cut, a few more facts added ; but the great advantage of our college course has been to give us broader possibilities, nobler aspirations and higher ideals.

Classmates, it remains for us to guard the trust placed upon each one by our Alma Mater ; to show the higher possibilities within us ; to aid humanity in the battle against wrong. We may apply to ourselves the creed : our duty is to work ; our right is free investigation ; our satisfaction the establishment of truth, for the benefit of mankind ; our hope, knowledge ; our love, CORNELL."

This ended the exercises in the Armory, and adjournment was taken to the campus, the class marching in ranks two by two to the grove between Lincoln Hall and White Hall. Here the ivy was planted, and E. L. Phillips was introduced as the

IVY ORATOR.

His production was polished, and his delivery of it was in excellent voice. We give a few sentences to show its spirit :

We are too apt to overlook the importance of the part played by the imaginative and the poetic in life. Man consists not like the animal in physique of flesh and blood, but in a higher spiritual and emotional being. The cattle lie in the shady grove on the hillside and see only underbrush and trees, and hear only rustling foliage ; man calls the grove a leafy colonnade, fills it with the murmur of sweetest music, peoples it with the flitting forms of beautiful nymphs and fairies. The horse sniffs the rose and turns away because he cannot eat it ; man enjoys its beauty and its fragrance, makes it an emblem of the noblest passion, sees in its delicate petals the finger marks of an almighty Creator, and reads in its fading color the sublimest lesson of his short existence, and the nearness of eternity.

The four short years that have now passed form a momentous epoch in our lives ; and

the real ivy which we plant to-day is the recollections of those years with their fateful experiences and their happy scenes. Its branches and leaves are delicate and tender as yet, but you can see them even now. They are the events of our college days, which may seem, from this short distance prosaic indeed. * *

* * These are the leaves and branches of that ivy we plant to-day. It is small now, but it will not die. As the seasons come and go it will wax stronger and more beautiful, and its tendrils will cling with ever firmer hold to the cherished walls of our Alma Mater.

F. W. Smith read the class history, extolling the glories of '91 and laying claim to honors which no even classman could admit; J. T. Lewis foreshadowed the careers of some of his classmates; R. J. Kellogg presented the pipe to '92, represented by C. A. Duniway, who made reply; Alma Mater was sung; and then '91 dispersed, to pay the farewell visit to college halls.

SENIOR PROMENADE.

The preëminence of the Senior Ball among the social events at Cornell is unquestioned. All things lead up to it, and the success of the ball of last Tuesday evening contributed to maintain the supremacy. The committee had much to contend with in making preparations to receive their guests, owing to the severe thunder showers and the delays of the class day exercises, but despite the hurry of the work of decoration the armory was most attractive with its evergreens, flags, bunting, elegantly furnished boxes and colored lights. The boxes were hung in white, instead of the heavy rugs of the Junior, and the effect was to give an airiness to the decorations suited to the season of the year. The committee were unceasing in their efforts for the entire success of the ball, and due credit must be allowed to them. They were: Chairman, H. M. Wharton; R. F. Almirall, T. L. Lyon, F. A. Barton, J. del C. Muñoz, E. B. Bentley, Chas. Russell, C. Greene, C. H. Snider.

The large attendance of strangers from out of town was especially noticeable, as was also the non-attendance of any considerable number of students outside of fraternity boxes. These private booths were fourteen in number, seven in each end of the hall in semi-circles.

The middle box on the west end contained the patronesses who were as follows: Mrs. C. K. Adams, Mrs. W. T. Hewett, Mrs. E. Hitchcock, Jr., Mrs. E. K. Hooker, Mrs. S. B. Newbury, Mrs. Wm. H. Sage, Mrs. J. G. Schur-

man, Mrs. R. H. Thurston, Mrs. B. I. Wheeler, Mrs. A. D. White.

The list of fraternities in the order they occupied the boxes, with the names of members and guests present was as follows:

Phi Kappa Psi.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bentley, Springfield, N. Y.; Miss Tone, Berlin, N. Y.; Mrs. Crebs and Miss Crebs, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bissell, Miss Lucy Hoole and Miss Bissell, Buffalo; Mrs. Sperry, Miss Lewis and Miss Wells, Syracuse; Miss Moon, Geo. B. Baker, Cleveland, Ohio; E. B. Bentley, F. C. Bentley, F. O. Bissell, E. M. McGonigal.

Delta Phi.—Professor and Mrs. Jacob G. Schurman, Instructor John E. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Kane, Mrs. Hyde, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. and Miss Jones, Nanticoke, Pa.; Miss Stewart, Wellesley, '91; Miss Adams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Perry, Ithaca; Miss Pitts, Groton, N. Y.; Messrs. J. W. Beardsley, Louis Rouillion, G. S. Tarbell, A. J. Baldwin and C. H. Stoddard.

Phi Gamma Delta.—Mrs. J. E. Pond, Crown Point; Mrs. G. W. Seymour, Westfield; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Flint, Syracuse; Mrs. Capron, Boonville, N. Y.; Miss Seymour, Miss Guild, Westfield; Miss Benedict, Billings; Miss Ferguson, Canandaigua; Miss Capron, Miss Connor, Miss Sechrist, Miss Ball, Miss Caldwell, Miss Tyler, Miss Pyle, Miss Lena Crissey, Jamestown; T. L. Lyon, F. C. Caldwell, R. E. Danforth, C. C. Huestis, L. E. Ware, C. J. Seymour, F. P. Hazleton, H. D. Howe, F. C. Pond.

Beta Theta Pi.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Clephane, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. General Lewis, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. S. H. Miller, Doylestown, O.; Mrs. E. Olmsted, Galesburg, Ill.; Mrs. W. H. Dunlap, Greenfield, O.; Mrs. S. F. Smith, Barre, Mass.; Mrs. C. W. Cosad, Waterloo, N. Y.; Miss Newbrook, Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Clephane, Washington, D. C.; Miss French, Buffalo, N. Y.; Miss Fraser, La Salle, Ill.; Miss Smith, Miss Brock, Miss McLaughlin, Miss Cosad, Mr. Fred Lewis, Mr. L. P. Clephane, Mr. E. W. Olmsted, Mr. Fred Miller, Mr. W. G. Newbrook, Mr. Irwin Dunlap, Mr. Willard Austin.

Chi Psi.—Mrs. Almirall, Miss Almirall, Miss O'Donohue, Brooklyn; Mrs. Knowles, Miss J. S. Knowles, Albany; Mrs. Doolittle, and Mrs. Fuller, of Washington; Miss King, Owego; J. A. Almirall, R. F. Almirall, J. C. McMyynn, W. G. Doolittle, T. J. D. Fuller, E. A. Warner, W. D. Young, H. C. Palmer, E. W. Brown, C. P. Knowles, Delahanty.

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Mr. Ogden's Private Box.—Mrs. Ogden and Miss Ogden, Woodfords, Me.; Miss F. E. Bennets, Ogontz, Pa.; Miss Fuertes, Ithaca, H. Ogden, and Phillip Ogden.

Theta Delta Chi.—Mrs. Professor Smith, Miss O'Shea, Miss Ryan, Miss Taylor, Miss Wells, Mr.

C. A. Cleaver, J. F. Baker, P. A. Newton, F. L. Conard, E. C. Haggett.

Delta Kappa Epsilon.—A. C. Field, C. L. Etheridge, C. A. Snider, M. O. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips, Fremont, O.; L. B. Keiffer, O. C. Snider, F. J. Hamilton, Miss Andrus, Cleveland, O.; Miss Florence Hamilton, Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Meech, Miss Mayo, Miss Sherwood, Buffalo; Miss Sherman, Boston.

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Alpha Delta Phi.—Mrs. H. C. Potter, Jr., Miss Clara C. McClure, Saginaw Mich.; Miss Lorraine E. Melvin, Miss Harriet R. Howell, Toledo, O.; Mrs. C. P. Easton, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. A. W. Pray, Albany, N. Y.; Miss Jones, Binghamton, N. Y.; Mrs. H. C. Hall, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stagg, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Bertha Evans, Paterson, N. J.; Miss Swinton, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Senator and Mrs. Henry Russel, Miss Hotchkiss, Albany, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bailey, Miss Edith S. Dupignac, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Darling, Troy, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lozier, Cleveland, O.; Miss Hinman, Dunkirk, N. Y.; Miss Griswold, Binghamton, N. Y.; Miss Doherty, Cincinnati, O.; E. C. Bailey, H. Russell, R. H. White, J. L. Hall, C. Russell, I. B. Easton, W. L. Colt, A. T. Baldwin, L. R. Stagg, A. J. Hamilton, W. B. Tobey, M. Hoopes, R. L. Gifford, F. E. B. Darling.

Among others present were, President Adams, The Hon. Henry W. Sage, Professor and Mrs. Thurston, Professor and Mrs. Fuentes, Professor and Mrs. Hart, Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Treman, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Treman, Mrs. Fay, of New York; Miss Ellis, '90, Miss Foote, Miss Manchester, Miss Davis, Miss Weller, Miss Taylor, Miss Thurston, Miss Robertson, Miss Stanford, Miss Briggs, Mrs. Wm. Andrus and the Misses Andrus, Miss Whitney, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Kephart, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Platt, Mrs. Morris Tyler and Miss Mary Lee, of Binghamton; Gen. Barnes, of New York; Mrs. Gheen, Westchester, Pa., Mr. Henry Altman, '73, Buffalo; Mr. Frank Land, '86, Syracuse; Mrs. Clinney and Miss Roe, Binghamton; Miss Barnes, Syracuse; Miss Hitt and Etta Wallace, Chicago; Mr. Irving Fay, Mr. Nelson Macy, S. E. Hitt, J. del Muñoz, S. C. MacNider, T. D. Monfort, E. Fitts, F. B. Cowan, H. D. Gibbs, H. D. Yates, W. S. Gilbert, J. S. Anthony, P. E. Clark, C. A. Wheelock, R. O. Meech, L. C. Jackson.

THE NEVIUS MEMORIAL.

The ceremonies at the unveiling of the memorial window in Sage Chapel to Nevius, '90, were held Wednesday at 12 o'clock, and were attended by the Trustees in a body, who adjourned their meeting for that purpose, by the family of the heroic young man in whose honor the window was provided, and by a considerable number of visitors and students. The occasion was a most impressive one, and we print the entire program. Ex-President White's address was the special feature of the exercises, dealing with the various memorials in the chapel and their fitness. The following is the

PROGRAMME.

1. Voluntary from Cherubini's Requiem,
Mr. Philip Ogden.
2. Invocation.
3. Introduction, by the Director of the College of Civil Engineering, of Mr. J. W. Beardsley, the President of the Senior Class, who will present the Memorial to the University.
4. Unveiling of the Memorial to the University.
5. Music: "Integer Vitae,"
The University Glee Club.
6. Address by the Hon. Andrew D. White, LL.D.
7. Chant: "Trust in God,"
The University Glee Club.
8. Formal Acceptance of the Memorial, in behalf of the Trustees, by the President of the University.
9. Benediction.
10. Final Voluntary, from Mendelssohn, "O, Rest in the Lord," *Mr. Philip Ogden.*

The double window which formed the subject of these ceremonies, was designed and executed by Messrs. Cox Sons, Buckley & Co., of London, England. It represents in the south half, St. Vincent de Paul: and in the north half, John Howard, with accessories symbolical of the labors of Humanity to which each gave his life. Under the figures is the following inscription:

"In Memory of Edward Scribner Nevius, a Student of the University, who lost his Life in the Effort to rescue a Stranger from drowning. He was born January 9, 1869, and died December 12, 1888. His Fellow Students in the College of Civil Engineering remembering his Noble Life and Heroic Death erect this Memorial."

"Whosoever shall lose his Life shall preserve it." Luke XVII, 33.

"Greater Love hath no man than this, that he lay down his Life for his Friends." John XV, 13.

THE WOODFORD CONTEST.

The twenty-first annual contest for the Woodford prize in Oratory, was held last evening in the Armory. The contest, which was participated in by five members of the Senior class was pronounced by all to be one of the best contests ever held.

The first speaker was Jared Van Wagenen, Jr., on "The Policy of the United States toward Canada." Mr. Van Wagenen's oration was a strong attack upon the American policy of restriction. His voice, though strong, did not possess a large compass, his general bearing upon the stage was good, and his gestures, though few in number, were natural and graceful. Mr. Van Wagenen was the recipient of a beautiful basket of flowers from the Agricultural Association, as a mark of the honor which he as a technical man had won in securing a place in a contest where the speakers were chosen entirely upon the literary merits of their productions.

The second speaker was Jot Salisbury Waterman, and his subject, "Henry Ward Beecher in England." Mr. Waterman gave an excellent description of the position of Beecher among the world's orators by reason of his tour in England. His stage presence was easy and his gestures natural. His manner was earnest but unsuitable facial movements detracted from the general effect.

The last speaker before the intermission was Theron Dexter Davis, and his subject "Wendell Phillips and the XIIth Amendment." His voice was good, but his movements and postures were awkward, and his gestures rather mechanical.

After a selection by the orchestra, Robert James Kellogg spoke on "America and the African Liquor Trade." Mr. Kellogg described the abolition of the slave trade and deprecated the introduction of an agency which was working far more harm to the natives than slavery. Mr. Kellogg had an earnest manner and his voice was smooth and strong, but at times rather monotonous, and the general effect was injured somewhat by a too rapid delivery.

The last speaker of the evening was Olin Myers Farber, upon "The Puritan and Cavalier in America." His voice was in the main good, his bearing easy, his gestures natural, and the general effect of his speaking excellent.

At the close of Mr. Farber's oration the committee, consisting of President George T. Winston (Cornell, '74), of the University of North Carolina, Professor Francis M. Burdick and Gen. Alfred C. Barnes of Brooklyn, re-

tired and in a few moments reported that without discussion they had unanimously decided to award the prize to Olin Myers Farber, of Belleville, O. Below we print his oration in full:

Since the birth of our republic, two forces have been moulding its character and shaping its destiny. It is significant that the impulse of these forces has emanated from the Puritan and the Cavalier.

The Cavalier sprang from chivalry, the brightest flower of feudalism. The child of royalty, he adhered to hereditary caste and sustained the royal prerogative. His ideas of liberty were limited to irresponsible buoyancy, unreasoning wantonness and knightly gallantry. The Puritan was born of free thought and action. His liberated conscience rebelled against the three hoary heads of despotic power—*prerogative, patriciate, and priestcraft*. Law and royalty was the principle of the Cavalier; law and liberty that of the Puritan.

In the Cavalier are embodied those traits which characterize the "gentleman"—loyalty, courtesy, valor, personal honor and a warm geniality. "He," indeed, "knew how to live gracefully, to fight stoutly, and die honorably." He faced pleasure and death alike with the same smiling front, the same unflinching enthusiasm. The Puritan character is an example of plain, rugged, but real manhood—the incarnate conscience of his time. His creed read—"faith in God, faith in man, faith in works"; his policy, first pure and then peaceable; his maxim, all men's good is each man's rule. But to him belong the defects of his virtue and the roughness of his strength. History paints him a sombre, ungraceful figure with the ungenial face of austerly, void of the gentle refinements of thought and speech and the delicate colorings of politeness. He is too affirmative to be sympathetic, too intensely practical to appreciate the aesthetic, too deeply engrossed in intense consciousness of supernal relations to tolerate the pleasure-loving spirit of mankind. Such are the characters—strengthened by Angle and Saxon, polished by Frank and Norman—that founded our republic.

With cheers the world greeted the American Republic. But the *American* was yet to come. Enlisted in the common cause of revolution, the chivalrous Cavalier of Virginia stood shoulder to shoulder with the sturdy Puritan of New England—Washington, Jefferson, Lee; Adams, Green, Allen. Feeling the need of a national government, each contributed his strength of statesmanship in the formation of

the constitution. But by neither issue were they united. Each becoming attached to the climate coherent with his energies, clung to hereditary traits and effected separate developments. The Cavalier based his development upon *caste*. He deemed poverty and labor the brands of inferiority. His policy was property for the few, education for the wealthy, labor for the slave. This made of every southern planter a feudal lord and crushed the rise of a middle class, leaving master and slave alone until the web of despotism was complete. The Puritan based his development upon the *home*. With him caste was the only outcast; poverty no disgrace; "the true lord the laborer, the true laborer the lord." He made of every hearthstone a school of liberty. Thus his spirit of progress built factory, foundry and church, established schools and colleges, produced great thinkers, generals and statesmen. Free thought and labor brought forth Garrison and Phillips; caste and serfdom, Hayne and Calhoun. From the beginning the respective interests of North and South led to different interpretations of the constitution. Animated by the issue of slavery, interests widened into opinion; opinion developed into argument; and argument culminated in that masterly debate known as "the battle of the giants." Upon the relative function of state and national government Webster met in matchless eloquence the champion of the South. Ah! there was one government—two divisions, one constitution—two interpretations, one people—two sections.

Individualism had now widened into sectionalism. And when a republic falls into sectionalism there remains but one step to ruin. The North and South armed alike with power, eloquence and the strength of resources, would yield no concession, make no compromise. The only arbiter was war. It was inevitable. It was *well*. For it established the fact that each state is subordinate to the nation. It freed the slave and raised him to the dignity of citizenship. It broke partition-walls, thereby allowing the Northern industry and progress to enter the South and the Southern sympathy and geniality to permeate the North. It dissolved sectional discords and set the sentiments of a divided and antagonistic people flowing in currents of conciliation and peace. It facilitated the complete fusion of Puritan and Cavaliers and thereby made possible the formation of a national character.

A national character, which must embody all the virtues and forces dominant in the nation, has not yet reached the masses; but

the type has appeared. It is found in him—who, as has been well said, "from the union of Puritan and Cavalier, from the straightening of their purposes and the crossing of their blood, stands as the first typical American; the first who comprehended within himself all the strength and gentleness, all the majesty and grace of this republic—Abraham Lincoln. He was the sum of Puritan and Cavalier; for in his ardent nature were fused the virtues of both, and in the depths of his great soul the faults of both were lost. He was greater than Puritan, greater than Cavalier, in that he was American." After this ideal, we are to build with reverent hands the real American.

Throughout history institutions register the extent to which national forces have been operative. In the development of our institutions the Puritan and Cavalier stand respectively for progress and conservatism; and as such the energies of each can be clearly traced like the metallic threads of an ancient tapestry which impart to it of their strength as well as of their sheen. The Puritan has been the element of advancement, the Cavalier when antagonistic, the necessary check. "Not necessary"? Because friction retards the motion of a machine is it therefore not necessary? The world moves by opposites. This law exists in the nature of all matter, of all force. Consider a shooting star, a sweeping hurricane, a religious reformation, a political revolution; each is but the manifestation of a conflict between two forces—one tending to produce change, the other to resist it—the result of which is progress. Cavalierism, sensitive to the influence of the past, clung to its dark inheritance and would have doomed the world for a longer time to the curse of caste and serfdom; but Puritanism, seeing the need of reform, plunged forward to secure it, facing every peril—yea, sacrificing life itself to confirm its principle of ideal right. The result was progress, though it cost one million of men and four billion of money; but it swept from the nation the curse of iniquity and to-day—

"There are domes of white blossom
Where spread the white tent,
There are plows in the way
Where the war wagons went,
There are songs
Where they lifted up Rachel's lament."

But by the fusion of Puritan and Cavalier, by the crossing of their interests and the blending of their virtues the ideas and energies of each have become reconciled, and unite to form a public opinion which, conserving the wisdom and experience of the past, goes

forth on its mission of reform. Progress setting out on the path of development now takes the hand of her conservative friend—and the growth of our republic becoms like that of nature. Reforms no longer mean the marshalling of armies on the field of battle. If our constitution ceases to express the will of the people, it is amended. If a change in the social organism be necessary, it comes as gently as an Arctic summer night breaks into dawn.

One by one the elements discordant with national unity are being dissolved. At the grave of Georgia's loyal-hearted son Puritan and Cavalier meet; and as the warm hand clasps the energetic one, the North feels the new life, the South beholds her possibilities. Then "the mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battle field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land," are "touched by the better angels of their nature" and the voices of each blend in one grand anthem, and each bears a part in the nation's great harmony. In both North and South education is elevating the masses and labor becomes more dignified. A broad sense of ethical relations awakens new interest in current thought and life. Patriotism is softening prejudice and loyalty is supplanting intolerance. The result—how evident!

Aided, therefore, by these living, growing influences, the energies of Puritan and Cavalier still continue to be the vital forces of the nation. They beat in every pulse of the nation's life and immortalize their forces in the building of a national character, charging it with the purpose and dignity of an ideal republic. They are woven and interwoven in the fabric of our commonwealth, giving it strength, permanence, and an individuality which two centuries of unrestricted emigration have not essentially changed. Thus will the energies of Puritan and Cavalier continue to quicken the life of the nation and stimulate the fibers of the republic, increasing with the growth and expanding in ever widening circles as the influence of the nation shall expand until our free institutions become the common inheritance of the world.

—The Masque's performance yesterday afternoon was only fairly well attended, and so yielded but a small sum for the crews. Special mention is to be accorded to Misses Mayo and Sherwood, and to Messrs. Gill and Macafferty for their clever acting.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the alumni, held in Library Hall this morning, was attended by about fifty voters. In the absence of President Branner, Vice-President Crandall was called to the chair. The Cornell Central Club committee reported slow progress in raising funds for the Alumni Hall, having only \$3,000 contributed by eighty-three alumni. They asked for instructions, and after considerable discussion, were instructed to proceed with the subscription, and push the matter among the alumni. The report of Trustee Kerr showed the University in a prosperous condition, the income of the University being \$360,000 for the year. It called attention to the raising of salaries of associate professors to maintain a high standard, to the prosperity of the Law School and the intention to lengthen that course to three years when the building shall be done. He declared that "Cornell will never be permitted to become simply a great trade school, nor will her technical courses ever be willfully stunted." A resolution was introduced deprecating the recent increases in tuition, which was made a special order for the next meeting, and a committee was appointed to fully canvass the matter meanwhile and report next year. The poll for Trustee showed 533 votes for R. H. Treman, with three scattering, and he will succeed Mynderse Van Cleef. G. T. Winston, '74, was elected President for the next year, and Messrs. Hewett, Harris and Hibbard were re-elected respectively Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

TRUSTEE MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened yesterday morning at ten o'clock, and after a short session adjourned in a body to attend the Nevius memorial services. In the afternoon they met again and transacted much general routine business. There were also matters of general interest. Among them were the election of Charles E. Hughes, of New York, as Professor of Law to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Burdick, and the confirmation of W. A. Finch as Assistant Professor of Law. Andrew Carnegie and Geo. R. Williams were re-elected trustees to succeed themselves. The date for the dedication of the new Library was set for October 8th, and George William Curtis is to be asked to deliver the address. Ex-President White submitted a plan by which all the University roads are to be thoroughly improved

by the most approved methods, showing in different sections the worth of the various systems, thus taking the lead in road improvement in the State. Professors Fuertes, Roberts, and Bailey were designated a committee to perfect the plans. The Trustees present from out of town were Gov. A. B. Cornell, Orlando B. Potter, W. J. Kerr, Frank H. Hiscock, Gen. A. C. Barnes, and Judge A. S. Draper.

CORNELLIANA.

—The University Banquet will be held today at one o'clock in Sage dining-rooms, concluding the circle of Commencement exercises.

—The Sophomore Cotillion Committee wish it to be announced that a number of souvenir spoons are remaining on hand to be disposed of.

—The History and Political Science Association prize of \$50 for the best essay on "Electoral Corruption" has been awarded to C. C. Dickinson, '91.

—The annual concert of the Glee and Banjo Clubs is a fixture, as a popular musical and social success at Cornell, and the concert last Monday evening was no exception to the rule. Commencement guests were present in large numbers, and they particularly appreciated the music furnished by the clubs. As usual, comic songs called forth the heartiest applause, though nearly every selection received an encore. The mandolin club's delicate playing was the choice feature of the program.

—The crews left for New London yesterday morning. The names and positions of the Freshman eight were as follows: R. B. Daggett, bow; W. H. Dole, No. 2; F. S. Root, No. 3; W. H. Dunham, No. 4; A. H. Place, No. 5; T. Hall, No. 6; E. G. Gilson, No. 7; W. G. Kranz, stroke; T. S. Clark, coxswain; S. D. Higley, substitute. The positions of the 'Varsity are somewhat uncertain, but the men will probably be seated in the race thus: W. Young, bow; T. W. Hill, No. 2; E. A. Griffith, No. 3; C. J. Barr, No. 4; G. F. Wagner, No. 5; G. P. Witherbee, No. 6; A. W. Marston, No. 7; H. A. Benedict, stroke; E. P. Allen, coxswain; with F. W. Kelley and J. M. Wolfe substitutes. The Freshmen race on Saturday next and the 'Varsity on the 25th. Cornell awaits with confidence the result of the contests, for both crews are strong.

—Among distinguished Cornellians attending Commencement we are glad to greet Dr. Geo. T. Winston, who has been lately elected President of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Winston was a member of the class of 1874, and an instructor in Mathematics in 1874-75; he was then elected to the chair of Latin and German in the University of N. C., which position he ably filled until 1885 when he was chosen Professor of Latin Language and Literature. He is one of the leading educators in the South and represents that type of manhood to whom all educational institutions of the New South owe their new life and rapid advancement

NINETY-ONE GRADUATED.

This (Thursday) morning saw the Armory again filled by a crowd composed of the graduating class, the Trustees, Faculty, a scattering of undergraduates, and large numbers of visitors and friends of the soon-to-be liberated Seniors. The twenty-third Commencement of "dear old Cornell" as the "co-eds" put it, was about to be consummated. The armory, which has been put to such multifarious uses the last few days, shorn of its glories of the ball night, was again arranged with seats, and with its familiar appearance was able to give an added touch of tenderness to the final ceremonies of the dismissal of '91 from Cornell. The exercises were followed out according to the following programme:

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Ibsen: What is he to us? Robert Owen Meech.
 Shall the College Course be Shortened? Elmer G. Mansfield.
 Progressive Americanism, Willard Underhill Taylor.
 Integrity, the Need in our National Life, Jot Salisbury Waterman.
 Alexander Hamilton as a Statesman, Frederick Palen Schoonmaker.
 The Present Agricultural Depression, Jared Van Wagenen, Jr.
 Grant, George Schuyler Tarbell.
 The meaning of Evolution as a Principle, Robert James Kellogg.
 A Justification of the Chinese Exclusion Bill, Henry Floy.

Then came the conferring of degrees and the usual announcements, President Adams delivered an impressive address to the class, and two-hundred and fifty-five students were no longer students of Cornell. Below is the complete list of graduates and their degrees, with the various announcements:

FIRST DEGREES.

Bachelors of Arts.—Winifred Ball, Elwin B. Bentley, Frank C. Bently, Fred O. Bissell, James I. Casey, Theron D. Davis, Olin Farber, Albert P. Fowler, William R. Gill, Sarah E. Hawley, Robert J. Kellogg, Harry A. Lozier, Jr., Clinton S. Marsh, Robert O. Meech, Annie F. Moon, Phillip Ogden, Ervin L. Phillips, Bertha P. Reed, Clark A. Rosegrant, Frederic P. Schoonmaker, Amelia Shapleigh, Grace P. Taintor, George J. Vogel.

Bachelors of Philosophy.—Alfred W. Abrams, Carrie I. Adsitt, Albert A. Bird, Burton W. Davis, Milton I. Dunlap, Ina E. Genung, Alice M. Gilliland, Mary I. Hoskins, Clara A. Kerr, Elmer S. Mansfield, Edith M. Norton, Everett W. Olmsted, Merton O. Phillips, Mary L. Robbins, George S. Tarbell, Willard U. Taylor, Carrie L. VanVleet.

Bachelors of Letters.—Edward C. Bailey, William P. Baker, Frank G. Bates, Thomas J. Bridges, Ola B. Capron, Matie A. Cosad, Charles C. Dickinson, George J. Dikeman, Irvin B. Easton, Robert B. Foote, Jr., John K. Garnsey, Mary E. Griswold, Metcalf B. Hatch, Jr., Byron H. Heath, Fidelio K. Hiscock, Manfred J. Holmes, Charles J. Levy, Horace Mack, 2d, William G. Newbrook, Alice L. Priest, Charles Russell, Rose J. Ryan, Henry H. Sanger, Peter L. Schutt, Edward M. Sheldon, Helen A. Simpson, Charles M. Smith, Frank W. Smith, Harry S. Thayer, Jot S. Waterman, Charles M. Weeks.

Bachelors of Science.—Harry M. Bradley, Lena F. Brown, Edward M. Burns, Eunice M. Davis, David F. Hoy, Ida Hyde, Irvine J. Kerr, Cornelia A. McConville, John T. Manierre, Robert O. Moody, Louis Rouillon, Alvin W. Shepard, Charles A. Stiles, John H. Stocker, Burt B. Stroud, John H. Tanner.

In Agriculture.—Horace Atwood, Charles G. French, Samuel Jeffrey, Thomas L. Lyon, Wilbur J. MacNeil, Clarence W. Mathews, Sherman D. Maynard, Charles H. Royce, William F. Rumsey, Edwin S. Van Kirk, Jared Van Wagenen, Jr.

In Architecture.—Raymond F. Almirall, Gilbert H. Anderson, Edwin T. Barlow, Charles H. Deuchler, A.B., Brad F. Hurd, John T. Lewis, Louis R. Stagg, Edward E. Wafu.

In Chemistry.—Maurice Cauffman, Emile M. Chaimot, Clarence S. Lomax.

Civil Engineers.—James W. Beardsley, Thomas F. Bowes, James P. Brownell, Albert S. Crane, Carl E. Davis, Robert L. Gifford, Harry E. Golden, Carleton Greene, A.B., Elijah A. Hallock, William K. Hatt, A.B., Edwin Hilburn, Irving Hitz, B.C.E., Howard C. Hulse, John A. Knignton, Clarence C. Lewis, Earl B. Lovell, José del C. Muñoz, Carl H. Niemeyer, Herbert Parsons, Arturo Rodriguez, Jesse A. Rogers, Clarence A. Snider, Harrison L. Stidham, Wellington R. Vedder.

Mechanical Engineers.—Juan A. Almirall, Christopher H. Bierbaum, William C. Boyrer, George M. Brill, Robert T. Burwell, Herbert B. Clarke, Freeman B. Cowan, Philip J. Darlington, Arthur C. Field, Halsey R. Graves, Stanley W. Hayes, Oren G. Heilman, John J. Herrick, Herbert W. Hibbard, Lucian C. Jackson, Arthur T. Kelsey, William W. Kirley, James E. Kress, Warren H. Mecker, William C. Shapleigh, Arthur D. Stewart, Horace G. Van Evert, Augusta Wood, Edwin Yawger.

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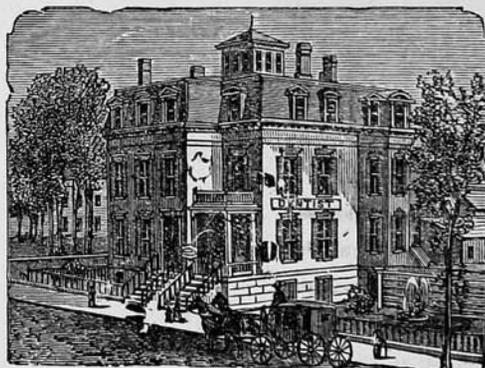
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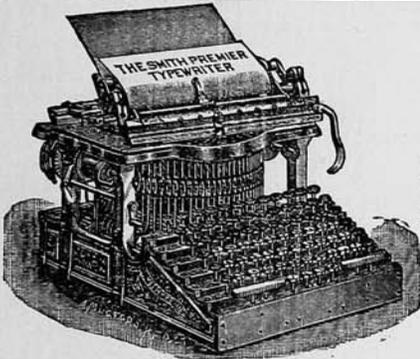
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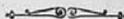
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