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**SEPTEMBER** is upon us, and one more year has been added to Cornell's history. The great University wheel has turned another quadrant, and we welcome to our midst the new comers called in common language "Freshies." In the dim vista of the past, we were known by that familiar term, and suffered all the indignities that the name implies; hence, we feel like extending our sympathy and saying a few words to introduce you to college life. Let not your minds be troubled by reason of the questions asked by the great moguls on the hill. Just now, they may seem to you as bears, but a further acquaintance will reveal to you men of the very finest qualities of mind and heart. When once you shall have been admitted without conditions, think not yet to be happy. Your soul is but just beginning to sprout. New questions will arise and you will have to employ all the forces of your mind to answer them. You must needs form new associations and these will exert an influence upon your character that will endure until your body is mingled with the dust. As much of your success in after years will depend upon your character as upon all other things combined. How necessary is it, then, that you bring to your aid all your native talent and acquired power! Mark well your course, fix well your habits of study and guard these with a jealous care. The Freshman year is largely formative. As you are then, so, ten chances to one, you will be for the

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The first change to be noted is in the department of Philosophy, where Dr. J. G. Schurman, late of Dalhousie College, Halifax, takes the place of the much-regretted Dr. Wilson. The high reputation of Dr. Schurman, together with the addition of new and interesting courses, make it probable that this department will show an increased popularity.

Professor Corson, while retaining his position as head of the department of English Literature, will take Professor Shackford's place in Rhetoric and Oratory.

In accordance with the policy of the University to increase the working efficiency of all its branches, Dr. Wheeler comes among us as Associate Professor of Greek and Latin Literature and Philology. The Dr. is highly spoken of as a first-class teacher, and his advent speaks well for an increased interest in classical study.

Professor H. S. White, of the German Department, will spend this, his sabbatical year, in Europe.

Mr. C. B. Wilson, '84, Fellow in modern languages last year, has been appointed instructor in German. In him the student body welcomes another Cornell instructor who is also a graduate of Cornell.

Professor Rhoerig will not be with us this year, the department of Living Asiatic Languages having been abolished.

It is matter of regret that Mr. S. J. Brun, whose genial manners endeared him to all students that knew him, has left us. In his stead comes Mr. Courtney Langdon as instructor in French.

In place of Mr. Hayes, Mr. Leacky will be instructor in Elocution.

Another Cornell man will be instructor in Rhetoric. Mr. O. L. Elliott, '85, last year Fellow in History and Political Science, has been appointed to this position.

In the Department of English Literature, Edward Everett Hale, Jr., a Harvard graduate, will be instructor.

Dr. A. C. White, the Latin instructor, will also be instructor in Greek and in Greek and Roman History.

Professor S. G. Williams is transferred from the Chair of General and Economic Geology to the new Chair in Pedagogy.

Professor H. S. Williams will be Professor of Geology; and Mr. J. F. Kemp instructor in Palæontology.

A new instructor has been appointed in Chemistry also. Mr. E. H. Preswick is the gentleman chosen.

#### COLUMBIA'S ESTIMATE OF THE CORNELL BOYS.

In the summer number of the *Columbia Spectator*, a column and a half is devoted to a description of the indignities that the Columbia College Base Ball Club had to suffer at Cornell on June 1, 1886.

After prettily describing how we satisfied our "insatiable desire to show our culture" by "yelling like the Bad-Faced band of the Sioux," the *Spectator* compliments poor Hobart for the manner in which visiting clubs are treated there, and marks the astonishing difference between the reception tendered the Columbia Nine by the students of Cornell and by those of Hobart.

Perhaps it would be only just to reply here that, although the excellence of the Columbia team's ball-playing was fully appreciated, we have never been visited by a college team that sniffed the air of the "Cayuga district" quite so disdainfully as the Columbias. Only a year before the Columbia Nine "took their dolls and were going home" because we wanted to play by the rules that were customarily used on our grounds, until we gave them their way, and then defeated them quite easily withal. No doubt this was culture—à la New York.

The *Spectator* fails to notice the manner in which several Hobart men were continually howling out the Columbia College cry, an act which by the way probably accounts for the "cordial greeting at Geneva."

We hope that our team may sometime play the Columbias on their own grounds. If it does, we shall expect the Columbia men to yell and shall not pout if they yell two or three times.

PRESIDENT ADAMS' TRIP.

After a hard year's work, President Adams determined to spend the summer abroad where he could rest and be entirely free. The trip was wholly for pleasure, but we doubt not the President benefited in mind as well as body. He sailed from New York on July 1st, arriving in London after a short passage. Here he spent a little more than three weeks and was cordially welcomed by many eminent men. In a former trip to Europe he spent most of the time on the Continent, but now he visited only England, Scotland and Wales. He spent two weeks in rural districts and cathedral towns. He was especially interested in ecclesiastical architecture, colleges and Universities. He visited Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh and Glasgow and had opportunities not only of viewing the buildings but also of becoming acquainted with many of the Professors. He also had good opportunities of observing many of the workings of these Universities. At Cambridge, studied with especial interest the Mechanical Arts department, which is much like our own, but inferior in equipment and teaching force. They have fewer students but the department is growing and promises to be very successful. Here he met Professors Stewart and Lyon.

At Edinburgh and Glasgow he found that the Scotch Universities were more nearly like the American than the English are.

In the course of the summer he met Professor Goldwin Smith several times and he promised us a course of lectures early in the year.

Visited the Highlands and Lake district of Scotland, the old homes of Wordsworth, Southey and Coleridge and spent some days in most picturesque parts of Wales.

Set sail for New York on Sept. 1st, where he arrived on the 8th, reaching home on the evening of the 10th, well satisfied with his trip.

MEETING OF THE A. A. A. S.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held in Buffalo from August 18th to August 24th. Nearly five hundred members were present. Cornell was represented by Professors S. G. Williams, H. S. Williams, Caldwell, Comstock, Thurston, Roberts, Anthony, Prosser, and Van Vleck, and Messrs. F. V. Coville, A. L. Coville, Preswick, Meek and Snow. And papers were sent to the meeting by Professors Wilder and Gage.

The papers presented at this association are nearly all of so technical a character that abstracts of them would interest only specialists.

Very good accounts of the proceedings of each section are given in *Science* for Sept. 3d.

The most characteristic feature of the meeting was the careful study made by the geologists of the falls and gorge of Niagara. The close proximity of the place of meeting to these wonderful objects suggested the preparation of several papers on this subject. An excursion was made by the more prominent members of the Geological Section to the falls and gorge. The most striking result of these studies is a new estimate of the time which it has taken to cut the present gorge. This was given by Messrs. Woodward and Gilbert of the U. S. Geological Survey, and is based on a comparison of a survey just completed with surveys made in 1841 and 1875. In this way the rate of recession has been ascertained. This rate has undoubtedly varied; but after making necessary corrections, Mr. Gilbert gave it as his conclusion that the maximum length of time since the birth of the falls is only seven thousand years.

The beginning of the falls as controlled by the drainage of the lakes was also discussed. At the close of the glacial epoch "When the retreating ice-sheet stood so as to obstruct the St. Lawrence and Mohawk drainage channels to the east, a broad sheet of water, representing a confluence of Erie and Ontario, stood at a high level over the present Niagara limestone plateau, and probably drained south-westward to the Ohio. When further melting opened the Mohawk Channel, the great double lake fell to a lower level, and was separated into its two members, Ontario sinking to the level of its outlet at Rome in central New York, but Erie being held higher by the rim of the Niagara plateau. This was the birth of the river and falls; and since then they have been at work on the gorge."

This discussion has a local interest for us; as the age of Fall Creek Ravine and other gorges in this vicinity does not differ greatly from that of Niagara.

Professor S. G. Williams was general secretary of this meeting. The Cornelian representatives in the list of officers for the next meeting are Professor Anthony, President of the Physical Section, and Professor Comstock Secretary of the Biological section. Professor Comstock was also elected President of the Entomological Club of the Association.

—The new rule forbidding students to carry conditions in regular University longer than a year occasioned a perceptible increase in the number of students who "come back early."

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**MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHIL-  
OLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.**

The eighteenth annual session of the American Philological Association was held at Ithaca in July last. Through the kindness of Mr. Gilbert, accommodations for all visiting members that were not guests of members of the Cornell Faculty were provided at Sage College. The meetings of the Association were held in the Botanical Lecture Room.

The members present were mostly professors, among them a number whose names are familiar to our readers, namely Professor Peck, the President of the year, and Professors Whitney, Gildersleeve, March, Isaac Hall, and Greenough. About twenty-five papers were read, Cornell being represented by two, a paper on the Sequence of Tenses, by Professor Hale, and a paper on Analogy, by Professor Wheeler, who had been appointed but a short time before. He has therefore already served the University in advance of the opening of his courses of instruction.

On the second afternoon of the session, an excursion by steamer to Aurora was made by the members of the association and invited guests from the Trustees and Faculty and their families. The arrangements, which were in charge of Professor Hewett, Chairman of the Local Committee, included a visit to Aurora. President Frisbie and Mr. Henry Morgan received the excursionists at Wells College, and, after showing them the buildings and apparatus, invited them to supper at the college. It has probably not happened before that a meeting of the Association has enabled the members to see two colleges, and it is very sure that they had not had the fortune before to sit down to supper in the dining-room of a ladies college; nor, in all probability, had they seen more charming situations than those of the two colleges on Cayuga Lake.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in July, 1887, at the University of Vermont, in Burlington.

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**NOTICES.**

Appointments of those who are to present "Papers" before the "Mechanical Engineers Association" for the first four weeks of the fall term 1886. Subjects will be announced as soon as possible. Sept. 24th E. D. Carnagham, G. B. Preston; Oct. 1st, H. E. Smith, J. M. Taylor; Oct. 8th, G. Covell, G. W. Stevens; Oct. 25th, W. M. Dollar, G. S. Teeple.

—Every Freshman will escape hazing by promptly subscribing for the ERA.

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**CHANGES ON THE CAMPUS.**

The improvements made this summer to several of the University buildings have been very considerable. The removal of the chimneys and partitions in White Hall has thrown open several rooms, which were heretofore of no use to the University. The plastered ceilings in Morrill and White Halls have in most cases been replaced by hard wood. These changes have greatly added to the appearance and convenience of the buildings. Many additions also have been made to the campus. A large building for Organic and Applied Chemistry has been built in connection with the Chemical and Physical Laboratory. This building has not been built for appearances, but it will nevertheless greatly add to the convenience of the department.

Several new residences have also been erected, and a fine stone walk has been laid on East Avenue. These improvements together with the grading on the north side of the campus have greatly added to the beautiful appearance of the University grounds.

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**RETIREMENT OF DR. WILSON.**

Of the many changes in the *personnel* of the Faculty, there is none, perhaps, more striking to undergraduates than that caused by the retirement of Dr. Wilson. Except part of the entering class, there is hardly a student in the University who has not had occasion many times to see the Dr. in his capacity of Registrar; and the unfailing welcome, the true, gentlemanly, kindness—a kindness far deeper than mere courtesy—with which he met students, are things long to be remembered. We regret the Dr's. absence. At the same time we are glad to know that when we are in trouble as to the result of a doughty examination the voice that answers our trembling inquiry will be a familiar one. Cornell men are always glad to see vacancies in the University offices filled by Cornell men; hence we take especial pleasure in noticing the appointment of Mr. C. H. Thurber, '86, to the office of Registrar.

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—A new school has been started at Cascadilla under the supervision of Professor Wait. Its purpose is to admit boys and girls of ten years of age and older and prepare them for college. The principal of the school is to be Miss Wickham, a graduate of Vassar and a teacher of experience and ability. This school has been started at the request of many citizens of Ithaca and professors at the University.

## THE OPENING DAY.

All is life and animation on the campus this morning. The "Freshies" are wandering around like lost sheep, since their Mamas have gone home. They are over 300 strong and brandish their "walking sticks" in open defiance of all frowns from the Sophomores. The Registrar is still busy giving directions to the new students; the various Professors are in their accustomed rooms and every one seems to be glad to see every one else. Here and there may be seen small clumps of boys busily talking over the events of the summer. Many and thrilling are the stories that are told, but Taylor leads all with his experience as a Professional in the "National Sport."

Now, in fact, has the summer of our discontent been made glorious autumn by the refreshing showers and the opening of the University. We welcome the event and sincerely hope that the entire year may be marked by the best of feelings of the different classes toward each other. Rushes belong to the past, but in their stead all friendly rivalry and competition is to be commended. A reasonable amount of "class spirit" is all right and indeed there is nothing we like to see in a student more than a good honest loyalty to his class, but a spirit of braggadocio is not worthy the name of student.

## NINETY.

The following new students have applied for admission.

## ARTS—23.

|                            |                 |
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| Anderson, H. A. . . . .    | Peekskill       |
| *Brown, M. . . . .         | Homer           |
| Bennett, C. P. . . . .     | Elmira          |
| Brown, F. H. . . . .       | White Plains    |
| Caldwell, F. C. . . . .    | Ithaca          |
| Dean, J. P. . . . .        | Crown Point     |
| Deuchler, C. H. . . . .    | Lyons           |
| Douglass, C. H. . . . .    | Little Falls    |
| Ely, F. W. . . . .         | Buffalo         |
| Fitsgerald, Wm. D. . . . . | Fort Edward     |
| Ford, Jno. . . . .         | Medina          |
| Griffin, C. M. . . . .     | Buffalo         |
| *Hill, M. B. . . . .       | Jamestown       |
| Kellogg, R. . . . .        | Norwalk, O      |
| Kilmer, W. S. . . . .      | Binghamton      |
| Landers, L. L. . . . .     | Afton           |
| *Lane, C. A. . . . .       | Pulaski         |
| *McIntyre, M. A. . . . .   | Cambridge, Mass |
| Parker, H. L. . . . .      | Stattsburg      |
| Rubert, K. . . . .         | Owego           |
| Smith, F. A. . . . .       | Addison         |
| Spicer, W. J. . . . .      | Glenn Falls     |
| Wicker, G. R. . . . .      | Leicester       |

## PHILOSOPHY—24.

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| Abbott, F. A. . . . .   | Hamburg |
| Albright, L. L. . . . . | McLean  |

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| Averill, H. D. . . . .     | Perrysburgh, O     |
| Berry, E. L. . . . .       | Oswego             |
| Chester, L. E. . . . .     | Ithaca             |
| Caldwell, G. L. . . . .    | Ithaca             |
| Callan, F. H. . . . .      |                    |
| Cooley, G. H. . . . .      | Hoosick Falls      |
| Danziger, H., Jr. . . . .  | Syracuse           |
| Day, R. J. . . . .         | Huntington, Ind    |
| Eaton, H. M. . . . .       | Titusville, Pa     |
| Foskett, H. . . . .        | Medina             |
| *Gilbert, . . . . .        | Holicong, Pa       |
| Grey, H. C. . . . .        | Greenwich          |
| Hegeman, P. . . . .        | Col. Springs, Col  |
| *Lathrop, N. A. . . . .    | Attleborough, Mass |
| Mack, C. F. . . . .        | Sandusky, O        |
| Munro, J. . . . .          | New York City      |
| Morrison, W. H. . . . .    | Ithaca             |
| MacReynolds, T. J. . . . . | Decatur, Ill       |
| Miller, W. H. . . . .      | Franklin           |
| Reed, R. C. . . . .        | Ithaca             |
| *Robbins, L. . . . .       | Washington, D. C   |
| Smith, C. W. . . . .       | Wilmington, Del    |

## SCIENCE—22.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Arcia, Rubin . . . . .    | Nicaragua, Central America |
| Auerbach, J. D. . . . .   |                            |
| Barber, S. M. . . . .     | Albany                     |
| Brooks, F. E. . . . .     | South New Berlin           |
| *Dygart, B. E. . . . .    | Phoenix                    |
| Folts, H. J. . . . .      | Frankford                  |
| Graves, W. H. . . . .     | Milwaukee, Wis             |
| Gifford, H. L. . . . .    | Jamestown                  |
| Johnson, W. B. . . . .    | Ceneva                     |
| Johns, C. F. . . . .      | Salamanaca                 |
| Palmer, C. L. . . . .     | Centreville                |
| Palmer, R. A. . . . .     | N. Y. City                 |
| Palmie, A. H. . . . .     | Brooklyn                   |
| *Phillips, R. O. . . . .  | Naples                     |
| Ruggles, D. . . . .       | Albany                     |
| Towl, B. N. . . . .       | Brooklyn                   |
| Thomas, M. B. . . . .     | New Woodstock              |
| Freman, F. L. . . . .     | Kingsville, Md             |
| Waldbridge, G. H. . . . . | Bennington, Vt             |
| Williams, J. A. . . . .   | Poughkeepsie               |
| Whitney, H. B. . . . .    | Phelps                     |
| *Whitimore, M. M. . . . . | Boston, Mass               |

## LETTERS—24.

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| Adams, E. M. . . . .         | Lockport         |
| Bellew, E. A. . . . .        | Utica            |
| Benton, F. R. . . . .        | Ithaca           |
| Bode, J. C. . . . .          | South Brooklyn   |
| *Boothby, A. E. . . . .      |                  |
| Carpenter, B. . . . .        | Keyport, N. J    |
| Chillingworth, C. C. . . . . | Liverpool        |
| Cook, Chas. C. . . . .       | Washington, D. C |
| Crist, A. H. . . . .         | North Winfield   |
| *Datcher, J. E. . . . .      | Washington, D. C |
| Ehle, L. C. . . . .          | Fort Plain       |
| Gilchrist, C. B. . . . .     | Evansville, Ind  |
| *Hill, O. M. . . . .         | Nashville, Tenn  |
| Jackson, W. C. . . . .       | Wilmington, Del  |
| Mead, G. G. . . . .          |                  |
| Miller, C. J. . . . .        | Lockport         |
| Mosher, W. . . . .           | Cold Spring      |
| *Pearson, A. D. . . . .      | Mount Vernon     |
| Segmouy, G. F. . . . .       | Northville       |
| Webster, W. R. . . . .       | Brooklyn         |

## AGRICULTURE—II.

|                        |        |
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| Blauvelt, Geo. . . . . | Monsry |
| Chapman, N. S. . . . . | Groton |

Mitchell, H. B. . . . . Addison  
 Nathan, H. H. . . . . New York City  
 Rice, J. E. . . . . Fort Ann  
 Root, W. W. . . . . Ithaca  
 Reid, H. M. . . . . New York City  
 Roso, J. D. . . . . Sheldrake  
 Sudduth, J. . . . . Norwall, Ill  
 Sweeting, S. . . . . South Butler  
 Tanner, E. J. . . . . Passaic

ARCHITECTURE—19.

Barlow, E. T. . . . . North Adams, Mass  
 Bernheiser, C. H. . . . . Hamsburgh, Pa  
 Doffin, C. L. . . . . Fairport  
 Drake, M. E. . . . . Antria, Pa  
 Eschweilder— . . . . Milwaukee, Wis  
 Finder, A. P. . . . . Troy  
 Holmes, T. L. . . . . Brockport  
 Hoyt, W. T. S. . . . . Osceola Mills, Pa  
 Hulbert, E. A. . . . . Troy  
 May, E. A. . . . . Troy  
 Robinson, F. L. . . . . West Burlington  
 Sands, C. G. . . . . Brooklyn  
 Stebbens, W. C. . . . . Little Falls  
 Stevens, W. A. . . . . Huntington, Ind  
 \*Stewart, M. D. . . . . Anchor, Ill  
 \*Storrs, F. A. . . . . Topeka, Kan  
 Simmons, C. A. . . . . Sanquoit  
 Trowbridge, A. B. . . . . Detroit, Mich  
 Wilkinson, H. . . . . Syracuse

ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY—I.

Young, L. W. . . . . Orient, L. I

CHEMISTRY—4.

Bush, F. J. . . . . Ithaca  
 Dalzell, C. G. . . . . South Egmont, Mass  
 Irish, W. M. . . . . Olean  
 Spencer, T. B. . . . . Starkey

CIVIL ENGINEERING—46.

Alexander, F. J. . . . . Louisville  
 Anderson, L. . . . . Magee's Corners  
 Beardsley, J. W. . . . . Cortland  
 Bates, U. . . . . West Richmondville  
 Becker, C. M. . . . . Central City, Cal  
 Conable, G. W. . . . . Cortland  
 Crouch, N. S. . . . . Erie, Pa  
 Dill, W. . . . . Rushville, Ind  
 Dodd, F. N. G. . . . . Franklin, N. J  
 Drake, D. C. . . . . South Hampton, L. I  
 Gleason, H. N. E. . . . . Sherman  
 Golden, H. E. . . . . Little Falls  
 Healey, L. W. . . . . Scranton, Pa  
 Herron, W. . . . . Cleveland, O  
 Hobson, F. . . . . Savannah, Mo  
 Hulle, H. C. . . . . Brooklyn  
 Johnson, E. . . . . Richmondville  
 Kartright, F. L. . . . . Middletown  
 Lamont, S. . . . . Richmondville  
 Landers, H. H. . . . . Green Island  
 Lang, G. T. . . . . White Plains  
 Lousey, B. C. . . . . Clinton Corners  
 McCormick, A. C. . . . . Milton, Pa  
 McGraw, J. R. . . . . Claysburg, Pa  
 McLeod, G. . . . . Louisville, Ky  
 Miller, F. W. . . . . Warrington, Va  
 Muller, Wm. . . . . South Orange, N. J  
 Nevins, E. . . . . Marcellus  
 Parsons, H. . . . . Waltham, Mass  
 Pope, C. T. . . . . Waltham, Mass  
 Robinson, H. M. . . . . Ravenna, O  
 Root, J. H. . . . . Port Byron

Sage, Samuel . . . . . Billenca, Mass  
 Shearn, C. J. . . . . North Hampton, Mass  
 Skinner, J. F. . . . . Rochester  
 Smith, L. L. . . . . Islip  
 Stone, L. L. . . . . Potsdam  
 Stranaham, W. . . . . Athens  
 Sugi, B. . . . . Tokio, Japan  
 Twinning, W. . . . . East Mauch Chunk, Pa  
 Vickers, T. M. E. . . . . Ithaca  
 Warren, J. L. . . . . St. Louis, Mo  
 Whitney, M. . . . . Quincy, Mich  
 Wing, F. K. . . . . Buffalo  
 Wadsworth, J. E. . . . . West Winfield  
 Willis, H. J. . . . . Brooklyn

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING—31.

Archer, C. C. . . . . Bourbon, Ind  
 Beeber, K. H. . . . . Scranton, Pa  
 Bliss, G. S. . . . . Troy  
 Clephane, L. P. . . . . Washington, D. C  
 Clisdell, P. A. . . . . Corning  
 Chamberlain, G. R. . . . . Brooklyn  
 Ellis, J. W. . . . . Havana  
 Ethridge, C. L. . . . . Chicago, Ill  
 Frost, F. L. . . . . Albany  
 Greenawalt, J. E. . . . . Silver Spring, Pa  
 Hawley, C. J. . . . . Chicago, Ill  
 Hitt, S. E. . . . . Chicago, Ill  
 Hulett, G. D. . . . . Sodus  
 Howell, B. G. . . . . Washington, D. C  
 Ives, P. D. . . . . Easton  
 Jay, J. M. . . . . Amesburg, Mass  
 Jeffrey, S. . . . . Pittsburgh, Pa  
 Kirtland, J. W. . . . . Chicago, Ill  
 Larned, L. J. . . . . Buffalo  
 Ling, C. J. . . . . Auburn  
 Loomis, J. . . . . Piqua, O  
 Murdock, H. D. . . . . Hartwick  
 Pope, J. P. . . . . Washington, D. C  
 Ramage, J. C. . . . . Washington, D. C  
 Sawyer, B. M. . . . .  
 Sawyer, H. A. . . . . Amesbury, Mass  
 Smith, N. M. . . . . Woodstock, Va  
 Schillosser, F. G. . . . . Ironton, Ohio  
 Levey, M. . . . . Galveston, Texas  
 Tilton, W. R. . . . . Norwalk, O  
 Weaver, N. R. . . . . Salina, Ala

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING—57.

Allen, M. . . . .  
 Barnes, S. G. . . . . Syracuse  
 Baskerville, H. E. . . . . Richmond, Va  
 Bentley, F. L. . . . . New Brighton, Pa  
 Bradley, H. M. . . . . Manchester, Pa  
 Broughton, H. P. . . . . Mellville, Ill  
 Bush, T. M. . . . . Rochester  
 Buchanan, A. W. . . . . New Madrid, Mo  
 Beal, R. . . . . New York City  
 Caceres, A. . . . . City Merida, Mexico  
 Calvert, W. B. . . . . South Bend, Ind  
 Cornell, C. F. . . . . Hamilton, O  
 Cochrane, H. . . . . Antrim, N. H  
 Cowles, J. W. . . . . Norfolk, Va  
 Dalton, W. . . . . Albany  
 Davis, F. D. . . . . Fort Jackson  
 Ford, P. C. . . . . Ashtabula, O  
 Fortenbaugh, S. B. . . . . Halifax, Pa  
 Flack, J. E. . . . . Troy  
 Fagner, A. . . . . Brooklyn  
 Gasche, F. G. . . . . Wooster, O  
 Goodwin, F. . . . . Ithaca

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| Gregg, C. D.      | Chicago, Ill       |
| Herschell, C. H.  | Holyoke, Mass      |
| Hind, J. K.       | Columbus, Ga       |
| Jones, R. O.      | Wilkesbarre, Pa    |
| Kennedy, D. B.    | Syracuse           |
| Legg, W. F.       |                    |
| Miller, C. P.     | Newark, N. J       |
| Monroe, W. F.     | Chicago, Ill       |
| Mount, W. D.      | Groton             |
| Plack, L. L., jr. | Altoona, Pa        |
| Pomeroy, H. D.    | Syracuse           |
| Powell, W. H.     | New Brighton, Conn |
| Prather, H. B.    | Indianapolis, Ind  |
| Roess, C. W.      | South Oil City, Pa |
| Rogers, F. M.     | Central City, Cal  |
| Schick, H. S.     | Reading, Pa        |
| Seckels, E. C.    | New Baltimore      |
| Slayton, H. O.    | Calais, Me         |
| Smith, R. O.      | Avoca              |
| Sheldon, J. H.    | Hoboken, N. J      |
| Spiar, S. H.      | Warren, O          |
| Schmidt, W. A.    | Ilion              |
| Stagg, L. R.      | Chicago, Ill       |
| Stewart, A. D.    | Anchor, Ill        |
| Story, J. H.      | Shutesville        |
| Thayer, G. H.     | Fredonia           |
| Thompson, D. D.   | Oakland, Cal       |
| Thompson, M. E.   | Barton, Pa         |
| Thurber, A. T.    | Brooklyn           |
| Upton, P.         | Big Rapids, Mich   |
| Van Trump, C. R.  | Wilmington, Del    |
| Waleman, F. N.    | New Britain, Conn  |
| Witherbee, J. G.  | Port Henry         |
| Young, C. M.      | Williamsport, Pa   |
| Young, C. S.      | Lockport           |

## NATURAL HISTORY.—4.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Hepp, G. B.      | Abbott's Corners |
| Hornell, M. A.   | New Farm, Va     |
| Stevenson, H. W. | Shawneetown, Mo  |
| Van Ingen, G.    | Poughkeepsie     |

## INDUSTRIAL ART.—1.

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| Ashaen, E. S. |  |
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## MEDICAL PREPARATORY.—2.

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| Allen, J. B. | Delphi                     |
| Arcia, R.    | Nicaragua, Central America |

## HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.—2.

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Eidlitz, E. F. | New York City |
| Tarbell, G. S. | Ithaca        |

## OPTIONAL.—25.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Allen, G. J.      | Bath             |
| Anthony, H. P.    | Ithaca           |
| *Barrett, E. T.   | Albion           |
| Bell, J. D.       | Hillsdale        |
| Binkley, C. T.    | Tampa, Fla       |
| *Cooper, A. L.    | Ithaca           |
| Crissey, H. B.    |                  |
| Conahawer, W. J.  | St. Peters, Minn |
| *Cutting, M. E.   | Worcester, Mass  |
| Dutcher, G. L.    | Ellenville       |
| *Genung, I.       | Ithaca           |
| Genung, N. H.     | Ithaca           |
| Hillebrand, H. T. | Ithaca           |
| Hasbrouck, H.     | New Paltz        |
| *Howe, L. T.      | Geneva           |
| Damber, J. B.     | Leavenworth, Kan |
| Lovengreen, O. P. | Tampa, Fla       |
| Mould, S. H.      | Newburgh         |

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| MacMurray, A. H. | Walworth   |
| Ryce, M. F.      | White Lake |
| *Ranney, H. A.   | Homer      |
| *Van Kirk, A.    | Ithaca     |
| Winton, W. C.    | Addison    |
| Ward, W. L.      | Wellsboro  |
| Wing, H. H.      | Buffalo    |

## GRADUATE.—2.

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| Powell, H. W.    | New York City |
| Sanderson, E. N. |               |

## NO. COURSE INDICATED.—5.

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Chaffee, F. E.  | Athens, Pa |
| Fisher, F. G.   |            |
| Marshall, A. H. |            |
| Wagner, R.      |            |
| Cruikshank, J.  | Carthage   |

\* Indicates women.

The number of new students as we go to press is about 325. The total 299, is the number up to 10 o'clock Thursday.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

This Copy of the Era will be sent to all Students and Alumni Gratis. All those who do not wish to become Subscribers will please RETURN THE ERA marked Refused, or notify us by Postal.

## CORNELLIANA.

—Alas!

—Alas! Alas!

—We sadly ask

—Where was our four?

—We are now ready to receive subscriptions.

—Freshmen do not register until Saturday.

—All the University bulletin boards are covered with "Rooms to rent."

—"Big" Smith, '86, hath taken unto himself a life partner. Likewise E. J. Tuttle, '88.

—Professor Wait has purchased the elegant residence below the Fiske mansion for \$8,000.

—A Freshman is reported to have said that he was going up to take a lesson in "calculation."

—We congratulate Mr. C. H. Thurber, '86, on his appointment as Registrar of the University.

—The students who remained in Ithaca during the summer complain of the dry and hot weather.

—The Registrar's office has been moved to the President's office, across the hall from the Business Office.

—Professor Shackford's former residence, which was purchased by Professor Oliver, has been repaired and newly painted.

—A new and improved method of admitting new students to examinations and of giving them their marks has been adopted.

—The schedule for the new year is even fuller and more complete than the one for last year. Every student should have one.

—The many noticeable changes that have been made in the buildings and particularly in the assembly room will be hailed with joy by the student body.

—The floor and stairs of the Gymnasium Annex have been covered with a coat of smooth, slippery oil, so that it will be easy for the boys to get down and out.

—"Tom," "Gym" janitor, looks hale and hearty, and his foot, which was lame when we left for the summer, shuffles around with its mate as lively as ever.

—There seems to be a considerable feeling among the students in favor of reviving the practice of cane-rushing. Remember your good resolutions of last year, eighty-nine!

—Many of the rooms in White and Morrill Halls have been enlarged by removing partitions. They have also been improved in appearance by being painted and kalsomined.

—President Adams reached town the 10 inst. having just returned from England. While there he spent a portion of his time in visiting the great Universities of England and Scotland.

—Up to ten o'clock Tuesday there were two hundred and fifteen applications for admission already in. This is unprecedented in the history of the University and speaks well for its increasing popularity.

—The new building just north of the Physical and Chemical Laboratories is nearly completed. It is to be devoted to the needs of the Department of Chemistry and will be very complete in its arrangements.

—An excursion of Knights of Honor from Auburn, N. Y., three-hundred strong, visited Ithaca and Cornell University last Monday, via Cayuga Lake. They said many pleasant things of our institution of learning.

—Mr. Hayes, as we are informed, has left Cornell for Harvard, where he has been engaged as instructor in elocution. A new, and we think as competent an instructor has been secured to fill the vacancy thus caused.

—A party of N. Y. engineers were in town during the summer surveying the route of the proposed Ithaca street railway. As the road will extend to the north building it is to be hoped that work will be speedily begun.

—From among the old members of the Faculty, we shall miss Professor H. S. White this year. He has been granted a year's leave of absence by the faculty, which he will pass in Europe. He is now at Stuttgart, Germany.

—The syllabus in rhetoric prepared by Professor E. W. Huffcut is a great improvement upon last year's, in both the subject matter and the method of treating it. It is expected that future students in rhetoric will profit by the change.

—The Tompkins County Fair is catching many a quarter from the students, especially the Freshmen. Save your money, boys, subscribe for the ERA, and thereby lay up treasures of knowledge beyond the ken of agricultural societies.

—Here's a how d'ye do,  
They really lacked the boo—  
Dle, then the sorry fact is  
That they hadn't time to practice,  
So we missed our crew,  
Here's a how d'ye do.

—The new Kappa Alpha Chapter house, which is being built just south of the "Gym," will, upon its completion, be one of the handsomest buildings on the campus. It is almost entirely of brown stone, and its site is as fine as could be found. It will probably not be finished before spring.

—This year the new arrangement of the general courses goes into effect. All the work of the Junior year excepting two hours per week, and the entire work of the Senior year will be elective. Students taking Latin will hereafter recite only three hours per week, instead of four as formerly.

—*Astonished Freshman.*—My, how do you tell Freshmen from the other classmen so easily? "*Heggie.*"—Why, the "Freshies" have fine white fuzz on their backs that is invisible to one that hasn't been here a year or two. The A. F., examines himself after reaching his room and wonders how long it will be before he can see said fuzz.

—Although the *Daily Sun* will still shine and the ERA dawn weekly, it is our sad duty to announce that the *Cornell Review* is no more. It is understood that scarcity of funds and lack of interest in the student body caused its downfall. It is for you, students, to take care that the other college journals do not likewise fall from lack of pecuniary support.

—Cornell is again to the front on the water. Notwithstanding the fact that there was no 'Varsity crew the fame of Cornell was gloriously upheld by Messrs. H. S. Howland, '86, and

C. G. Psotta, '88. The former won the junior singles in the National Association Regatta held at Albany last July and the latter won the Junior singles in the Passaic River Regatta.

—The Y. M. C. A. of the University is rendering valuable aid to new students. A number of its members are stationed in the Registrar's Office, where every Freshman that applies for examination is helped in every possible way in regard to finding board, rooms, places where examinations are held, etc. The Association is deserving of great credit for its painstaking and really serviceable kindness.

—Elsewhere we chronicle the death of Messrs. Hugill and Howard, both '86. Each one died very suddenly, Mr. Hugill at his home at Akron, Ohio, on July 11th, and Mr. Howard at Washington, D. C., on Aug. 12th, from a pistol-shot wound. Nothing is certainly known as to how Mr. Howard was shot, though it is now supposed that he was murdered by someone in search of plunder. His funeral took place at Ithaca on Saturday, Aug. 14. These gentlemen were the two youngest members of their class, and had left Ithaca but a short time before in the fullness of health. The news of their death, from being so unexpected, was received with unusual sadness by their many acquaintances. Mr. Howard was intending to pursue a law course at Washington when his life was so suddenly terminated.

#### PERSONALS.

C. H. THURBER, '86, is Registrar.

MEAD, '88, spent the summer in New York.

H. C. ROESS, '88, will not return until next year.

PSOTTA won a single scull at Philadelphia, July 5.

PROFESSOR OSBORNE spent the summer in Europe.

HERSEY, '88, was in England during the summer.

GRANT, '87, will not return to the University this year.

J. T. SACKETT, '86, is reading law in New York City.

PROFESSOR Rhoerig is living in Santa Fé New Mexico.

PROFESSOR PERKINS returned from the Continent last week.

L. J. GOETTER, '88, was visiting in town during the summer.

H. D. HALBERT, '85, has a lucrative position as transit-man on a new railroad in Kentucky.

W. W. WHITE, '86, is in the insurance business at Tavares, Fla.

J. R. CALDER, '86, is reading law with Moses, Newman & Reed, Chicago.

A. S. NORTON, president of the class of '86, is teaching Latin and Greek.

E. C. BOYNTON and T. F. Lawrence rusticated in Ithaca during the summer.

LATHROP, '88, will not return to the University. He will enter '89 at Harvard.

E. W. CHAMPION, formerly '86, is reading law with his father at Goshen, N. Y.

J. WILKINSON, '89, superintended a water work's contract of his father at Little Falls.

COX, '87, will not return this year. He has obtained a lucrative position in Milwaukee.

BATTIN, '88, will not return to the University this year. He intends to graduate with '89.

R. T. HILL, '86, is now in Texas and is doing fine geological work on the U. S. Survey.

H. S. HOWLAND, won the U. S. championship junior singles, at Albany, July 21, 1886.

C. W. HERR won five amateur foot races during the summer, and made a record of 10 sec.

BISSELL, '78, is chief engineer of the Fort North and Denver R. R., one of the best roads in Texas.

R. S. MILLER, '88, course in Arts, has received the scholarship formerly held by Mr. Lathrop, '88.

S. GOETTER, '89, will not return to the University as he intends entering the Columbia School of Mines.

MOLITOR, '88, is engaged in business with his uncle in N. Y., and will not return to the University this year.

PECK, '89, will not return to the University this year. He is on the Engineer Corps of Pa. & N. Y. C. R. R.

E. H. DOUD, '86, has returned to his home in Chicago where he will enter upon the practice of law this winter.

INSTRUCTOR VAN VLECK has been elected a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Yale won the base ball championship.

Columbia claims the championship of the Harlem.

Harvard won the Cup at the Intercollegiate Athletic sports.

Harvard celebrates her 250th anniversary this year. And compulsory attendance upon religious services has been abolished.

"FRANKIE" OLIN, '86, has left the Syracuse Stars and entered the office of the R. W. & O. railroad company at Oswego.

FRANK W. HAWKS, '88, of Michigan University is visiting friends in town and is highly pleased with the University.

PROFESSOR CRANE spent six weeks of vacation travelling through England and Scotland. He reports a very pleasant and beneficial trip.

MESSRS BRODIE and Breed, '85, and Converse, formerly '86, have gone to Kansas City to establish a market, gardening, and dairy farm.

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MARRIED.

TUTTLE—HOTCHKISS.—At Wellsboro, July 10, 1886, Lucy D. Hotchkiss and E. J. Tuttle, '88.

SMITH—ARMSTRONG.—At Owego, Sept. 1, 1886, at 12 m. at the residence of Mrs. Jenks on Front St., Miss Armstrong, and E. L. Smith, '86.

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OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we are called upon to record the death of Mr. F. T. Howard, '86, which resulted from a pistol wound in the head; supposed to have been inflicted by a robber, but whether or not will perhaps ever remain a mystery. At the time of his death Mr. Howard was visiting in Washington, D. C. The news has cast a gloom over his friends and classmates, that is hard to dissipate. He was known to possess those qualities of mind and heart that endear men to their fellow creatures. As a friend he was kind and generous and beloved by all who knew him. With his death the ranks of '86 are broken and she loses one of her most promising members. How inexpressibly sad that one, so young, should be taken away at the very time when the future seemed to blossom before him. As a flower in the spring-time so was he cut down and we know not why, for "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

And yet once more have the ranks of '86 suffered loss by the death of W. E. Hugill, at his home in Akron, Ohio. Mr. Hugill came from Buchtel College, and entered '86 at Cornell in Sept. '85.

Although he was here but one short year yet he formed many lasting friendships. Mourned by all, his loss will be felt most by those who knew him best. He was a member of the D. K. E. fraternity and as such was loved and honored by his brothers in the mystic circle.

Again we are brought to realize the uncertainty of human life, and again do we see the best laid plans and fondest hopes of men, brought to naught. Mr. Hugill indulged the hope and indeed intended to pursue a post-graduate course of study but his plans were frustrated by Him "whose ways are not our ways."

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NEW BOOKS.

There comes from the press of Andrus & Church a new book entitled "In and Out of Ithaca." Mr. C. H. Thurber is the author and compiler. The gentleman has done himself great credit for the book is really valuable and no doubt will be eagerly sought after. It contains beautiful descriptions of Ithaca and neighboring localities of exceeding rare natural beauty. To Cornellians it will be especially interesting because of the comprehensive account of Cornell University, its early history and growth with descriptions of the buildings and campus.

The book is nicely illustrated and we think will entirely meet the purpose for which it was written.

The price of the book is 60 cents.

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WILGUS OPERA HOUSE AMUSEMENTS.

The amusement season at Wilgus Opera House has commenced. The next attraction will be on Friday evening Sept. 24th when the Chas. L. Davis "Alvin Joslin" Comedy Company will make its appearance. This excellent company has been here so often and all are so familiar with its merits that it is hardly necessary to do more than give it a brief mention.

We clip from the Troy Daily Telegram the following notice:

The Charles L. Davis "Alvin Joslin" Comedy Company was the talk of the town, even before the curtain was rung up at the Criswold Opera House last night. The celebrated band in their showy uniform, and the grand display of diamonds in Cusack's show window, being the objects which set the people agog, and when the play commenced one of the largest and merriest of audiences had assembled to enjoy the capital comedy. Mr. Davis is one of the most ingenious of actors. He does so much to amuse an audience that it would be simply impossible to give even a partial description of his comicalities in a review of moderate length. You should go and see him and enjoy the fun yourself. His company is good, the scenery and stage appointments unusually appropriate, and the music furnished by his own orchestra enchanting.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnot, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

University Chapel. Services at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. during the fall and spring term. Discourses delivered by clergymen of the various Christian denominations.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Evening service at 7:30. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Sts. Pastor, R. D. Munger. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sabbath School at 12:15 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 10 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m., Sunday Prayer Meeting at 6 p. m. Teachers' Meetings, Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m. Regular Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

### Evening Classes for University Students.

The usual two-hour evening classes for University students only, will recite at the Cascadilla School Rooms, beginning Monday, Sept. 28th, as follows:

*Analytical Geometry, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7 P. M.*

*Trigonometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*

*Solid Geometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8 P. M.*

*Elementary Algebra, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*

*Plane Geometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8 P. M.*

*Higher Algebra, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*

*Arithmetic, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*

*Differential Calculus, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 P. M.*

*Integral Calculus, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 P. M.*

*German, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7 P. M.*

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All inquiries from former students concerning the University in its several departments, as well as concerning the Alumni or Undergraduates, will be gladly answered, either by letter, or through our columns, if the desired information can be obtained.

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THE new system of registration is pronounced by some to be "rank," but the more thoughtful are united in considering it a decided improvement over the old system. It certainly is an economy of labor; hence, when such a state of things exists, what is there but movement toward an ideal. There is always more or less confusion on the part of new students, especially at the opening of the year. It was, no doubt, this very reason that prompted a change in the system of registration. To say that the confusion has not been lessened, would be to pass judgment before a fair trial has been

awarded. Let every one follow carefully the printed directions, and we think the efforts of those who had the matter in charge will not have been in vain.

WE ask our subscribers and, indeed, those who do not subscribe, not to forget that our columns are open to all literary articles of genuine merit. We desire to promote friendly discussions in any subject interesting to our readers. Since the death of the *Cornell Review* her mantle has naturally passed to the next of kin, and so we must wear it with the grace that becomes our years. The ERA is the student's paper and dependent upon him. It is not a business speculation on the part of the editors, but only the exponent of college news and ideas. We ask not to monopolize the columns of your paper with the effusions of our poor pens. There is always a reserved space, if not in one issue in another, for whatever, in a literary line or otherwise, is worthy of print.

SINCE the opening of the term, we have repeatedly heard it remarked that something ought to be done to arouse the interest of the students in foot-ball, that wonderfully exhilarating game in which our fathers took such infinite delight. Did you ever witness a game and can you imagine anything more intensely exciting? It is a solemn duty we owe our forefathers, to preserve this game, of all games the best, from oblivion. There is no doubt but that Cornell has the material for a first class team, one that would not only beat any team our neighboring colleges could put in the field but also would make our eastern, much talked-of brethren guard well their "goal." Will not someone make a move in the right direction and furnish us some games that will at least be of considerable local interest. An announcement to that effect could hardly fail to be most pleasing to a large majority of the student body.

MANY and varied are the questions that come to our ear in regard to the crew. How to answer these questions we are at a loss. Whether the crew failed to represent Cornell at the races from a lack of financial support on the part of the students, or from a lack of training on their own part, we are not prepared to say. This we do know, that Cornell had no crew, although her reputation for boating was nobly upheld by a "single sculler." This fact alone ought to impress upon the Navy the necessity of having the competitors for next year's crew, go into training at once, and then when spring opens, a crew can be selected that will maintain Cornell's former prestige upon the water. If this is done it cannot fail to arouse anew the old Cornell enthusiasm for boating, and with the large number of students at present in the University, there can be no doubt that the next year's crew will receive the hearty financial support of the student body in general.

THE average student of Cornell is a manly, upright, sturdy sort of a man. Appeal to his better judgment and you will always find him on the side of right as opposed to wrong. Ask him his views in the matter of "rushing" and, in the majority of cases, he will declare himself against it. Now, while "rushes" may seem to be a necessary evil, they are not. It would require but a little effort on the part of the upper class-men to abolish this "relic of barbarism" from our midst. If the upper class-men do not exert their influence against the custom, how can it be expected that the Freshmen will not forget the last tearful entreaty of a fond mother, and declare hostilities at once? In "rushes" the majority are generally led by the few. Excitement prevails where good sense and honest conviction ought to lead the way. We are glad to see that some of the classes have taken a firm stand and that, hereafter, physical contests will decide the supremacy. May we not hope for this in all the classes? And then an honest rivalry will increase the enthusiasm and lead to more worthy results.

THERE is a large increase this year in the number of those who have applied for admission to the course in "Arts." This increase is gratifying, and is undoubtedly due in a large measure, to the increased facilities offered in this department. In many portions of the country Cornell is known only as a Technical College where the Classics, so-called, receive little or no attention. That this is a mistaken idea, is shown by the fact that at least twenty-five of the incoming class have declared themselves in favor of a mind trained by a close study of the masterpieces of ancient literature. It is high time for our contemporaries to know that Cornell is rapidly advancing to the front rank of American Colleges, not only from a scientific, but also from a literary standpoint. The graduates of Cornell, who have taken the course in "Arts," are rapidly falling in line with those from older colleges, and are making competition exceedingly lively. May the good work go on, and future years increase the number of those who come to Cornell to study the classics!

FROM a remark made by President Adams in his address on Tuesday, we are glad to know that he, at least, realizes the necessity of having more locker accommodation and increased facilities for taking baths at the "Gym." There are now a large number of students who have no lockers and whose consequent inconvenience is very great. Probably there is nothing more important to a student than physical exercise. His system demands it and if he heed not these demands he must sooner or later pay the penalty. What can be more sad than to see a man whose mind has been trained by long and hard study, but whose body is a wreck! Physical culture and training must go hand in hand with mind culture and training or the one will defeat the other. The Faculty of Cornell recognize the importance of this fact; hence our admirably equipped gymnasium and efficient instruction to supplement it. May we not hope soon to see the suggestion of our worthy President assume a substantial reality? From

what has already been said on the part of those who know, we have reason to believe that our hopes will be realized before '91 is enrolled in the University.

### OPENING ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT ADAMS.

[On Tuesday last at 12 o'clock the whole student body assembled in Armory Hall to hear the opening address or "Annual Talk" of President Adams. The President spoke extemporaneously and was reported by Mr. C. H. Thurber. The following is the address as nearly as our space would allow.]

#### MY FRIENDS:

I think the custom is a good one of coming together once a year and looking one another in the face in this quasi official way in order that the President of the University may say a word to you all in regard to the work of the year. I am not aware that this custom prevails at any other university; but I esteem it one of the good things that I have inherited of my predecessor that he annually invited the students to a kind of fireside talk.

In coming before you now it seems to me that my first word ought to be a word of congratulation. In the first place it is a matter of congratulation that there are in the University at the present moment not less than one hundred and fifty more students than have ever been in the University at the corresponding time of the year. This increase is shown in nearly all the classes, I think in every one of the departments of the University. There are more graduate students than have ever come together here before. The number returning to the upper classes is larger than ever before. The number in the Freshman class is the greatest that we have ever received. The class entering the University at the present time is certainly one of the largest, if not the very largest that has ever entered an American University. In point of numbers, therefore, we are certainly to be congratulated.

In the second place we are to be congratulated because the increase in numbers is distributed over the several departments. It has been but natural that the increment should be larger in certain technical courses than in other courses in the University. The largest increase has naturally been in Sibley College. During the last year there were very large expenditures, as you know, in that department, for the enlargement of the buildings and the perfection of the equipment. Some effort was made in the course of the year and very wisely made, I think, to call the attention of the public to the nature of this equipment, so that those who were desirous of such instruction might know something of the advantages that were here offered. In response to this, very large numbers have come to avail themselves of the opportunities we present. But the increase has not been in this department alone. There are indications of most robust health in all the other departments of the University. The department of Agriculture is showing signs of an increasing vigor. The new class in Architecture is the largest that the University has ever received. It is my impression that the class in Civil Engineering is the largest that has ever entered that department; the

class in Electrical Engineering is by far the largest we have ever received. It is also gratifying to know that the class entering the course in Arts is larger than any entering class that has ever before been received in this University.

In the third place the entering class is not only a very large class, but the impression prevails on the part of the examiners, that it is a very good class. Of course I use this word "good" in a purely conventional sense, simply as meaning that in point of preparation, the class seem to be more than usually good. We can not yet tell whether there are many weak spots in it, but the average attainments of members of the entering class seem at the present moment to be more than usually high. This consideration is perhaps of more importance than any other.

The fourth matter on which I congratulate you, is that you are now entering upon a year of larger freedom in the election of studies. You know that last year there was a thorough revision of the courses of study, and that the number of elective courses was considerably increased. The revised methods go into full operation for the first time this year. Thus in point of numbers, in point of distribution of this increase of numbers, in the excellence of preparation, and in the freedom forelection of studies, you are sincerely to be congratulated at the outset of the year.

But these matters bring certain inconveniences, certain responsibilities, even certain dangers that ought not to be overlooked. In the first place there are unquestionably certain physical inconveniences that come from this large increase of numbers. Some of you no doubt have experienced these inconveniences. The securing of rooms near the University has been made more difficult than ever before. Everything has tended to make it more desirable for those who would derive the greatest benefit from their course to live near the University. The best students have evinced this desire. So I have been led to think with more seriousness than ever before of the necessity on the part of the University for increasing the accommodations for students, either on the Campus or in its immediate vicinity. In my annual report I called attention to this subject, and I am more and more impressed with the necessity of its receiving our early and our earnest consideration.

Then it occurs to me to mention the inconveniences that arise at the Gymnasium. When this room was provided, which I think is the largest gymnasium hall for the use of students in the country, the number of students in the University was not more than about half what it is now. The adjuncts to this building, the bath rooms and lockers were provided with a view to accommodating the students then in the University. These accommodations are now inadequate, and I have been sorely perplexed as has also the Professor of Physical Culture and the Professor of Military Tactics, to know what is to be done for the accommodation of the large number of students here this year. We cannot do all this year that we would like to, but you may rest assured that we will do the best we can, and I hope before another year the difficulties may be entirely obviated.

Now, another inconvenience, or perhaps I ought to say, another danger that comes from this large increase of students, is the prevalence of a spirit that I cannot well describe except by using a foreign word. In France after the first Napoleon there was a certain feeling on the part of a good many Frenchmen that France was still strong enough to thrash the

whole world; and this feeling had its typical example in one M. Chauvin, who gave his name to the quality to which I refer. We may as well adopt the word and call it Chauvinism. This is the feeling that arises from a sort of consciousness that we are big, and that the whole world will recognize us as big and strong; and then that we have nothing to do but to strut about and take pains that the impression in regard to our bigness shall not diminish. Now, the temptation to this sort of feeling lies I suspect, deep down in human nature, and it would not be strange if we should have something of that feeling. But I think that it is a feeling that we ought to guard against. I do not know that the older classes in the University are in so much danger from this source as the class that is just entering. Possibly they may not have quite so much reason for the feeling. When a new class of three hundred or more members gets together on the campus it certainly is not altogether incomprehensible that the members feel that the class is large, and that it is incumbent upon them to impress upon the world the fact that it is large and strong. If reports are true—I do not know that they are—there are some symptoms indicating that this feeling exists to a certain extent in the entering class. There appears to be no ground for supposing the world will not be sufficiently reminded that the entering class is a pretty large and active body. But I sincerely hope that too much emphasis will not be given to any such propaganda. I can think of only one possible consolation that could come from a violent conflict between the Sophomore and Freshman classes. If such a conflict were unfortunately to occur, and it should be necessary for the Faculty to commend a score or two of students to some other field of usefulness, the only crumb of satisfaction I can think of is the fact that from the present Freshman class, in the language of the song: "They never would be missed." I thus allude to this subject, not because I suppose there is any evil intent on your part, but because I know that at times there is danger of drifting into excess without any purpose of doing a discreditable or disreputable thing. There is abundant reason for supposing that the members of the entering class have no wrong design. But whenever excesses occur they are never the result of any deliberate purpose, but always from a drifting on, little by little, in the wrong direction, until excesses have been committed that are discreditable or thoroughly disreputable. Then, furthermore, we all know that people outside who are not accustomed to college ways are apt to attach an undue importance to disturbances of this nature. Those who have been connected with colleges know that these are very often mere frivolities and intemperate expression of physical exuberance, and mean nothing more. But the world outside takes them very seriously, and the University has to be protected against wrong impressions. When any little exuberance occurs, plenty of people are ready to write it up in such a way as to create the impression outside that we have a sort of bear garden where the business of life is to tear each other to pieces. Now I do not speak thus because I am destitute of faith in your good judgment. I am not, but I would simply say a word to put you on your guard. When I was spoken to some days ago about the danger of a collision, I did not allow the suggestion to disturb me for an instant. I remembered with what manliness the class of last year took hold of the matter, or rather

determined to leave all matters alone except such as would commend themselves to everybody, and I believed that in the course of the last year that class had not forgotten its manliness. When I read in the paper last night the action that was taken by the class, I rejoiced to feel that I had not been mistaken. I feel very much as Dr. Arnold used to feel when he was accustomed to say that if he could only have the tone of the sixth form with him, he was sure of the rest of the school. We have, as a matter of course, the right feeling of the Seniors and Juniors, and what is not always to be expected, that correct feeling is reinforced by the tone of the Sophomore class. This, I think, ensures right conduct on the part of the entire body of students.

Now there is another danger from this increased number to which I call your attention. This may perhaps best be described by saying that there is danger of what may be called losing one's moral identity in so large a class. There is no special danger of your being lost sight of by your instructors. Where the Freshman class is divided into ten sections, as it is in some of its work, there is no liability that any individual member will fail to fall under the observation of his instructor. The University will know what each individual is doing in his class, but in your social duties, in your relations outside of your University work, there is something of danger. There is danger in the class spirit. I have sometimes thought that what is popularly known as class spirit, is the great bane of the American college. Occasionally perhaps some good comes from it, but ordinarily that spirit means evil and only evil. Again and again I have seen absorbed in what is known as class spirit the entire individuality of the student. Again and again I have seen persons who privately were thoroughly rational human beings, when put into the class and called upon to consider some class question, show unmistakable signs of being possessed of the devil. This may seem to you very strong language, and yet if you will think over your observation and your experience, and if they have been any thing like what mine has been, you will agree that this is not an intemperate statement of the case. Herein, therefore, is a danger to be avoided. You ought never to forget that you are free moral agents, that you are responsible to yourselves, to the University, and to the world, and it is not easy to see that you are in any way responsible to your class as a class. The class has done nothing for you, and will do nothing for you. Then again there is another danger to which I must call your attention. It is the danger of committing wrong, simply because you sometimes find that wrong is possible. This is allied to the danger of which I have just spoken. There is, of course, more possibility of doing the wrong thing in a large university than in a small one. I say there is more possibility, because it is not to be doubted that in a college where there is not more than half a dozen professors and two or three score of students, everybody can know what everybody else is about at all times of the day, and perhaps even at all times of the night. But in a university like this, where, as we believe, something of the true university spirit prevails; in a university which is founded upon the belief that there can be no true and large development except from the influence of the spirit of freedom and the exercise of the human will, there are always possibilities of doing the wrong thing whenever it is possible to do the right thing. We

ought never to forget that there can be no moral merit in doing the right thing unless it is possible at the same time to do the wrong thing; and therefore the possibility of merit is always accompanied with a possibility of demerit. The possibility of the largest development always carries with it as a necessary accompaniment the possibility of the greatest wreck and disaster. Now this would be sad to think of if the business of education were merely the prevention of evil. But you are not here simply for the purpose of such a negative exercise as that: you are here for a positive good. The business of education is a development of powers, and our powers can best be developed only under such conditions as those which, I believe, here surround us.

The changes of the last year in various quarters were founded upon this belief. Some of you will remember that at the beginning of the last year, we had an old organization known as the "absence committee." With some misgivings on the part of some members of the Faculty the functions of that committee were indefinitely suspended. The Faculty as a whole, however, in spite of these misgivings, thought they would run the risk of putting the students more completely upon their manhood and trying the new method experimentally for the purpose of ascertaining whether it was not safe to do away absolutely with that committee. We went through the year without it. I believe a majority of the Faculty at the end of the year were hopeful that we should find in the long run that no mistake had been made. It is possible for you to demonstrate that a mistake was made. I hope you will show that the action was wise, that it was not only safe, but inspiring, beneficial and uplifting, an appeal to the best in you to which you were ready to respond. Do not make the mistake of supposing that because we are not watching you and marking you at every recitation and lecture for the purpose of excluding you at some definite time, from the university, that you are thus absolutely free to neglect your work and abuse your opportunities.

Thus far I have spoken of certain natural mistakes, and have confined myself to warning you against them. I wish now to speak more positively of a number of things. And in the first place, I want to thank the members of the upper classes for the admirable spirit that prevailed during the last year. The tone, the *esprit* on the part of the students, in my judgment, amply justified the confidence I expressed to you a year ago. Possibly some of you remember what I then said on the subject of rules for the government of students. I remarked that I did not believe in a great number of rules, and that I was not sure that there ought to be more than one rule, something like this: That if at any time in the judgment of the Faculty a student is not fulfilling the objects for which he came to the University, or ought to have come, the President should be instructed to inform the parent or guardian of such student of the fact, and if, within a reasonable time, there is no improvement, and the student is not withdrawn, he should then be excluded. I said, I am not sure that such a rule would not be ample to cover almost all cases. There are some cases, however, which it would not cover. Occasionally there is a man who must be nursed, and coddled, and cared for, and reminded, and admonished, and helped on, and possibly it is one of the functions of the University to do this. I am glad to know that there are officers of

the University who have their eyes open to such cases and that such cases will be looked after. Once or twice last year things happened which led me to think that I might have made a mistake. But I am glad to say that I still believe that my position in regard to the matter was substantially correct.

Now I turn to a more attractive subject. If I were asked to name the things I deem most essential in a university I should answer: The first requisite is the general prevalence of what may be called a scholarly spirit. In my opinion, a great deal more depends upon the influence of students upon one another,—which is but another way of saying a great deal more depends on the collegiate atmosphere—than is commonly supposed. I know the impression prevails in some European universities that the influence of students upon one another is far greater than the influence of professors upon them. On this point I had an interesting conversation with one of the professors at the University of Cambridge. I spent a number of days there and I was glad to find that it was not in a strict sense of the term their vacation. They have a summer term, and the best students are encouraged to remain for the purpose of study and reading. I met a number of professors and had a series of conversations in regard to the way in which work is done and the spirit that prevailed. To preface what I am going to say, I ought in a few words to explain the English idea of a University. The institution, strictly speaking, is simply a place where students live and where they are examined. Students at Cambridge occupy rooms in the college buildings; they get their instructions substantially where they please and then come up at the end of their period of residence for examination. These examinations determine the question whether they shall or shall not receive the appropriate degree. But during the weeks and months and years of their residence almost absolutely no direction is given to students on the part of the university authorities, for the purpose of directing their studies or teaching them. They get their instructions privately, they employ private tutors, they employ "coaches," they hire men to read with them, they do as they please; but when the examination comes, it is a test that brings out every shade of scholarship that they may have acquired. For example, I was told by one of the professors that the examination in Mathematics continued through ten days, for, I believe, six hours a day, and that during that time the students have set before them questions as severe as the best mathematicians of England can devise. No student ever answers all the questions. No student ever answers even a large part of the questions, but there is a spur given to the most excellent scholarship by this severity. If the student writes continuously without any interruption for ten days he may hope to answer a considerable number of the questions; the proportion is so small, however, that while a perfect examination paper would give a numerical result of about five thousand, only some four hundred are necessary for the degree. When a man is so fortunate as to stand at once in the highest rank in the mathematics and in the classics, he graduates with the distinguished honor of double first, an honor which Sir Robert Peel, Mr. Gladstone, Professor Stubbs, and a few others have attained, but which in the history of the university has been very rarely secured. Now, how, under what appears to be a very lax system, is this result accomplished? It is through the general prevalence of what I have

called the "scholarly spirit." Thus the "spirit" of the college determines everything; the character of the professors determines very little. Said a professor to me: "No student ever determines what college he will go to at Cambridge University by thinking whether there are good professors or not, but always in answer to the question as to the character of the men that go to that college." "Will they encourage me or pull me down?" That is the question the applicant asks, and he goes where he thinks he will find congenial spirits. When once he has entered and is under the influence of those who are about him, he reads or does not read, as the case may be, and prepares for the examination that is to come. The prevalence of the scholarly spirit in certain of the colleges at Cambridge and Oxford is due almost entirely to this contact of the students and fellows with one another and their influence upon one another.

Now how is such a spirit to be fostered? There are two ways; and I may say that, in my judgment, there are two roads in this life that lead to eminence. One, and the first that I will mention, is through the faithful performance of regular duties. I do not mean to spend any time in emphasizing this point. The other way, is *through the wise use of leisure*; and if I had time I should be glad to dwell upon the fact that herein is the secret of many successes that other wise are unaccountable. If you will read the history of those men who have done little perhaps in college but have attained eminence in later life, you will find that they have generally made wise use of their leisure, and that their success has come from doing a great many things and doing them well, that they were not required to do. The case of Daniel Webster and a score of others might be cited, where wise use has been made of leisure time in filling the mind with knowledge that could afterwards be turned to profitable account. We must never be content with doing simply the routine work set before us. You must not think that if your time is not all occupied, you must elect more work in order to keep yourselves occupied. Instead of that *read, read, read*, is the injunction that I give you. The library is open for you. If you are a student of history, what a world of information can you not acquire from its treasures simply by using your leisure? If you are a student of literature, what can you not do in the way of reading the masters who have written in our tongue? If you are a classical student, what a world of literature there is open to you. I know of a young lady just entering the Junior class who has such a fondness for classics that she has read all Homer, Sophocles, and I believe, two other authors about equally voluminous, simply by the judicious employment of her leisure, when it would have been easy to waste it in reading novels or in frivolous pursuits. You might easily neglect your college work and still make in the end good scholars, if you occupied your leisure as you ought. But if you do *not* use your leisure wisely, no excellence of class work will insure you success.

The second great requisite that I would name, and it is as important as the first, is the prevalence of a healthy moral tone in all the relations of University life. The upbuilding of character, after all, is the most important matter that we have to care for. It is of more importance than the mere making of mind; and this building of character comes, as I am fond of quoting from one of the greatest writers, from the reiterated choice of good when it is possible to choose the evil. The impulse is in the set or bent of the will,

and one succeeds or fails according as this impulse is obeyed or resisted. Surrounding you there are a great many agencies to help you in every good impulse. The Cornell Christian Association, with a membership of some two hundred, is among the most active in the country. The work it has been doing in this last year has been such as to commend it to every one. There are other assistances. There are the Guilds. There is Sage Chapel. There are the churches in the town; and all these agencies have been planted to encourage the good and discourage the evil. These are so many and efficient that I cannot help thinking that there is no decent excuse for any young man who does not have here every good impulse encouraged and fortified. There are amusements in abundance, amusements that are innocent, and that are harmful. It is your business to discriminate between the two, and to be careful that you do not drift in the wrong direction. You can, of course, if you choose and persist in doing so, go to the bad. Unfortunately that is true, but I never have known a place where that could not be done. I am glad to think that there are few places where the encouragement in all right ways are more numerous than here, and this fact has been a constant surprise and a constant delight to me since I came to this University. Now do what you can to encourage and assist this impulse. Yield to the good impulses surrounding you and if you do this and if we all unite and work together, we shall come to the end of the year feeling that another has been added to the successful years in the history of the University.

#### THE FIRST RUSH.

"No thought of peace, no thought of rest,  
Assuaged the storm in Freshman breast."

Whoever happened to be in the neighborhood of Mill and Cayuga streets in the early evening of last Friday, must have thought that all the class of '90 lived in that part of the town. But this large number of Freshmen that were walking there were intent not on supper, but on glory. Soon a large number were gathered in the park, and with canes carefully grasped in their right hands, they marched toward State street. As the line grew in length the sound of the advance became louder and more confident. Still, however, the cautious Freshmen staid on State street. But at last they turned toward the park.

Now the Sophomores became more conspicuous, and hastened to gather and follow. Seniors, Juniors, and citizens hastened after the rivals, and but a short time was needed to start the rush, which Sophomore and Freshman alike desired. A hickory stick about two inches in diameter was placed in the hands of the chosen men, and at the word from the upper classmen the fray began. Many were clothed for the occasion, and seemed eager for nothing but the cane. Surely the lone light "shone o'er brave men." As ever, the Freshmen were at a disadvantage. They did not know a Sophomore from a Freshman, and more than once two lusty

Freshmen might be seen tugging at each other. This disadvantage the Juniors did their best to remove by pointing out Sophomores, but the crowd pressed away from the light, and the struggle became more heated. "He's '90!" "He's '89!" "Go in, '89!" was heard on every side. Exhausted Freshmen left the crowd and but for their great numbers they would soon have lost their cane. At times the battle raged about two or three centers, and only those who held it knew where the cane was. For twenty minutes the contest continued, till Freshman and Sophomore were alike ready to stop, and many Freshmen actually withdrew.

At this point a report spread that the Sophomores had won the cane, but while they were rejoicing over their supposed victory, the Freshmen made a final effort and succeeded in passing the cane to a Junior. Amid the confusion it was difficult to learn where the cane was, but after a short time it appeared at the head of a line of Juniors, who were marching toward State street.

The Freshmen immediately fell in behind the Juniors, and the victors made the city resound with the praise of "'90." After marching several times from the Post-office to the Ithaca Hotel, the line made a quick turn to the left and disappeared in the Teutonic Quarter. Here the weary Freshmen refreshed themselves with mild beverages, and discussed the rush till the clock struck nine and warned them to seek the quiet of their rooms.

During the whole affair the greatest good humor was preserved, and not a student, so far as we have heard, was injured.

#### A NEW WRINKLE AT SAGE.

The ladies' fraternities of the University have sent a copy of the following circular to each lady of the entering class:

It has been thought advisable to call the attention of the young ladies entering the University to some of the phases of college life, about which those just entering college are not always previously informed.

A college fraternity is an organization formed by students in the various colleges and universities of the country, for mutual improvement and enjoyment. The membership of the separate chapters is limited, and is gained only by invitation. Membership in one fraternity precludes membership in any other.

In Cornell University there are chapters of three ladies' fraternities. Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Chapter of Delta Gamma.

No invitations to join Kappa Alpha Theta,

Kappa Kappa Gamma, or Delta Gamma are given before December 1st.

Besides these secret societies there is the Irving Literary Society which is open to both ladies and gentlemen of the college. All are cordially invited to become members. Meetings are held every Friday evening during the college year.

#### WHAT GOETH ON AT PRESENT.

And now the University hath reopened. The student returneth to his studies and the voice of the co-ed is heard in the land. The number of students hath increased, yea, they swarm in every boarding house. The heart of the boarding house keeper is glad; he rubbeth his hands together for joy and his face beameth with smiles.

The Freshman appeareth on the campus; he hath a state scholarship in his pocket and he intendeth to amaze the people with his greatness. But now, behold, there is a greenness and an innocence in his every action, that showeth he is the opposite of saline compounds.

The Soph. likewise appeareth; he observeth the Freshman with disdain; contempt is seated on his brow; he forgetteth that he was once a Freshman, yea his mind is exalted.

The Junior, also cometh forth in new glory; he patronizeth the Freshmen and careth for them; yea, he is even as a father. He protecteth them from the tricks of the Soph, and lendeth his gracious presence to their meetings. He exhorteth them to deeds of action and directeth them in the path wherein they should go.

And now, behold, the Senior returneth with a silk hat; he moveth with majesty and impressiveness; he looketh on the lower classes with condescension; but yet he feeleth a kind of sympathy which appeareth in all great minds.

But now the Fresh. carrieth a cane; he defieth the Soph; the Soph. resenteth such forwardness and applieth correction; he goeth for the Fresh and breaketh his cane in sunder. But soon the Soph. remembereth his former determination; he calleth a meeting and confirmeth his former resolutions. He discountenanceth cane rushing, verily he abhorreth such "relics of barbarism."

The "Prexy" now addresseth the students; he congratulateth them on the increase which hath occurred in the number of students, and warneth the unwary Freshman of the many dangers about his path. He admonisheth all to study and be industrious. He exhorteth every one to do all that which is just and right, and to abstain from that which is evil. He

warneth the Fresh to restrain his desire for glory, and to rush for canes no more forever.

But work hath commenced, and the Freshman groaneth over his mathematics. His spirit fainteth, yea, he forgetteth cane rushing and seeketh after wisdom as for hid treasure. The Soph. smileth at his distress; he remembereth that he was once a Fresh., but now he is delivered from the house of bondage.

Each class prepareth to elect its officers. The society man watcheth for the rich student, and inviteth him to his "den."

All things move on quietly, and the student slowly settlenth himself to work.

#### FRESHMAN MEETINGS.

A meeting of the class of '90 was held in room K, Morrill Hall, at 10.30 a. m., Saturday. After some delay caused by the fact that the hour of the meeting called the Freshmen from Registration, about two hundred members of the class and a score of Juniors assembled.

The meeting was called to order by W. N. Smith, who stated its object as temporary organization. The following officers, *pro tem*, were then chosen: President, W. N. Smith; Secretary, W. S. Young; Treasurer, L. C. Ehle. The matter of a class yell was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Smith, Young, Ehle, S. B. Fordenbaugh, and A. H. Herschel, and two Juniors. A committee with L. E. Chester as chairman, reported against the immediate adoption of class colors, and the report was accepted.

A committee on permanent organization was ordered to prepare a Constitution, and the President selected one Junior, and Messrs. F. H. Callan, P. Upton, L. E. Chester, and W. S. Young.

After so much routine business, the meeting devoted its attention to that for which the Freshman heart yearns—the discussion of what they have done and can do. First the President produced the pieces of the cane which was won from the Sophomores the preceding night, and asked those who had especially distinguished themselves in the battle of the Park to advance and receive their reward. For a moment no one moved. Then all together made a rush, and the hundred pieces were quickly distributed.

The sight of such trophies had a wonderful effect. One young man moved that the class of '90 challenge the class of '89 to a final cane rush to take place October 16. After some discussion this motion was lost. Various ways of determining the question of athletic superiority were then discussed, and some good advice

given by the Juniors present, but no final action was taken. The meeting then adjourned till Monday at 1 p. m.

At 1 p. m. on Monday, the Freshmen met in room K to hear the report of several committees, and to take other action in regard to the organization of the class.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of the Natural History Society, our former president and esteemed fellow student has been removed from our association by death, and

WHEREAS, It is the wish of the members of this Society to give public expression to their loss;

*Resolved*, That in the death of Otis E. Pearce we have lost an earnest and much prized friend; science, an enthusiastic and faithful worker; the world, a man of noble aims, most rigorous honor, and highest integrity.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincerest sympathy to his family and friends in their affliction, sorrowing with them in our common loss.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes of the Society, and that a copy of them be sent to each of the college papers, and to the parents of the deceased.

H. E. SUMMERS, F. V. COVILLE,  
A. B. COMSTOCK, B. L. OVIATT,

GEORGE DONALDSON,

Executive Com. of Nat. Hist.  
Soc. of Cornell University.

#### CORNELLIANA.

—Sub-

—Scribe

—Sub-Fresh

—For the ERA.

—'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Non-a-gin-ta.

—There are twenty-three women in the new class.

—Why are the *Review* editors elected last term like Othello?

—The mummy is the recipient of many a visit from the Freshmen.

—It has been found necessary to form another section in Junior Elocution.

—Persons residing outside of Sage will be received as boarders hereafter.

—Someone advertises on the Armory Bulletin a uniform weighing 130 lbs!

—The cold wave during the early part of the week was a gentle reminder of what the winter will be.

—The fair last week was not attended by the students as well as in former years.

—How long must the notice "No Baths till Further Notice," remain on the bath-rooms?

—There has been considerable curiosity as to what would be the slogan of the class of '90.

—The accommodations for the students in Architecture are not sufficient for the number of students.

—Cornell men must be careful hereafter when on the streets of Ithaca, or they will "graduate at Syracuse."

—Professor Schurman's residence is not yet completed, but is so far advanced as to permit of occupation.

—Men are engaged grading the Campus between the residences of Professor Roberts and Mrs. Williams.

—The standing committees of the Cornell Christian Association for the year 1886-87 have been announced.

—The military department is very busy at present and the Cornell Battalion this year will be larger than usual.

—The Phi Kappa Psi rooms have been changed from the Sprague block to a pleasant situation on Heustis Street.

—The price of the first issue of the *Sun*, "Three Gents," causes no inconvenience while the Freshman class is so large.

—The campus looks busier than ever this year. The increase in the Freshman class over previous years is very perceptible.

—The base-ball ground is at present cut by a mountain range in miniature that sadly interferes with practice at the national game.

—In one of his lectures this week President Adams criticised Professor Tuttle's History of Prussia. Professor Tuttle was present.

—The Mermaid which was so much spoken of last year, has been set up by E. H. Sargent, '87, and placed in the general Museum.

—As the time for class elections approaches Seniors are often seen in consultation. It is reported that a "dark horse" is to appear.

—There will be no recitation in Physics this week. As the first lecture was omitted it was impossible to arrange the sections in time.

—Do not forget to fill out one of the blanks to be obtained in the Registrar's Office with the work that you intend to do during the year. This must be done on or before Saturday, the 25th.

—The usual amount of enthusiasm is noticeable in the Freshman class during the first week or two, and rousing meetings are the result.

—At least one '90 man is supremely happy. He is the possessor of a silver-headed Sophomoric cane as a trophy of his Freshman exploits.

—A memorial window to Margaret Hicks-Volkman of the class of '78 was placed in the north side of the chapel during the summer.

—The Chapel is undergoing repairs. The ceiling and walls are being painted, and a large settee has been placed on the speakers platform.

—The dry weather during the summer and the recent winds have nearly removed the leaves from the trees between Morrill Hall and the Chapel.

—The library has again taken on its old time appearance. It would be well, however, for the Freshmen to pay more heed to the rules about talking.

—A number of students attended a lecture down town last Friday evening, on "How I shall Enforce the Statutes and By-Laws of the Village of Ithaca."

—At a meeting of the class of '90 the committee on a class yell presented the following: "Rah! Rah! Rah! No-na-gin-ta." Who says Latin is a dead language?

—At last the "cat house" has been removed. A new one with all conveniences, and arrangements for the comfort of the cats is being built on the side of Fall Creek gorge.

—A plan has been arranged by which students in the department of Mechanic Arts may draw books from the Library on signing an agreement to make good all injury.

—A Freshman is said to have offered his registration ticket to a gentleman near the door, when entering the Armory on Tuesday last to hear the President's Annual Address.

—The apple trees on the campus seem to be veritable trees of knowledge, judging by the great number of seekers for the fruits of knowledge that wander through the groves.

—All officers and non-commissioned officers of the Cornell battalion met at the Armory on Wednesday. To-day the Freshmen report, and next Monday the Sophomores begin drill.

—The president, *pro tempore*, of the Freshman class has kindly informed the people of Ithaca, and the students of the University which class won the cane last Friday evening.

—Conversation with many of the Freshmen shows that there is a strong sentiment in the class against rushing. The Freshmen seem willing to accept any other reasonable contest.

—Uncle Josh has had the following notice placed at the entrance of the Museum: Do NOT SPIT on the floor. Do NOT DIG the PLASTER CASTS on this floor. Leave your cigar outside."

—There are a great many of this year's Freshman class who have had more or less previous military drill, hence it will be more difficult than usual to get an appointment as an officer.

—The class of '90 have made a very favorable impression upon the upper classes. It is hoped that their future actions will deserve the hearty approval of all true Cornellians and that by their good work in the class-room they will merit the esteem and good will of their Professors.

—The following are the chairmen of the standing committees of the Sibley College Mechanic Arts Association: Papers and Discussions, H. E. Smith; Reference and Data, C. Browning; Library and Collections, E. D. Carnaghan; Sibley Alumni, J. L. Cox; Rooms and Fitting, R. Flint.

—There seem to be fewer base-ball players on the Campus these fine afternoons than is usual in the fall. There surely must be some good ball-players in an entering class of nearly three hundred, and now is the proper time for such men to make their abilities known. A game between the two lower classes would no doubt serve to bring out the base-ball talent in '90.

—If the crew did not row, the interest in base ball is undiminished. As early as last Saturday several of the members of last year's University nine met for practice. Three men of the old nine will not return this year, but it is reported that there is considerable ability among the Freshmen, and with three hundred and fifty new men to select from, we cannot fail to have an excellent nine.

—A change has been made in Professor Tyler's method of conducting his Junior course in American History. Instead of two lectures a week and one hour of seminary work in original investigation as formerly, he now gives three lectures a week and the student may besides take the seminary work once a week or not, at his option. Then a part of the hour each Monday is given up to "quizzing" the students upon the preceding lectures of the week.

—Owing to the impossibility of receiving text-books there was no recitation in Political Economy on Wednesday. During a part of the hour Professor Hodder read to the class a sketch of the organization and growth of the

Knights of Labor. Instead of a single text-book the class will this year read several on different subjects in Political Economy. The first weeks of the term are to be given to Jevons' Money and the Mechanism of Exchange.

—Saturday, Oct. 9, has been set as the day for our Fall Athletic Meeting. Although this is but two weeks ahead, there is still time to do valuable work in training for the various events. Especially if there be any members of the new class that have aspirations toward renown in any of the events to be contested for on that day, let those men by all means enter and train for such contests, in order that their class may make a creditable showing with the others.

—As the ERA editors were seated in solemn discussion the other evening, a Freshman, with bosom brimming o'er with generosity, strode through the office door. With countenances mute we sat as he walked hesitatingly in, said timidly, "I want to subscribe for the ERA," pulled out the price and dropped it upon the sanctum table. Our seven-fold heart went out to him in gratitude, and we blessed him bountifully. N. B. All who wish to be similarly blessed, walk ye also in and drop the price.

—Since we left last June, a banner, won by our base-ball team of 1885, has been hung in the University Library. The banner is of satin, and is suspended by ribbons of carnelian and white. Upon one side are the names of the men composing the team and the substitutes, together with the words, "Cornell's Record for the season—Won Every Game Played." Upon the other side are the records of the various games. This beautiful testimonial of the work done by the team of that year should be an incentive to further good work upon the diamond.

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#### PERSONALS.

GEO. McCANN, '86, was in town last week. CRISMAN, '87, spent his vacation in Holland. W. P. KING, '88, spent the summer in Albany.

ALBERT PHILLIPS, formerly '87, is visiting friends in town.

H. P. DEFOREST, '84, is taking the Medical Preparatory course at the University.

WHEELER, '86, is at present principal of Ticonderoga Union School, at Ticonderoga, N. Y.

MAGUIRE, '87, had charge of the construction of the Y. M. C. A. building in Albany for Contractor Snaith.

W. M. MEAD, '88, who has been in town for a few days has left for New York. He did not neglect to subscribe for the ERA.

G. B. PELTON, '87, is on the staff of the *Hornellsville Times*.

A. F. MATHEWS, '83, is on the city staff of the *Philadelphia Press*.

ANDREW D. WHITE is revising his book on the "Warfare of Science."

J. S. GANZ, formerly '88, is on the staff of the *Connellsville, Pa., Courier*.

W. C. NOYES, formerly '88, will be admitted to the bar this winter in Conn.

U. I. JONES, '87, is studying Theology at Madison Theological Seminary.

J. P. WILSON, '87, after the absence from college for a year, has returned to graduate.

W. F. CASSEDY, '84, is in town for a few days seeing old friends. He is looking as bright as ever.

H. S. BRONSON, '88, will not return to the University this year. He hopes to be back to finish his course next year.

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#### MARRIED.

MATTHEWS—CROSBY.—At St. George's Vestry, New York, on June 4, 1886, A. F. Matthews, '83, to Miss M. E. Crosby, of New York, by the Rev. Dr. Wilson, assistant pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church.

CUMMINGS—SEELY.—At Syracuse, July 14, Mr. F. D. Cummings, '85, to Miss Ada Seely.

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#### OBITUARY.

The Death Angel has again summoned one of '86's best scholars, Mr. O. E. Pearce, who died at his home in Jefferson Co., Sept. 11. Not only does '86 mourn his death but all with whom he was acquainted. As a student, he was diligent and placed a high estimate upon a finished education. His aim was high and in every respect he possessed a life full of promise, but the grave has claimed him for its own and we must submit to the will of Him "who doeth all things well."

Miss Lucy Alvord, '87, is dead. What a flood of feelings is awakened by that one short sentence! How sad to think that we shall see her no more who was so recently present with us! Cherished hopes and fond ambitions with her are no more. Her classmates and friends deeply mourn her loss and will fondly cherish her memory until they, too, shall be mingled with the dust. We shall miss her presence but the example of her life will lend its gentle influence for aye.

#### NEW BOOKS.

"The American Citizen's Manual" written by Worthington C. Ford, and published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, is a convenient and useful book for students of American politics. The book is divided into two parts each of which is subdivided into four chapters. This arrangement is convenient for reference, and each chapter is an exhaustive treatise of the subject in hand. Part I is a treatise on Governments—National, State, Social,—the Electorate and the Civil Service. Part II contains a description of the Functions of Government, considered with special reference to taxation and expenditure, the regulation of commerce and industry, provision for the poor and insane, the management of the public lands, etc. Bound in cloth \$1.25.

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#### WILGUS OPERA HOUSE AMUSEMENTS.

The next attraction at the Wilgus Opera House, will be the "Tourists in a P. P. C.," Wednesday evening, Sept. 29. We clip the following from the *New York Herald*:

"The presentation of the "Tourists in a P. P. C.," given at the Windsor Theatre last night caused considerable amusement to a very large audience. The company is a very strong one, and kept the audience in a good humor throughout the entire evening. Mr. Chas. Kirke as *Hookey John* made an ideal Chinaman, and with his specialty and performance, *Louis*, the Frenchman, which was a marked piece of character acting, proved himself an artist of considerable merit. Thos. Lord made an amusing porter. The quartet singing and specialties, and the P. P. Car scene by day and night were splendid features, and added realism to the performance. We should advise all who wish to have a hearty laugh, go see the "Tourists" this week.

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#### CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnot, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

University Chapel. Services at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. during the fall and spring term. Discourses delivered by clergymen of the various Christian denominations.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Evening service at 7:30. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

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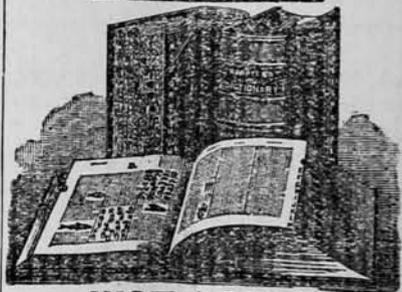
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AS the time for Senior election draws nigh, it naturally behooves the graduating class to look about them for the men most capable of administering the class offices. The success of the various exercises of the class during Commencement, will depend, almost entirely, upon the men chosen to represent the class at that time. It ought to be the sincere wish of every Senior, to see his class graduate with exercises that will bring credit not only to '87, but also to the University. To this end, officers must be chosen who represent the best executive ability of the class. Let every one lay aside all petty likes and dislikes and come prepared to vote for the very best men for the offices.

THERE is probably no church in the country where the people have the opportunity of listening to as eloquent and earnest sermons as are delivered at Sage Chapel during the fall and spring terms. That these sermons are too little appreciated by the students, is most noticeable, for they form a proportion of the congregation hardly more than in any church in the city. This is not as it should be, and, to say the least, is defeating the purpose for which the Chapel was built and for which the endowment was provided. You would not think less of yourself and others would think a great deal more of you, if you attended and only seemed to appreciate the intellectual and spiritual treats that are heard at the Chapel from Sabbath to Sabbath. Let us, by our presence and attention, at least show our appreciation of the advantages that are provided for us.

THAT Cornell has no Glee Club is a fact worthy of our remark, and should demand the attention of every student who has any interest whatever in the elevation of college songs to something like respectability. Last year an unsuccessful attempt was made to organize a club. The meetings were poorly attended and there was a general lack of interest on the part of the members, until finally the attempt ended in complete failure. Now let those who take the matter in hand this year, profit from the experience of last year and put on foot some plans whereby a Glee Club, worthy the name of Cornell, may be sustained. There certainly are a number of first-class voices in the University, and in addition, those who will lend of their time and money to get the thing fairly under headway. There is no reason why Cornell may not have just as good and even a better Glee Club than many other colleges where there are but half the number of students. Too much cannot be said in favor of such an enterprise

for it would undoubtedly increase college spirit and add greatly to the popularity of the University, provided some good concerts were given.

THE character and quality of the literary work done by Cornell students is inferior, in many respects, to that done by students of other colleges. The reason of this is two-fold and arises from a lack of opportunity and a want of interest, on the part of the students, in that direction. Who is there among us that does not realize the value of being able to address the people on questions of public moment! Our classes in Elocution and Oratory go a great ways, but the work of the literary society ought to begin here and supplement the work of the class room. Irving Society and the Mock Congress are steps in the right direction, but their influence does not reach far enough. Either the character of their work is not such as to merit the attention of the students, or there is a disability arising from the lack of numbers. In other colleges there are societies that have large circulating libraries and that hold annual society contests. In addition to this, there are inter-collegiate contests and the matter goes so far even, that contestants meet from different states to determine where is the "prince of college orators." We have our Inter-collegiate Athletic Sports, why can we not have Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contests? We are sure such an event would be looked forward to with as much interest as are the Spring Athletic Sports. Will some of our neighbors speak? And we think Cornell will be ready to meet them on the rostrum as she has met them on the field.

MOST of us are here for the primary object of obtaining an education, but the secondary object in each case is not so easy to account for. After graduation, some will be regarded by the world as fossils that have been buried for four years or more among the tomes of ancient literature; some will be men of science thoroughly awake to all progress in that

direction; some will be philosophers of no mean pretensions; some mathematicians there will be, and some, poets; while still others will be historians. And so on down the entire list. Until then the secondary object does not appear except in the case of specialists. The object of a college course is to provide a foundation upon which any profession may be built, hence the broader and deeper it is laid the better. Personal excellence and a fully developed mind are indispensable to success, but it does not follow that one must twist his college course in order to turn his culture all in one direction. Outside of the technical departments and even here, the student should seek the very broadest culture. When we shall have passed beyond the scenes of college life, will be time enough to narrow down to one line of study. But, you say, only specialists or men of one purpose succeed. Admitted! But these men, as a rule, have minds that received a general training ere they were directed to a specialty. Study, then, to get the most possible good out of your college course and you will have a mind that will do honorable service in whatever direction you shall turn it.

IT is a well known fact that Cornell's glory in Athletics has been won in years gone past, by her oarsmen. She has ever been well-nigh invincible upon the water, and her crews have been prime favorites and winners in many an aquatic contest. But of late it has not been in rowing alone that Cornell has gained renown. For the past two years her base-ball nine has been a strong rival to her crew for a share of athletic honor. For two years has Cornell won the championship of the N. Y. S. Inter-collegiate League without knowing a defeat, and only once has she been defeated at all by a college nine within that time, and then her defeat was more the result of bad luck than of mistakes. Few students that have taken a lively interest in base ball during this time can fail to agree with the statement that our victories have been won chiefly through steady, and often heavy batting. Cornellians who have

attended games during the last two years as anxious wishers for victory, have rarely, been compelled to feel doubt as to the final outcome of the contest for more than a few innings. Now our men have not excelled in batting through physical superiority, but because they have had an opportunity to get winter practice in judging and hitting pitched balls. Our old batting "cage," however, has been torn down, and unless something is done towards getting a new one, applicants for positions on the nine will have to wait until spring for batting practice. All Cornellians that take an interest in athletics should at once come forward and give the Athletic Council pecuniary aid in order that such a building may be built or hired and equipped before cold weather puts an end to practice upon the field.

#### THE TRUE SCHOLAR.\*

'The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.'

'Oh, if we draw a circle premature,  
Heedless of far gain,  
Greedy for quick returns of profit, sure  
Bad is our bargain!'

THOMAS DE QUINCEY, in his Essay on Joan of Arc, gives, incidentally, a definition of a great scholar, which, barring the somewhat grandiloquent way of putting it, could not be bettered; and it is a definition to be especially regarded in these days, when, in certain lines of study, the tendency is so strong toward a run-mad analysis which is made an end to itself, and the synthesis to which it should be subservient, is quite lost sight of.

Using the expression, "a great scholar," DE QUINCEY adds, "by which is meant,—not one who depends simply on an infinite memory, but also on an infinite and electrical power of combination; bringing together from the four winds, like the angel of the resurrection, what else were dust from dead men's bones, into the unity of breathing life."

There is many a product of what is considered great scholarship published in these days, in which no "power of combination" appears, no "unity of breathing life," and on the title-page of which the author might have put, if he had estimated his work aright,

\*Response to the toast, "The True Scholar," made at the Sixth Annual Dinner of the New York Alumni Association of Cornell University, March 31st, 1886, by Professor Hiram Corson.

"*Vitam perdidit operose nihil agendo*" (I have lost life in laboriously doing nothing).

The question which should be asked in respect to every scholar is, not what does he know, but what he can *do*, or what *has* he *done*; not, what has he acquired, but what has he *constructed* out of his acquirements.

It would be in extremely bad taste, in this assembly of learned men, for me to express a depreciation of any kind of learning. I certainly do not mean to do so. What I mean to say, is, that no kind of learning should become an end to itself. All kinds of learning, when carried far enough, are enjoyable in themselves; and hence the danger of their becoming ends to themselves. I will mention one, namely, philology, which I have had a little taste of myself; and that little taste has been so very agreeable that I have felt the study could easily become with me a mere indulgence.

Now the reason why I have singled out philology is, that, while the natural history of human speech may be regarded as one of the most important sciences which have been developed in this century, it has, from the exclusive way in which it has been pursued, become an obstacle in our institutions of learning, a very serious obstacle, to a kind of cultivation which is imperatively demanded in these days, when the analytic, the discursive, is almost everything, and the spiritual is almost nothing, in our systems of education—a cultivation which philological study should serve rather than obstruct—I mean literary cultivation in its highest sense; that cultivation which renders one susceptible and responsive to works of genius—to works in whose composition the intellectual and the spiritual man vigorously and harmoniously coöperated. Of every form of art it may be said, the same *kind* of powers which produced it, is demanded in some degree, at least, for its appreciation. A product of the insulated intellect, a proposition of Euclid, for example, requires only the intellect to take it in; the spiritual man may be entirely quiescent. But an art product, into which enters the whole man, as a thinking, emotional, imaginative, and moral being, can be adequately responded to only by one in whom these several attributes are more or less active; and literary education should aim after their activity. Into this literary cultivation, such as I have defined it to be, philological study must necessarily enter, must enter as a very important factor. But one who devotes himself *exclusively* to philology, is no more likely to have what is meant by literary culture, than one who devotes himself *exclusively* to microscopic anatomy. Philology is a

science, and all its processes are strictly and entirely scientific.

The danger to which most tyros in philology just now are exposed, is that of becoming, and remaining, mere word-mongers, who make words, an end to themselves; so that even when they read a great author who might do something for their synthetic powers, and for their souls, they read "words, words, words." I know some Shakespeare scholars who would be rendered very unhappy if, by some miraculous means, all the word-difficulties which the text of the great poet presents, were cleared up. Othello's occupation would be gone—all the means of their intellectual support would be taken away, since they have not made their studies of the text subservient, as they should be made, to the higher study of the dramatic action, of the poet's *artistic expression* in its highest sense, of the whole *mise en scène*. They know little or nothing of the plays as plays—as works of transcendent dramatic art, which they are, built up with magnificent proportions, and with an ideal (not a mechanical) symmetry and harmony. No. They have studied only the words and the phraseology, and the *crucis criticorum* which have resulted chiefly from the fact that the Plays were committed to the press without the supervision of their author, or of a good proof-reader.

Again. The *mere* philologist cannot know the *higher life* of words. Dialectical lexica cannot present their higher life. That is presented only in the works of genius. By the higher life of words, I mean that life by which they are related to the human spirit as distinguished from that life by which they are related to the intellect alone. Philology has largely to do with words as representatives of *intellectual* conceptions. It is only as they are marshalled by genius, by great *expressers*, and made to realize all their potential force, that their spiritual aroma is brought out.

We must *feel* words, as well as know them intellectually, if we would appreciate great authors, and especially great poets. A knowledge of Sanscrit roots, or of any other roots, will not induce this feeling; it may even help to shut it off.

With the new scheme of study which will be entered upon next year, in Cornell University, English literary study will have some chance, I hope; it has had but very little thus far, although the amount of literary instruction given, has exceeded, I do not hesitate to say, that given in any other institution in the country. But such has been the pressure upon students from departments better fostered, and organized

into greater effectiveness, even upon students who have entered the Course in Literature, that their literary studies have been necessarily incidental; they have been a mere *πάρεργον*.

But it belongs to Cornell University, aiming, as it does, and claiming, indeed, to represent the most advanced educational ideas, to inaugurate (it is yet to be inaugurated, in the educational world, strange to say), to inaugurate the higher literary study which I have indicated—the study of great literary products as works of art which are to be known sympathetically and synthetically, and not treated, at the best, as merely intellectual problems, nor used simply as a basis of philological study; which are to be known also, in their relations to the times in which they were produced, and, what is of vastly more importance, in their relations to the *universal*.

All great works of genius, such as DANTE'S *Divina Commedia*, CHAUCER'S *Canterbury Tales*, TASSO'S *Gerusalemme Liberata*, SHAKESPEARE'S Dramas, MILTON'S *Paradise Lost*, have most intimate relations to the several ages in which they were produced, and it is highly important to know these relations; but it is far more highly important to know the relations of these works to the universal, to the absolute, to the eternal.

What should be the aim of English literary scholarship, should also be the aim of every other kind of literary scholarship, be it Greek, Latin, German, French, Italian or Spanish. Many years ago, in a letter to the Rev. JOSEPH HENRY ALLEN, occasioned by the publication of his Latin Grammar, President WHITE expressed an opinion in regard to classical scholarship which has been rapidly gaining ground, the last few years (not so much, indeed, with the special representatives of this scholarship), and which great numbers of the most enlightened educators are ready heartily to endorse; he says: "I have been long convinced that the most dangerous foes to classical studies are not the men who decry them—the Philistines—but the men who smother them,—the Pedants. If classical scholarship shall ever be utterly neglected among us, it will be because those appointed to promote it, have substituted for the great works of the great minds of antiquity, endless gerund-grinding and second-hand scraps of doubtful philosophy, and metaphysics of the subjunctive mood. Modern grammarians," he adds, "have become generally so long and dreary, that there is no *time* for ancient authors."

Learning cannot be advanced unless a large body of scholars devote themselves to various

and minute specialties. But the resulting danger of this indispensable condition of advancement is, that specialties tend to become ends to themselves, and the true ends to which they should be means, are lost sight of. The scientific man may be, and the highest order of the scientific man must be, as much (if not more, indeed) of an artist, in the very highest sense of that word, as he who constructs a great drama or paints a great picture. For he devotes himself to getting at the secrets, to tracing and reproducing and practically applying the processes, of the Supreme Artist. But in pursuing a specialty, if he lose sight of its infinite relations, he is not an artist, but a delver who knows not *whither* he is delving. He analyzes, but he does not synthesize.

In order to synthesize, he must have the *imaginative* faculty—the faculty of *feeling*, to some extent, the constitution of God's infinite Poem, and thus to reach out ahead of his intellect. He must have sensitive spiritual antennæ extending beyond the discursive understanding. If he have not these, he may be an analyst, but he cannot be a synthesist to any extent; for the intellect must have something constructive, something cosmical, to aim at, and that something must be felt ahead. Theories and hypotheses, without which the scientific man, even the mathematician, cannot work, are largely the product of the imaginative faculty; certainly all theories and hypotheses which are worth anything.

The greatest and, in these materialistic days, the most difficult, problem which education has to solve, is, to secure a better balancing than now generally exists, of the intellectual and the spiritual man; in order that the man of intellectual pursuits have not a starved spiritual nature, and the man of predominant spiritual functions have not an intellect weakened into a submissiveness to formulated, stereotyped, and, consequently, lifeless dogmas. And when this problem shall have been successfully solved, and its results shall have become general (and it is within the possibilities of the future that they may), there will then be a civilization sustained and carried forward by true scholars—a civilization more linked with the eternal, and therefore a more Christian civilization, than that in which we are living,—a civilization such as the world has never yet known.

—The alphabetical list of students for this term will come out next week. Every student that has changed his place of residence since registration day should report the new place of residence to the registrar at once.

## CORNELL ON THE WATER.

The following will speak for itself and perhaps arouse our Navy to immediate action:

*To the Editors of the Era, Cornell University:*

DEAR SIRS:—It affords me great pleasure to address you upon the subject of Howland's victory at the National Regatta in July, and I am sure you will pardon this "congratulation" when I say I believe I was partly instrumental in that sculler's entering the race. He wrote me how fast he was rowing and asked my advice about going into the contest. I advised him by all means to send on his entry. You have learned through the papers of the gallant race he pulled, of the "stern chase" he had with Quigley, undoubtedly one of the fastest amateurs in the country, and, in answer to Cornell's slogan given by a handful of friends near the finish of the tremendous spurt he made on the last quarter which gave him the race by only a few feet; but, I hardly believe you realize the disadvantage Howland was compelled to contend with in the matter of position. His course was on the extreme west, almost completely out of the strong ebb (favorable) tide then running, and he in reality labored against a handicap of ten or fifteen seconds. The plucky little fellow is entitled to all the credit you and other Cornellians feel inclined to give him for it was a tremendous pull from start to finish with victory snatched at the very end. With a few such enthusiastic, gallant oarsmen Cornell University will be able to successfully defend her good reputation in aquatic sport—a reputation, I assure you, won only through hard persistent training work on the water and at times under most discouraging conditions, as some of Cornell's older oarsmen will attest. There is no reason why the red and white should not be carried to the front in all intercollegiate regattas, and I am sure I express the sentiment of all the friends of the Navy when I say I trust Cornell will produce a Varsity crew and a sculler next year that will defeat all comers. To accomplish this end class crew rowing should be encouraged and material in this way brought out for the composition of a representative University four, and a first class fall regatta ought to be given as an incentive for the rowing men to improve their condition and speed.

Returning to Howland and his race I beg to enclose clippings from the *Spirit of the Times*. \* \* Final heat, Howland, 10m. 8s; Quigley, 10m. 9¼s; McDougall, 10m. 25s; Dailey quit at half way. Dailey, who had been a favorite in the pools, never had a chance, and finally

ran ashore. McDougall kept up with Quigley and Howland for a quarter-mile, and then slowly dropped to the rear, his boat being half full of water, leaving them to make a fine race, with the lead alternating until 350 yards from the finish, when Howland, putting on a little more steam, and choosing the better side of an anchored barge, where he found more current, passed his opponent, and won by almost a full boat's length. Quigley did not take this defeat with good grace; wished to usurp the duties of finish judge; claimed that he had won, and drummed up similar opinions from men who were 50 and 100 yards above the finish line, and did not even know its direction; and succeeded in making a nuisance of himself without any cause. If it had been a close finish there might have been some excuse, but no sane man will believe that Mr. Parker W. Page cannot correctly judge two boats, one of which was 20 feet behind the other. The affidavits of all the men in America who were more or less remote from the finish-line would not avail against the decision of one judge who was on the line, understood his business, and attended to it faithfully. In the pools Quigley, Dailey and Howland were favorites at different times, but the bulk of the money was on Dailey—another instance of misguided judgment.

After his return home Quigley caused to be published in his local journal the following: "Quigley, of the Institutes, feels that he was wronged at the National Regatta, last week, and that he won first place in the Junior singles. He claims that the decision of the referee was outrageous, and many gentlemen from New York, Albany, Troy, Auburn, and Newark, coincide in this opinion. Scores of spectators at the finish say that he won the race. Quigley knows that nothing can avail him against the decision, but he desires to vindicate himself, and expresses a pardonable anxiety to meet any or all of his competitors, and try conclusions again, or have the matter equitably adjusted. He says that he asks for nothing but justice." Probably no such causeless and unmanly "kick" was ever made by a defeated sculler.

Dailey has also caused to be published in his local newspaper the following: "Dailey Not Satisfied—He Would Like Another Race with Howland, of Cornell University.—J. F. Dailey, the promising young amateur oarsman, who won his trial heat in the Junior sculls at Albany, last week, in such fast time, is much dissatisfied with the result of the final. He thinks he would have had a good chance of winning if he had not struck on the sand-bar, which stove in the bottom of his shell. His friends

in this city are anxious to give him a chance to retrieve his defeat by H. Howland, the plucky little Cornell University man. Dailey would be glad to hear from Howland, whether he could row for a gold watch or any suitable trophy." As compared with Quigley's growl, this is equally absurd, but much less contemptible.

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Never before have so many evenly-matched junior scullers contended in a National regatta, and some of the most exciting events were in this class. In one heat four scullers were not a length apart for a mile. Quigley, who was a strong favorite with the betting men, was beaten twenty feet by the Cornell University representative, Howland, who rowed a gallant stern chase, and deserved the ovation he received. An attempt was made to deprive him of the prize, by the assertion that Hinton would testify to having rowed with him in a senior race earlier in the season. The Regatta Committee, after investigation, ascertained that the charge was false. Hinton denying the statement, and four reputable witnesses proving that Howland had never sculled in a race before, except for a college badge.

Very truly yours,  
CHARLES S. FRANCIS.

#### UNIVERSITY PREACHERS.

We give below a list of the ministers who will preach at Sage Chapel this term:

- Oct. 3.—President A. H. Strong, D. D., Rochester, N. Y.  
Oct. 10.—Rev. Thos. Armitage, D. D., (Baptist), New York City.  
Oct. 17.—President Franklin Carter, D. D., (Congregational), Williamstown, Mass.  
Oct. 24.—Not filled.  
Oct. 31.—Rev. Jas. H. Ecob, D. D., (Presbyterian), Albany, N. Y.  
Nov. 7.—Rev. O. H. Tiffany, D. D., (Methodist), Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Nov. 14.—Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, D. D., (Presbyterian), New York City.  
Nov. 21.—Rev. Chas. H. Hall, D. D., (Episcopal), Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### ATTENTION '90.

The class of '89 desire to play the class of '90 a game of base ball Saturday at 2.30 p. m. on the campus.

R. H. GORSLINE, B. B. Director, '89.

We hope this friendly challenge will arouse a better enthusiasm among the members of '90 and stimulate them to do something for Cornell's athletic fame. Class rivalry is a healthy stimulant for all athletic sports.

### MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOC'N.

The Historical and Political Science Association held its regular meeting last Wednesday and perfected its organization by electing as permanent officers for the ensuing year the temporary officers chosen at the meeting last April. These are: President, President Adams, vice presidents, Professor Tuttle and Mr. C. H. Thurber, '86; secretary, Mr. C. H. Hull, '86; members of the executive board, Messrs. F. H. Hodder and H. M. Lovell, '87. It was decided to hold the first public meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7.30 p. m., in the botanical lecture room. Among the exercises will be a review by Mr. Hodder of the recent report of the Civil Service Commissioners, which is expected to elicit some discussion on the present state and the prospects of the reform, a narration by Mr. Marshall, '87, of the fortunes and misfortunes of Bulgaria, and an account by Mr. Burr, of the finding of the Loos witchcraft manuscript. Mr. Burr has made a special study of demonology and witchcraft, for investigating which President White's library affords opportunities unequalled in America, perhaps, indeed, unequalled in the world. He will show a *fac simile* of the manuscript.

The second public meeting of the association will probably be held two weeks after the first at same time and place. Mr. H. M. Lovell, '87, will present a paper on the history of Constitutional amendment in the state of New York, which may be followed by a discussion of the advisability of a Constitutional convention in 1887. Other exercises will also be held.

A cordial invitation is extended to all students to attend the meetings and take part in the discussions of the society, and students taking particular interest in historical and political studies, are invited to hand in their names to the executive board for approval with a view to their becoming active members of the Association.

### PHILOSOPHERS IN ACADEMIA.

Although retired from active duties as a Professor Dr. Wilson is not by any means idle. He was present at the Summer School of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy, which was held at Key East. In reference to him here, the *Examiner* of Sept. 2nd, says:

"The Rev. W. D. Wilson, LL. D., of Cornell University, in a profound paper on "The Origin of Moral and Religious Ideas," subjected the philosophic systems of Plato, Descartes, Bishop Berkeley, David Hume, Kant, Cousin,

to searching criticism; and maintained that John Locke's position is the one most secure in Christian Philosophy. This, however, was not unassailed by gentlemen present. There was a warm and good-humored debate in the afternoon. No little amusement was created by a gentleman present addressing the learned Professor in this way: "I would like you, Professor Wilson, to divest yourself of all philosophic theories as to the origin of moral ideas; and for the time being to become a poetic savage, and to tell us how the 'I ought,' and 'I ought not,' of duty, of morals, or religion, arise in such a mind, and attain their persuasion and authority." The Professor with great humor replied: "I may be savage enough, but I fear I am not poetic enough to do what you wish. We are, however, aided in such inquiries by comparative studies of morals and religion. The savage of the past can be studied by the savage of to-day, etc."

We thus see that the Dr. is still actuated by the deep inherent conviction that one should do everything in his power to assist in the great work of education and to make the Bible the only true basis of morals.

### BASE BALL.

Last Saturday occurred the first game of base ball since the opening of the term. The Junior class was opposed by the rest of the University. Aldrich and Taylor formed the Junior battery, while Bellinger and Schreiner did the same service for the combination, till the fifth inning, when Aldrich was replaced by Parshall and Bellinger by Wilkinson.

The game was marked by very little good playing. Gilman, of the Juniors, led at the bat, and made a fine left-handed catch of Taylor's wild throw to first. With these exceptions the play was too uniformly loose to call for special comment. Only three new men, one Post Graduate and two Freshmen appeared, and as a means of disclosing new talent, the game was not a success. The following is the score:

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| University, | - | - | - | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0-8 |
| Junior,     | - | - | - | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-9 |

### CORNELLIANA.

—Will '88 have a Junior Ball?

—Baths are once more to be had at the Gymnasium.

—The nights are almost too cool now for a moonlight row on the lake.

—Mr. Lapham has arrived in town and taken charge of his sections in French.

—Several parties of students have enjoyed pleasant sails on the lake lately.

—The C. U. C. A. will hold a reception at the Armory this evening, at 7:30.

—All the classes held meetings this week. Class matters are evidently taking a brace.

—The upper floors of the museum are favorite places to practice electionary selections.

—In last week's report of the Freshman meeting P. Upton should have read Daniel Upton.

—The University has never had as many able lecturers at one time as there are at present in the faculty.

—A special examination in English Grammar will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2, at 3 p. m., in Room T.

—The *Sun* of Monday says that a meeting of '88 was held "yesterday." Only at the Chapel, brothers.

—The Electric Engineers this afternoon listen to discussions by Professor Anthony, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Merritt.

—We acknowledge the receipt of a subscription from "Eli." He wishes to be specially remembered to Chrisman.

—The part of the Campus lying west of the buildings has been improved in appearance by the use of the mower.

—As no text books were to be had in town, Professor Hodder's class in Political Economy did not meet on last Friday.

—The classes in elocution have now had all of Hamlet's Advice to the Players. They are making very good progress.

—The weather has been very discouraging lately for all kinds of outdoor athletics. A change for the better is eagerly looked for.

—The tennis tournament begins next week. The Freshmen seem to be much interested in the matter. We hope the boon will continue.

—At the regular meeting of the Mechanical Engineers' Association this afternoon, papers are read by E. D. Carnagham and G. B. Preston.

—A boat race between the lower classes would be quite interesting at present and would also serve to bring out material for the 'Varsity four.

—All the departments of the University have been increased in the teaching corps and the new selections are very satisfactory in each instance.

—A group of Sophomores the other day were discussing plans for capturing the Freshman supper. Pretty early in the season for such speculations?

—A noisy meeting of the Freshmen was

held in room K, on Wednesday at 4.15 p. m. Committees were appointed to select base ball and foot ball teams.

—The number of students entering the upper classes from other colleges is larger than usual this year. Another evidence of Cornell's increasing popularity.

—A hand organ and its proprietor caused considerable amusement on the Campus Thursday till machine and man were "ejected" by an officer of the University.

—Some one, probably a Freshman, has a long effusion on the Bulletin referring to one of the advertisements as "fresh," and proposing to salt down the advertiser.

—Special Entrance Examination in Mathematics will be held to-morrow as follows: Arithmetic, 8-10 a. m., Plane Geometry, 10 a. m. 12 m., Algebra, 3-6 p. m.

—Larger recitation rooms are needed for some of the classes. The increase in the number of students will necessitate a still further enlargement of some of the class rooms.

—The Classical Scholarships have been awarded. The successful competitors are Miss M. B. Hill, Jamestown, N. Y.; K. Rupert, Owego, N. Y., and Jno. Ford Medina, N. Y.

—On Friday evening Oct. 8, the Presbyterian Society of the city will give a Reception to the Presbyterian Union of the University and to the Presbyterian students in the Freshman class.

—The Freshmen are evidently determined to elect only the best men for office. In order that they may make no mistakes in their selection the time of the election has been put off till Oct. 19.

—The gentle newcomers among us are now doubtless beginning to miss the peaceful and calm surroundings of home, and to dread the gilded trappings and the awful panoply of tri-weekly war.

—The Annual Cider Raid is advertised in the usual manner for Friday evening Oct. 1. Freshmen should bear in mind that they are required to obtain from Uncle Josh a certificate of attendance.

—The Natural History Society held an informal meeting Thursday evening. Instead of set subjects for presentation there were a number of talks by the members on the way they spent the long vacation.

—There is an unusual interest taken by the Junior class in the work in Elocution. Mr. Leacky, the new instructor, has a pleasant manner of conducting his recitations, and is rapidly growing in favor with his students.

—Freshmen and Sophomores should turn out in force to the ball game Saturday, and cheer

their respective nines. Nothing will encourage the teams more than the feeling that their efforts are being appreciated by their class.

—Mr. R. had just spoken his little "Shakespeare" in Junior Elocution. Instructor.—Next lady, please. Class, in its customary "good humored" manner, "comes down." Instructor blushes, and "next lady" comes forward.

—The Juniors are not so ambitious as at first they appeared. The long list of nominees has by repeated scratching been made to resemble a well-used blotter. Not a quarter of the men at first nominated have allowed their names to stand.

—Some dissatisfied member of the class of '90 posted his opinions of the president *pro tem* of the Freshman class on the bulletin board yesterday. This is hardly the proper place to express such desires for a "salting down" exercise.

—From Saturday's ball game and from incidental practice on the Campus, it seems probable that '90 may furnish some good material for the nine of next year, provided her players show up well at the bat next spring. Two or three new men from '88 and '89 have also lately shown good form.

—Scene on a tennis court. Dizzy "Fresh" makes a lucky return of a ball from the racket of Grave Senior. G. S.—"Very Lucky?" D. F.—"Why, you great brute! To call my good play a scratch! Dash it all, you don't appreciate my game!" G. S.—(weakly), "Forty—thirty! Play!"

—The Seabury Guild will hold its first meeting of the year on next Sunday evening at half past seven o'clock in the south wing of the University Chapel, east door. All students who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or who are in any way interested in the same are eligible for membership and are most cordially invited to be present.

—At the last meeting of the class of '83 it was decided to hold the elections of class officers, ERA editor, and *Cornellian* board at one time, on Thursday, Oct. 7, in the Assembly Room, from 12 M. to 1:15 P. M. Nominations close on Tuesday next at noon. Names of nominees may be handed to the committee, Messrs. Gilman, W. H. Stratton, and Preston.

—The first session of the Cornell Congress for the year was held last Saturday evening in the town Library building. Some of the business transacted was not in imitation of our National body. A very conspicuous member of the Freshman class attended with a cane, which a Sophomore Representative from Ohio felt it his duty to take into safe keeping.

—There is at present some talk of playing a game of ball with Hobart at Geneva, and perhaps a return game here. The Syracuse Stars also desire to arrange a game with Cornell for the near future. If such a game should be arranged, Olin, '86, would play his old position at second base for the University Team, and Smith, '86, would possibly cover first base.

—Many of our students are not aware how much attention is given to the Classics in our technical departments. One student (and a Freshman at that) in one of the scientific courses advertises that he will help any of his classmates who may have been so unfortunate as to fail in Entrance Latin; and among the books of reference in the Sibley reading room is a "horse" on Herodotus.

—The Freshman class indulged in a little levity during drill time the other day. It consisted in coupling the name of that great and omnipresent family, the Smiths, with the word "rodents," expressed by that four-lettered word of awful meaning. This pleasant by-play was doubtless indulged in for the purpose of giving the class training in vocal gymnastics, in anticipation of their new class yell.

—Cornellians will read with pride the account of Howland's glorious victory in the Junior Singles at Albany this summer. He had a hard race to row, but skill, pluck, and a little invigoration near the finish in the shape of the Cornell slogan from a handful of friends, brought the nose of his shell to the front. "Howley" is deserving of the highest praise for the manner in which he upheld Cornell's record on the water. May his victory be an inspiration to future Cornell oarsmen.

—The little stir that was raised among lower classmen this week by a Freshman's snatching a silver-headed cane from a well-known Sophomore, has raised the question as to whether Sophomores have a right to carry canes without fear of molestation from Freshmen. According to recognized college custom, Sophomores have this right; at Cornell, however, the custom has been nearly the reverse for the last few years at least. Yet, laying all custom aside, the Sophomore was perhaps a little too hasty and severe in demanding the return of his property, as the Freshman would no doubt have returned the cane after a short delay. Patience might have prevented a thing so peremptory.

—There is some indication that the difficulty between the Freshmen and the Sophomores is to be settled this year by a series of three contests, viz: A base ball game, a tennis tournament, and a game of foot ball. This scheme is no doubt a good one, but seems even a little

more strange to our recognized way of settling such matters than the contest of last year. However, the days of cane-rushing and barbarous (?) things of the like, are out at Cornell, and some other way of deciding the question of superiority between '89 and '90 must be arranged. '90, especially, should get into good form for the coming encounter, for careful training may overbalance Sophomore experience, as it has done before.

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#### PERSONALS.

TOBEY, '89, will not return to Cornell.

WHEELER, '87, will not return to graduate.

H. F. PARSHALL, '88, has entered '88 at Lehigh.

MISS M. M. PITCHER, '76, is teaching in Lincoln, Nebraska.

ELI DOUD, '86, is in the law office of Miller, Leman & Chase, Chicago.

A. L. COVILLE, '86, will attend the College of Physicians and Surgeons this fall.

E. W. CHAMPION, formerly '86, was in town a few days last week visiting friends.

CHAS. G. WAGNER, '80, is Assistant Physician in the N. Y. State Lunatic Asylum.

WALTER G. RAPPLEYE, '82, is teaching in the Oswego Normal School, Oswego, N. Y.

JNO. A. DIX, '83, is coining money in a black marble quarry in Glens Falls, N. Y.

MISS E. T. CARLSON, '82, is teaching in the Michigan Female Seminary, Kalamazoo, Mich.

MOLITOR, '88, is at Elizabeth, N. J., in the office of the Philadelphia & Reading R. R. Co.

CHAPIN, '89, is in town for a few days, visiting friends. He will not return to college this year.

CHARLES D. PITCHER, formerly '82, is making money fast as a land speculator in Lincoln, Neb.

INGALLS, '86, is on the engineer corps of the B. & M. R. R., with his headquarters at Lincoln, Nebraska.

"JIMMY" NORTON, '80, is a "Knight of the Quill" on the staff of the New York *Commercial Advertiser*.

BENEDICT, '85, is spending a few days in town with the Delta Upsilon fraternity, of which he is a member.

DR. C. E. ATWOOD, '80, is Third Assistant Physician in the Hudson River State Hospital, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

DR. HOMER COLLINS, '82, is First Assistant Physician in the Minnesota State Hospital for the Insane, at Rochester, Minn.

"HIRAM" SIBLEY, '80, Ivy Orator and Commencement Speaker, is running for State Senator in West Pennsylvania.

OLIN, '86, has not left the Syracuse Stars, as was stated in the ERA two weeks ago, but will finish the season with them. He will probably not play ball another season, but will go into business at Oswego.

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#### MARRIED.

SMITH—WOOD.—Sept. 7th, 1886, F. W. Smith, '80, (Senior Class President, '80), to Miss Marion A. Wood.

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#### OBITUARY.

Again is it our sad duty to record the death of one of Cornell's noblest sons, Rob't F. Hurlburt, of Minneapolis, Minn. He was, in August last, caught in a storm on Lake Minnetonka and the boat capsizing he was, with two other gentlemen from Minneapolis, drowned. He was one of the most enterprising, honorable and successful of the young business men of the city, and was well and favorably known in the best social circles. He was president of the Minnesota Alumni Association for the year '84-'85. Many friends mourn the sad calamity which resulted in the termination of a career so successfully begun.

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#### NOTICES.

Professor Oliver will continue his class in Ethics at the Unitarian Church this term. Next Sunday the discussion of the topic "The duties and opportunities of members of liberal organizations," will be begun. Although this subject is of more special interest to liberal students, the work of the term will have little or no connection with theology. The meetings of the class immediately follow the morning services and it is hoped that all students interested will attend.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

President Dwight, of Yale, is giving thorough satisfaction.

There are more colleges in Ohio than in all Europe put together.

There is at the University of Vermont, a student now in his 85th year.

Chicago University is compelled to sell its property to meet creditors.

An exchange in advocating severe discipline in college says, "Indeed, the absence of government in Michigan University was so notorious that some wag was tempted to say that the University had but two rules: (1.) No student shall set on fire any of the college buildings; (2.) Under no circumstances shall any student kill a member of the faculty.—*Ex.*"

## EXCHANGES.

## MULTUM IN PARVO.

Our table has again resumed its old time appearance. The accumulations of the summer are piled up before us and invite our attention. Our pen has been but lately dipped into the editorial ink, and we feel, therefore, the natural diffidence so characteristic of beginners in journalism. Our aim shall be, as ever, to create a feeling of harmony and respect among college journalists. We shall neither hesitate to applaud deserving efforts, whenever met with, nor hesitate to offer friendly advice when occasion requires it. With these few apologies we begin the work of another year.

The Yale *Courant* presents its usual neat appearance and the character of the paper is well up to the high standard of Yale Journalism. "An Earthquake in New Haven" is a very well written humorous sketch.

The *Record* wishes exchanges to bear in mind that the Freshman class at Yale University numbers 260 and not 150.

The *Seminary Opinator* for September is a very creditable publication. All the departments are well edited, and the general appearance of the paper could not be very well improved upon.

The Notre Dame *Scholastic* abounds with choice literary articles and is without doubt in the front rank of college journalism. "England in the Eighteenth Century" is specially worthy of reading, the author shows his thorough acquaintance with the subject. An article on "Industry" is also very carefully written.

The summer number of the *Columbia Spectator* is replete with the accounts of all athletic contests entered by Columbia during the last year. Her record is no doubt a very enviable one. The remarks concerning our treatment of their base ball nine last spring are not well merited, as we cherish no ill feeling against the Columbians whatever.

The *Ægis*, of the University of Wisconsin, makes its first appearance before the college world. As a new exchange we welcome you to the field of college journalism, and bespeak for you a prosperous career.

The *University Review* begins its eighth year much improved in appearance. We think shorter literary articles would be a further improvement.

About one hundred and seventy-five of the three hundred and sixty-five universities and colleges in the United States publish papers.

## NEW BOOKS.

"Up the Rhine" by Thomas Hood is republished from the second edition by G. P. Putnam's Sons. The work is full of interesting descriptions and charming incidents and is illustrated with the author's original cuts. The book is in the form of letters written from various places to different persons and hence the descriptions are very vivid. The author's previous good reputation is fully sustained in this volume and the book itself is its best advertisement. Price of book 16 mo. bound in paper, 50 cents.

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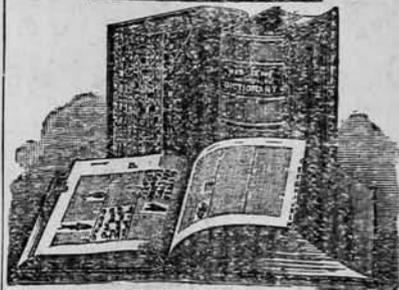
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**T**O-MORROW is the day set for the fall Field Sports. It is hoped that this Field Day will far surpass anything of the kind that has yet been held at Cornell. There are a large number of entries and everything seems to point to a most successful day. Every student can show his appreciation of the games by lending his presence to enthuse the contestants. There can be no doubt that the larger the crowd the more successful the day will prove. It ought not to be the few who take interest in

the athletic sports, but the many. If we are not athletes ourselves we can, at least, appreciate strength and grace in others. Let us, then, one and all attend the Sports to-morrow so that our athletes may be encouraged to do even greater things at the Inter-collegiate Sports next spring.

**L**AST Monday afternoon Lieutenant Schuyler took formal leave of the battalion and transferred the command to Lieutenant Van Ness. While Lieutenant Schuyler has been among us, he has made many friends and it is with deep regret that the boys see him leave. Saturday he departed for the west where he will rejoin his regiment. To say that the Lieutenant during his connection with the battalion has given universal satisfaction to the students, would be to express but a small part of the esteem in which he is held. To fill such a position with uniform impartiality is by no means an easy task. In this respect Lieutenant Schuyler was eminently successful and it is to this, probably more than anything else, that he owes his popularity among the students. From what we have known here, we predict for him a successful career in the U. S. army.

**I**N another column will be found the general announcement in regard to the Tennis Tournament, which is to begin on Tuesday the 12th of Oct. Tennis is one of the most interesting of out-door games and is rapidly growing in favor wherever it has once been introduced. There are few games which afford such excellent opportunity for physical development. This, together with the fact that both sexes may engage in the game, is the reason, we suppose, why it is so universally admired. We sincerely hope the Tournament may be a success and that it may be the means of bringing to notice a number of first class players, so that, next

spring, Cornell may not be content to receive second place in this event at the Inter-collegiate Games. The committee have certainly spared no pains to make all the arrangements complete and it is to be earnestly hoped that their efforts for a successful Tournament will not have proved in vain.

WITH this issue of the ERA, Mr. G. A. Ruyter retires from his duties as editor. In the brief time that Mr. Ruyter has been associated with us, he has shown an ability that is well calculated to grace the columns of a much more important sheet than the ERA. We regret the accident that has compelled him, at the very beginning of his work, to lay it aside. While we must dispense with his active services, yet we hope our readers may from time to time have the opportunity of reading the graceful effusions of his pen. With the retirement of Mr. Ruyter, '88 has elected Mr. W. B. Smith to fill the vacancy, and him we welcome as a copartner of our toil. From what we know of Mr. Smith as a student, we have no doubt but that he will fill with credit, the position just left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Ruyter. We hope the gentleman is not animated by a thirst for glory and honor, but on the other hand, has a thorough appreciation of the difficulties of his position and of the amount of work which he will be expected to do. The glory fadeth as a dream, but the work continueth until the dawn of the last ERA.

THOSE of us who have been attending Cornell for the past year or more, cannot fail to have noticed how the seminary system is rapidly gaining favor with different members of the Faculty. The system is of comparatively recent growth in American colleges, yet, if one were to judge by the amount and character of the work accomplished, it has come to stay. Many think that such work is only fitted for graduate students; but such is not the case. The work of original investigation is of great importance to students in all departments and

especially after the Sophomore year. By that time the habits of study are formed and the student needs new fields to develop his mind to its fullest capacity. In addition to this, the seminary student acquires a knowledge of books, without which, it is said, no education is complete. To weigh testimony and be able to present an intelligent discussion upon any subject requires something more than mere knowledge—it requires discrimination. This is a faculty which the seminary develops directly and which none of us can well afford to be without. Let us then encourage in what way we can, that which leads to such worthy results.

THERE has been much written, at one time and another, about the use and abuse of the library, but we wish to speak particularly of its use. What a disappointed look rests upon the face of the student when he finds that he is practically forbidden to explore the many hidden treasures that are piled away on those shelves! That the library is practically useless to a large number of the students, is a too generally admitted fact to require proof. We venture the assertion that only a very small minority ever read anything to which they are not referred either directly or indirectly by the Professors. Is this as it should be? We think not, for it takes away in many instances the very thing which is conducive to the highest culture. There surely could be some plan instituted by which students would have greater means of access to the books. A library to be of the greatest use ought to be a circulating one and we see no reason why the University Library could not be made such. A deposit from each student, sufficient to secure the Library against loss, might be required. Of course it would not be possible and certainly not advisable to make the whole library a circulating one, but it does seem possible that twenty or thirty thousand books could, in some way or other, be arranged so that they would be of more real benefit to the students. When the new library building is completed, ought we not to expect some such arrangement?

## LOVE AND PHILOSOPHY.

## I.

'Twas at the Concord sages' school,  
 We met one summer's day;  
 I guessed—and used no logic rule—  
 I guessed what she would say,  
 "'Tis very warm"—this with a sigh—  
 "The sun that shines from thence,"  
 She said, and pointed to the sky,  
 "Is rolling toward the Whence."

## II.

I told her that it must be so,  
 At least it seemed so there;  
 For there was much I did not know  
 Of the Whatness of the Where.  
 About the only thing I knew,  
 When she was standing near,  
 Was that the sky was much more blue  
 In the Newness of the Here.

## III.

She smiled and said perhaps 'twas well,  
 Those pretty themes to touch;  
 And asked me if the rule I'd tell  
 Of the Smallness of the Much.  
 I told her that I did not know  
 That rule, but then I knew  
 A rule that just as well would go—  
 The Oneness of the Two.

## IV.

She blushed and looked down on the ground,  
 And said: "It can't be so;"  
 And then the whole earth turned around,  
 For my heart was full of woe.  
 "Unto the Ceaseness of my End,"  
 I said, "I now shall go."  
 She murmured: "Don't you comprehend  
 The Yesness of my No?"

—Puck.

## THE TYPICAL ENGLISHMAN.

We judge a nation by the character of her people. Although it is not always easy to determine the character of a people, yet such a study is the only true basis upon which we may form a just estimate of a nation's civilization. As with individuals so with nations, character is the directing and controlling force, to which even knowledge and culture must yield. As character gives force to human action so it raises nations to prominence.

Character has left its foot prints upon every great moral or political act of the ages and forms a bulwark behind which any nation may fight with safety. This is eminently true of England as will be readily seen from the study of a typical Englishman, for the qualities that appear here are the very ones to which England owes her greatness.

In the representative Englishman we find, strangely commingled principles of Saxon, Norman and of Celtic origin. Of these principles

the Saxon seem to predominate, while the Celtic is almost lost sight of. As the Saxons were brave, stubborn, reckless of life and liberty loving, so is our Englishman. As the Normans loved war and adventure so do the English. As the Celts were determined and impetuous, so are the English. From the Saxons the English inherit their love of gain, high regard for honor, and their pride; from the Normans, perseverance, faculty of resource and deliberation.

Thus we see that the English have great variety of character, owing something to each of the tribes from which they are sprung. In their personal appearance they are of medium height, thick set, well outlined features and, in general possessing an appearance betokening bull-dog ferocity, courage and perseverance. They are slow and plodding and subject to fits of melancholy. They are not given to amusement or idleness, but on the other hand, they are great workers and their desire for wealth and social position might almost be called a mania.

Socially they show a marked improvement in the last century and yet, even to-day, the great majority of Englishmen can get more genuine enjoyment for himself out of himself and a glass of home-brewed ale, than he could from a month's whirl in a London circle. They are good smokers too. A close observation of an Englishman while engaged with his "Sir Walter Raleigh" or Havana filled, shows one, at one time their impatience and intrepidity, at another, their deliberation and an unwillingness to undertake anything that will bring them neither wealth nor social position.

The English are blunt in expressing their opinions nor care they what may be the result. As they are plain and honest in their dealings with others so they expect others to be with them. They have a commanding freedom which often makes them seem bold and overbearing when, in reality they mean to be exactly the opposite. They are active, thoughtful, energetic and nothing seems to be too difficult for them to accomplish. At one time they even proposed to unite France and England by a submarine tunnel. They are a liberty loving people and oppose oppression and misgovernment in every form. They are a nation of critics and set themselves up as a model for other nations.

Jealous and conceited, they can brook no equals. To some they seem surly and gruff, to others mild and sensible. They are hospitable and yet not easy to become acquainted with, for their worst side is always uppermost. They are quick to take offence, but when in error are free to acknowledge it. Says Washington Irv-

ing, "I have never met with a people more open to reason, more considerate in their temper, more tractable by argument in the rougher times than the English."

Morally, they are in advance of the other nations of Europe, and strongly oppose any immoral act of their government. They love order and sobriety and lack the impetuosity and wantonness which characterizes their neighbor, the Frenchman.

The intellectual superiority of the English is conceded by all and right well do they deserve this concession. In conclusion we would say that English character has been a growth, each decade eliminating something that is bad, and introducing something that is good, so that, today England is the ideal England of three centuries ago.

BASE BALL.

Last Saturday the two lower classes had their first real trial of strength in athletics upon the diamond. The weather was raw and disagreeable and the playing was perhaps on this account not of the highest character. The game began with '89 at bat, Upton and Sands as battery for '90. Wilkinson led off with a hard hit to right field, Stern soon followed with a single, and Kerr kept up the good work by a fine three-bagger beyond the trees. The Sophs counted three times before they were retired. '90 then scored three runs on as many bases on balls and several wild pitches. '89 was retired without a run in the second inning, while '90 tallied three more. From this out, '89 scored every inning but one on steady hitting aided by errors of their opponents. Wilkinson was put in the box for '89 in the third inning, and his delivery was a complete puzzle to the Freshmen, they making but one hit and two runs off him. With the exception of a few errors at third in throwing, '90 plays a good fielding game, the work of Long in left field and Sands behind the bat being very creditable. They were very weak at the bat, however, and need practice in hitting before they can hope to win from '89. Other features of the game were the batting and fielding of Stern and the catching of Herrick who stopped a number of wild pitches. Neither catcher threw well to second.

Appended is the score by innings:

|     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
|     | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |     |
| '89 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | —16 |
| '90 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | —8  |

—All members of the Cornell battalion must appear in the regiment uniform by Monday, Oct. 18th.

NEW STUDENTS IN THE UPPER CLASSES.

The following list of students who have entered at advanced standing, was kindly furnished us by Mr. C. H. Thurber:

SENIORS—6.

- Buchanan, A. W., . . . . . Washington University.
- Crane, W. F. D., . . . . . Stevens Institute.
- Gardiner, C. G., . . . . . Indiana Univ.
- Gilliland, A. B., . . . . . Univ. of Wooster.
- Ihlder, J. D., . . . . .
- Thomas, Miss M. W., . . . . . Chicago Univ.

JUNIORS—13.

- Acker, C. E., . . . . . Wabash College.
- Hislop, J., . . . . .
- Hamilton, M. C., . . . . . Stevens Inst.
- Laist, T. F., . . . . . Mass. Inst. Tech.
- Eunro, J., . . . . . Dalhousie College.
- Peck, W. H., . . . . . Columbia School of Mines.
- Register, A. L., . . . . . Univ. of Penn.
- Register, S. C., . . . . . "
- Reynolds, C. M., . . . . . Univ. of Wooster.
- Todd, M. S., . . . . . "
- Trimble, F. W., . . . . . Univ. of Penn.
- Whaley, W. B. S., . . . . . Stevens Inst. Tech.

SOPHOMORES—9.

- Baskerville, H. E., . . . . . Richmond Coll.
- Beal, Reynolds, . . . . .
- Churchill, W. W., . . . . . Rose Polytechnic
- Donahower, W. J., . . . . . Univ of Minn.
- Jeffery, S., . . . . . Pa. State Coll.
- Kirkland, J. W., . . . . .
- Taylor, P. P., . . . . . Washington Univ.
- Vickers, A., . . . . . Baltimore City Coll.
- Waterman, F. N., . . . . . Sheffield Scientific School.

RECEPTION OF Y. M. C. A.

A very enjoyable reception was held at the Armory under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. last Friday evening, Oct. 1. The well-arranged programme was very well carried out, and the reception was a great success. The Association merits much praise for its enterprise and kindly spirit. Dr. Robertson opened with a few well chosen remarks, and was followed by the address of President Mott. A quartette consisting of Messrs. Wixom, Bodine, Thurber, and Lee, sang in good form several pretty selections. President Adams then addressed the audience in his usual happy manner, and his address was followed by a duet by Mr. Baright and Miss Chamberlain, which was well received. Mr. Hebard then delighted his hearers with an instrumental solo.

The rest of the evening was given up to social amusements, and refreshments were afterwards served. The whole affair met the heartiest approval of all present, and will long be remembered as a most enjoyable evening.

## REMARKS ON PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

In spite of all that is said concerning our prestige in athletics, and our excellent equipments for physical exercise; yet the fact remains, that it is the few and not the many who uphold this prestige and make use of the advantages offered.

The ordinary student on entering college determines to spend enough time in the gymnasium to counteract the effects of study, and also to develop his muscle to the regulation size. He usually enters on his determined course of exercise and keeps to his resolutions for several weeks and perhaps months. But by degrees the novelty wears off and his studies do not permit him time for gymnasium work. The former incentive gradually dies away and he entirely gives up his gymnasium work or only takes it up by fits and starts. No one can have failed to notice the fact that those exercising in the gymnasium are nearly all lower classmen and that the upper classmen are few and far between.

The upper classmen certainly need the exercise as much as the lower classmen; but their interest in athletics seems to die out as they get farther on in their course. The reason for this decline of interest seems to arise from the fact that there is no course of physical training that is progressive. After the student has been in the gymnasium for a while he gets tired of doing the same thing and looks about for some one to instruct him in something new. But he finds no one to guide his footsteps, unless, perchance, he is a P. W., in which case he will be cared for untiringly.

We certainly should not expect a student to make either rapid or systematic progress in History or Literature if he were left to pursue the subject by himself; but if, on the other hand, he goes into a class under a competent instructor, who can oversee and direct his work he will be able to bring all of his powers to bear on the subject he is pursuing. And it seems as if the same system might be pursued in physical culture. The remarkable results achieved by Dr. Sargent and other well known athletic instructors in college gymnasiums have been brought about by systematic class training and in a seemingly incredible short space of time.

It is true, there are a few choice spirits who excel in athletics; but there remains a large majority of students, who are not thus favored, but who would be glad to devote a reasonable amount of time to exercise, and would be even more willing if that exercise should take the

form of acquiring proficiency in some accomplishment.

Boxing, fencing and other exercises could be thus taught and in some Universities this scheme has already been tried with marked success. Credit is also given for the number of hours taken in actual exercise the same as in a study.

If such a course of exercise were laid down and credit given for the time thus employed; and if the instructor of physical exercise should oversee and direct the classes in their work, it would doubtless become one of the most popular and perhaps one of the most beneficial courses in the University.

## HONORARY DEGREES.

The petition of Cornell Alumni in opposition to honorary degrees, has received up to this date something over five hundred signatures, while but eight alumni have expressed their disapproval. The alumni of the University are evidently almost unanimous in their desire to see Cornell adhere to her former policy and are not inclined to look favorably on any innovations which may lead to abuses. So strongly does this feeling prevail that even President Jordan himself, the only alumnus who has ever received an honorary degree, gladly signs the petition and expresses himself as heartily in favor of its object. In a private letter on this subject, President Jordan says:

PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, }  
UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, }

Bloomington, Ind., Sept. 24, 1886.

DR. C. E. VAN CLEEF—

Dear Sir:

I am entirely in sympathy with the petition of the Alumni in regard to honorary degrees. Although I cannot help feeling flattered at the notice of my name at the last Commencement, which was wholly unexpected and unsolicited, I would much rather give up the honor than to have Cornell depart from the honored custom of giving no degrees not earned by special work.

I shall ask our trustees here to grant no more honorary degrees. None were given last year.

Very Truly Yours,

DAVID S. JORDAN.

The press of the State is also very favorable to the petitioners. The *N. Y. Evening Post* of Oct. 4, speaking of the petition against honorary degrees sent out by the Alumni of Cornell, says:

"The alleged motive of such a step being to recognize the claims of the University's own graduates upon their Alma Mater, the almost

unanimous support which the petition is receiving among these graduates is an adverse argument hard to resist. The petition itself presents forcibly the reasons against the practice *per se*, and is a convenient document of reference on the general subject. The Presidents of no fewer than thirteen Cornell Alumni Associations have signed the petition, which we trust will be heeded."

[The Evening Post has evidently seen a printed copy of the preliminary petition which was sent to the Alumni for their consideration.]

It is expected that the petition will receive fully eight hundred signatures by the 27th of October, at which time the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees occurs. Everything looks favorable for the success of the movement, and Cornell Alumni may justly be proud that they have spoken so promptly and emphatically on so important a matter of University policy.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT, PRIZES, ETC.

The Fall Tennis Tournament of the Cornell Tennis Club, will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 12, on their courts near the Armory. It will consist of a single and double tournament and will last throughout the week.

The first prizes will consist in each case of Wright and Ditsen racquets, the other prizes will be announced hereafter.

The conditions of the tournament are as follows:

Preliminary games to be best 2 out of 3 sets advantage games.

Finals best 3 out of 5 sets, advantage games.

Open to all professors and students in the University.

Play will begin each afternoon at 2.30 p. m.

Names and time of play will be posted on the morning of each day.

Any player not on time will forfeit set.

National rules to govern.

Committee will furnish any information desired.

HORACE WHITE, Pres.

MARTIN GOODKIND, Vice Pres.

W. BALCH, Sec. and Treas.

Executive Committee.

—At a meeting of the Sophomore class on Wednesday last it was voted to accept the challenge of the Freshmen to a final contest in football. Messrs. Bennett, MacFarland and J. S. Parker were appointed a committee for the selection of the team; and all Sophomores who wish to play on the eleven should at once apply to one of the committee.

### THE DYING UMPIRE.

An umpire of the league nines,  
Lay dying at the plate,  
And the gory rocks about him  
Told the story of his fate.

He had made a rank decision,  
And the crowd, in frenzy deep,  
Had shuffled off his mortal coil  
By rocking him to sleep.

The catcher stood beside him  
As his life-blood ebbed away,  
And swung his bat with vigor  
To keep the crowd at bay.

The dying umpire beckoned,  
And the captain of the nine  
Bent over him in sorrow,  
For he feared another fine.

But the umpire's words came feebly  
As the crisis was at hand,  
His dimmed eyes were soon to open  
In a brighter, fairer land.

Then he whispered low and sadly,  
"Call the game, it's getting dark;  
Let it end on even innings,  
So the last run do not mark.

"I have finished watching bases;  
I am numbered with the slain,  
And the cry of "rats" will never  
Echo in my ears again.

"Place my hand upon the home-plate;  
Let me have my little mask;  
Frame a set of resolutions;  
This is all I have to ask."

The dying umpire faltered,  
His face turned toward the sun.  
One gasp, and all was over;  
It was his last home run.

They buried him at twilight  
In a hole they quickly made  
And no stone marks the lonely spot  
Where the weary umpire laid.

—Detroit Free Press.

### FIELD DAY.—LIST OF ENTRIES FOR EVERY EVENT.

#### 100 YARDS DASH (HANDICAP).

C. W. Horr, '87; F. V. Coville, '87; J. S. Parker, '89; W. S. Kilmer, '90; D. A. Betancourt, '90; G. S. Fielder, '89; W. H. Bostwick, '88; H. A. Ferguson, '89.

#### 220 YARDS DASH.

C. W. Horr, '87; F. V. Coville, '87; J. S. Parker, '89; D. A. Betancourt, '90; W. H. Bostwick, '88.

#### PUTTING THE SHOT.

W. Z. Morrison, '87; W. F. Clarke, '89.

#### RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

G. R. White, '88; F. V. Coville, '87.

HURDLE RACE.

F. V. Coville, '87; F. McFarland, '89; H. A. Ferguson, '89.

ONE QUARTER-MILE RUN.

M. F. Webster, '88; J. S. Parker, '89; F. V. Covill, '87; S. C. Register, '88.

ONE MILE WALK.

E. F. Brown, '89; G. H. Ashley, '89; H. P. DeForrest, '84.

HALF MILE BICYCLE RACE.

F. L. Dodgson, '89; C. R. Scott, '89; H. H. Wing, '90.

The same entries are also for the two mile race.

HALF MILE RUN.

H. E. Summers, (fellow); A. Hayford, '89; G. F. Seymour, '80; G. F. Roess, '88; M. F. Webster, '88.

THROWING THE HAMMER.

W. Z. Morrison, '87; H. W. Treat, '88;

ONE MILE RUN.

H. E. Summers, J. F. Hayford, '89; G. F. Roess, '88; W. F. Rackeman, '89.

The tug-of-war contest between teams from '89 and '90, promises to be one of the most interesting events of the day. It will be a three minute heat, on cleats, and weight of both teams limited to 650 pounds.

The Officers of the day will be as follows: Referee, Dr. E. Hitchcock Jr.; Judges, Dr. C. E. Van Cleef, Professor Marx, Lieutenant Van Ness, and Instructor Leaky; Measurers, Instructor Brown and A. E. Metzger, '88; Clerk of the course, W. C. Dole, Jr.; Time keepers, C. J. Rumsey, and Chas. Psotta; Starter, P. B. Roberts, '87. The sports will commence promptly at half past two. Let everybody be present.

ESSAYS AND ORATIONS.

A list of names of students (Juniors and Seniors) required to have in Essays and Orations, on October 12th, will be placed on the Bulletin board, next Monday, with the day and hour when each student's production will be read by the Professor.

All Essays and Orations must be handed in at 10 o'clock, on the 12th (next Tuesday), in Room 49, White Hall.

SIBLEY COLLEGE NOTES.

—The Juniors are required to work in the foundry this term.

—Professor Bailey's class in Machine Design now occupy the Lyceum room on the 3rd floor.

—The wood-shop is taxed to its utmost to accommodate the large class of Freshmen.

—It is doubtful if the Juniors will accept the challenge of the Junior Civil Engineers to a game of ball on Saturday.

—The Association has a very large attendance at present, but possibly there will not be such a large attendance next spring.

—Professor Thurston's lectures this term, on the Steam Engine, are very interesting. They are attended by about twenty Seniors and graduates.

—Considerable additional machinery has been put in the shop lately. The blacksmith shop has been greatly improved by a well laid brick floor.

—The Sophomores are making rapid strides in the art of blacksmithing, under the careful training of Mr. Granger, the instructor in that department.

—The committee on Papers and Debates in the Association, have made the appointments of those who are to present papers, for three months in advance.

—The electric light plant presented by Mr. Edison is all here, and in the course of a month all the shops will be lighted so that students can work till 6 o'clock.

—All of last year's graduating class have secured good positions. Day and Riley are in Boston. Patterson in Albany, Nef at Heusaton, Mass., and Darlington in Philadelphia.

CORNELLIANA.

—Entries for the Tennis Tournament close to-day at noon.

—There are twenty-three Professors' residences on the campus.

—There are probably 750 students in attendance at the University.

—Every student should attend the Field-day sports to-morrow at 2.30 p. m.

—Who says that rowing is dead at Cornell? "The crew" was out yesterday.

—Wonder if G-l-n has begun practicing his "scale" yet, to train his "treasure"?

—Scott, '89's bicyclist, gives promise of doing very fast time at the games to-morrow.

—One hundred and fifty-two members of the Freshman class are connected with some church.

—Mr. Leakey is the champion joker of the faculty. His work is even more enjoyed on this account.

—A long list of Freshman nominees for class officers has been posted on the south entrance of Morrill Hall.

—It is almost a settled thing in base-ball circles that "Fraggie" is to be the nine's "Mascot" next spring.

—"Prof." Morris by his attractive advertisements succeeded in drawing quite a number of students to his "dog shows."

—Two Freshmen were the other day heard earnestly discussing some proposition in regard to the three "legs" of a triangle.

—The men of '90 seem to have weak lungs. Their new slogan has not been heard often enough as yet to become familiar.

—Registrar Thurber is correcting the proof of the alphabetical list of students, and it will probably be issued in a day or two.

—The name of the professor of Elocution is spelled Leakey, and not Leacky, as it has too often appeared in the college press.

—Lieutenant VanVess has issued a call for players on the bugle, drum, and trumpet. It is desired to form a volunteer drum-corps.

—To-day Mr. Leakey's Junior class in Elocution began to deliver a portion of Wendell Phillips's oration on Toussaint L'Ouverture.

—It has been proposed in the Freshman class to request the lady members to select from their number the Corresponding Secretary of the class.

—The class of '89 have issued a challenge for a tug of war with any class in the University, '90 preferred, the tug to be pulled on cleats and in harness.

—Section in Freshman French—Mr. B. translating at sight *Vous perdîtes votre temps hier*,—You lose your temper here. Professor.—I hope that is not true.

—The first set of themes from the Junior class is due next Tuesday. All productions are to be handed to Professor Corson in Room 49 at 10 o'clock a. m.

—Any men in Co. A or B who wish to be assigned to the artillery should immediately apply to the commandant, as the number to be transferred is limited.

—The vacancies on the *Sun* board caused by the absence of Messrs. Miller and Stockbridge, have been filled by the appointment of Messrs. Dolson and Barnes.

—The apples have been picked from the trees near Sibley College, but not till several enterprising students in the neighborhood have secured a supply for winter use.

—At the regular meeting of the Mechanical Engineers' Association this afternoon a paper on Indicators will be presented by Mr. H. E. Smith, the President of the Association.

—The person who posted the notice in regard to the Tennis Association on the gymnasium

bulletin is evidently a Freshman. At any rate he enumerates the classes in this order: '90, '89, '88, '87.

—Co. Q of the Cornell battalion composed entirely of Freshmen meets for drill on East Mill St. The accuracy and gracefulness of its movements are much admired by the higher classmen in that vicinity.

—Professor Morris has received a number of letters belonging to Professor Morris of "Equine and Canine Paradox" fame, wherein several good canines were offered for sale, and 'comps' to the show at the rink were desired.

—It is a good indication of the growing popularity of Cornell among other institutions of learning that twenty-eight new men have entered with the three upper classes; six with '87, thirteen with '88, and nine with '89.

—There was great joy for the Freshmen on Tioga St. near State, Wednesday evening. A patent medicine minstrel troupe then and there discoursed sweet sounds from trombone and castanets, and shelled chestnuts of the crop of 1847.

—In order that specimens for the practicum may be obtained in sufficient numbers, all who intend to take the course in Vertebrate Zoology next term will please send their names on postal cards to Professor Wilder on or before Monday next.

—The gentleman or lady that contributed the poem to the ERA must remember that no articles are published unless accompanied by the writers name. If the person will be kind enough to send in his name, the article will be published.

—Tuesday afternoon the Junior Engineers met for practice at base ball. Considerable meriment was caused by the many unsuccessful attempts to hold the ball, and but for the few old players present, the innings would have been intolerably long.

—Twenty-seven of the thirty-six University scholarships have now been assigned on competitive examination. Of this number lady students hold but one in addition to the nine that by the conditions of their establishment are reserved for their sex.

—Blanks have been circulated by the University authorities among the students in the courses in Civil and Mechanical Engineering, calling for information as to the cost of rooms to the students. It is said a dormitory on the campus is among the probabilities.

—At the Sophomore election on Tuesday the following officers were chosen: President, Leon Stern; Vice-President, C. S. Davis; Secretary, C. H. Lee; Treasurer, H. E. Baright;

Athletic Director, A. C. Balch ; Navy Director, J. S. Parker ; B. B. Director, W. F. Rackeman.

—Two meetings of the Freshman class were held during this week. On Tuesday the class Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and it was decided to challenge the class of '89 to a final contest in football. On Wednesday immediately after Dr. Wilder's lecture in Hygiene some unimportant matters were acted upon.

—Last Friday night the annual cider raid was made by representatives of the lower classes, assisted by a few older heads. As usual night was made hideous by the "Free Hollow Orchestra" and the store across the way was left in ruins (?) by the raiders. No cases of seasickness from this voyage have yet been reported.

—The command of the Military Department was transferred to Lieutenant Van Ness on Monday ; Lieutenant Schuyler then took formal leave of the members of his Department in a short speech. He has made many friends during his stay here and his departure is regretted by all that have had the good fortune to take his work.

—The Freshmen played a practice game of foot ball Thursday afternoon on the campus. Several good players appeared, but the Freshmen must remember that it is only by constant practice that they can become able to defeat the Sophomores. Therefore every Freshman who has any skill as a player should report at once to Mr. Sheldon, '90.

—The remaining six of the University scholarships have been awarded on the Mathematical examination to the following students : Miss J. M. Hill, Nashville, Tenn. ; Miss A. H. Palmer, Brooklyn, N. Y. ; Mr. F. C. Caldwell, Ithaca ; J. E. Greenwalt, Silver Springs, Pa. ; F. L. Robinson, West Burlington, N. Y. ; J. H. Root, Port Byron, N. Y.

—A good idea of the number of students in our University may be had by going at 12 or 1 o'clock to the upper stories of the McGraw building. As the sections are dismissed at these hours, all the broad walk from Morrill Hall to Sibley College is thickly covered with hurrying students. If you have never seen the sight it is well worth the labor of climbing two or three flights of stairs.

—Instead of "cramming" up portions of Patten's History of the United States as formerly, Professor Tyler's class in Junior American History will read up on certain texts to be assigned as fast as possible, one to each student. The work assigned is to be read twice, the last time critically, and an essay prepared

upon its contents. As many of these productions as possible will be read by the students before the class.

—The Sophomores have challenged the University to a tug-of-war for Field Day, team to consist of four men, total weight not over six hundred and fifty pounds. '89's team is Clark, anchor ; Parker, Balch and Fielder. This is a strong team, but could easily be excelled by a team picked from all the remaining classes. '89 is to be commended for her spirit, and a team should be picked that will give them all the pulling they want.

—The Chapel pulpit will be occupied on Sabbath next by Rev. Dr. Amitage, D. D. (Baptist) of New York City. He is an eloquent speaker and a deep thinker. He is one of the most prominent members of the Baptist denomination and is widely known as an eminent pulpit orator. We should not neglect to attend the Sunday service at Sage Chapel for it is seldom that we have the opportunity of listening to such able sermons as are delivered there Sabbath after Sabbath.

—The second meeting of the History and Political Science Association was held last Wednesday evening. After a few remarks by President Adams, and selections by Mr. Hodder, from the report of the Civil Service Committee, Mr. Burr made an instructive and eloquent address on the Loos manuscripts which he found during his recent stay in Europe. He gave very interesting accounts of witchcraft in Europe during the 16th and 17th centuries, and the cruel and unfeeling methods by which respected persons were condemned to death.

—'90 has at last challenged '89 to a final, decisive contest. A game of foot ball is to decide whether or not '90 shall immediately carry canes. This is no doubt as it should be. The custom seems to be coming into vogue since the abolishment of cane rushing for the Freshmen to have the privilege of choosing the kind of encounter. '90 has done well, as regards the promotion of athletics in the University, in deciding upon a game of foot ball. The members of each team must, when the day comes, take great care to prevent injuries to the contestants. The game is rough enough at all events, and class spirit should not get so strong as to overrule reason.

—The Junior election was held Thursday from 12 to 1.15 p. m., in the Assembly room. For many of the offices there was no competition, but a good vote was polled. No box was sent to Sage College, yet 103 votes were cast. The following are the successful candidates and their votes : President, T. Shannon, 100 ; Vice-

President, A. D. Hasbrouck, 100; Secretary, C. B. Dix, 95; Treasurer, C. Dillenbeck, 82; Pipe Custodian, A. L. Soulé, 101; Athletic Director, A. E. Metzger, 101; Navy Director, W. W. Parshall, 76; B. B. Director, G. A. Ruyter, 76; ERA Editor, W. B. Smith, 51; *Cornellian* Editors, R. T. Newberry, 84; G. A. Ruyter, 72; E. E. Johnson, 58; W. A. Moss-crop, 51; W. H. Pfau, 48; H. W. Treat, 48; Jon Sullivan, 43. Two candidates for *Cornellian* Editors received 42 votes each, and one received 41. So near, and yet so far.

#### PERSONALS.

OLIN, '86, is in town for a few days.

HARTZELL, '85, is studying law in Detroit.

LARNED, '85, was in town this week visiting friends.

POUND, '87, has been admitted to the bar at Lockport.

C. L. HALL, formerly '85, was in town on Tuesday last.

C. F. WELTY, '89, is studying medicine at Canton, Ohio.

RANDOLPH, '84, has been admitted to the bar at Decatur, Ill.

NETTLETON, '86, is with J. A. Dempwolf, architect at York, Pa.

DR. F. D. CRIM, '77, enjoys a lucrative medical practice in Utica, N. Y.

BURNETT, '88, was called away from town Tuesday, Sept. 28, by the death of an aunt.

F. L. LOVELACE, '80, Woodford and Commencement Speaker, is practicing law in Utica, Y. Y.

DR. E. L. OATLEY, formerly '82, is instructor in Chemistry in a Homeopathic Medical School in Philadelphia, Pa.

A. J. EMORY, '86, is teaching Mathematics and the Classics in the Collegiate and Commercial Institute at New Haven, Conn.

HENRY M. NORTON, '80, familiarly known as "Toodles" in the olden time, has the smallest wife and the handsomest baby in St. Paul, Minn., where he is in the real estate business.

#### MARRIED.

NEWMAN—WILLIAMS.—Mr. Jared F. Newman, and Miss Jane Edwards Williams, daughter of the late Hon. Josiah B. Williams, at the Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon, at 5.30 o'clock, by the Rev. Asa S. Fiske.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

The Freshman class at Brown is ninety.

Amherst has the smallest class in three years, eighty.

Winslow, captain of the Harvard nine in '85, and Nichols, pitcher of last year's team, are expected to return to college this fall.

The University of Jena has received a bequest of \$75,000 to be applied to zoölogical research upon Darwin's theory of evolution.

A landscape artist is busy planning the artistic features of the surroundings of Senator Stanford's future great University at Palo Alto.

The Greek comedy so ably presented by the students of the University of Penn. last spring, will be produced at the Academy of Music in New York, Nov. 19.

The pole vault record, which has been held by Princeton for over five years, was broken on June 24th, by S. D. Goodshall, '87, of Lafayette, who cleared 10 ft. 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

An exchange says that every morning the aged president of William and Mary College, in Virginia, rings the college bells, and though no one responds the college is open and still retains its charter.

Fifty thousand dollars has been pledged to Middlebury College by one man, provided an equal amount be raised; and another friend pledges thirty thousand dollars toward the second fifty thousand dollars.

Commencing this year, compulsory attendance at chapel services is abolished at Harvard. Among the preachers for the ensuing year are Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Rev. Phillips Brooks, and Rev. Richard Montague of Providence.

#### EXCHANGES.

Many old exchanges have returned since our last issue, and are heartily accorded their accustomed places. We only hope that they have come to stay.

The *Colby Echo* by its neat appearance first attracts our attention. It calls the attention of the Faculty to the great need of compelling the under classes to take physical training and then says, "and if once the habit is formed, and the practical benefits of it experienced in the hearty tone of the physical condition, and the increased vigor of the mental faculties, there need be little fear that as upper classmen they will not continue, spontaneously, their gymnastic drill and exercise." The benefits to be derived from physical exercise are daily becoming more evident to the college world and the faculties of the country are not slow to appreciate the fact.

The *Troy Polytechnic* mourns the death of the Hon. James Forsyth, LL. D., late President of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He died in New York city, Aug. 10, 1886.

The *Brunonian* enters upon its twentieth volume and is up to its former high standard. In a very well written editorial the *Brunonian* upholds the cause of athletics in colleges. It was written in reply to an article in the *Boston Advertiser* by a Harvard alumnus, who advised that intercollegiate contests be authoritatively forbidden.

The *University Cynic* is a very good publication, and reflects much credit upon the editors. Its articles are always well chosen and to the point. The arrangement of the various departments is very systematic, and must add materially to the convenience of its readers.

The *Oberlin Review* is too much filled up with personals in its first issue. Personals are always very interesting to readers, but the reputation of a college paper must be gained and sustained by some other means.

*Student Life* for September will admit of considerable improvement. The general tone of the paper is a little too coarse at present. We have no doubt but that the paper will be improved upon, for it shows evidences of having a hard working board of editors.

An article upon the "Nebular Hypothesis" in the *Notre Dame Scholastic* is deserving of praise.

### NEW BOOKS.

We have before us Vol. V. of the German Classics for American Students. This series is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, and will commend itself to the careful attention of students of the German language. The mechanical part of the work is well executed and the English notes are especially praiseworthy. Vol. V. is a compilation of Schiller's letters, and no doubt he who reads them will be greatly benefitted. Regular retail price, bound in cloth, 16mo., \$1.

"Scriptures, Hebrew and Christian," by Ed. T. Bartlett, A. M., and John P. Peters, Ph. D., is before us for review. The book is especially arranged and edited for young readers as an introduction to the study of the Bible. Vol. I. contains an account of the Hebrew story from creation to the exile. The style is plain and simple, and cannot fail to arouse the interest of the readers for whom it was intended. The book is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons in the "Story of the Nations" series, and is neatly bound in cloth, and contains 545 royal octavo pages. Price \$1.50.

"Character-Building," by Andrew P. Peabody, D. D., LL. D., Professor of Theology at

Harvard, is a little work of fifty pages, published by Jas. H. Earle, Boston. It is written in a simple, direct style, but cannot fail to impress the reader with the excellent ideas expressed. Though prepared for a college occasion only, it well deserves the careful attention of thinkers. Price, bound in cloth, 30 cents.

### CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnott, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

University Chapel. Services at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. during the fall and spring term. Discourses delivered by clergymen of the various Christian denominations.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

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*Higher Algebra, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
*Arithmetic, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
*Differential Calculus, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 P. M.*  
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THE subject of a lunch counter on the Campus has frequently been agitated through the college press, but not until lately has it received the attention of the proper authorities. There can be no doubt that such an arrangement will be welcomed with delight by many students, especially those who have work in the afternoon. Excursionists, too, who visit the University, will here be able to find much that will contribute to the pleasure of their visit. The old Assembly Room has been

given for the purpose and soon a first class lunch room will be among the many conveniences on the Campus. Surely many future students will express openly their praise of him in whose fertile brain the idea originated.

WE are gratified to know that our suggestion, in a former issue, in regard to football has merited the attention at least of the lower classmen. Almost any fine afternoon, teams may be seen hard at work on the campus. Old veterans at the game are busily engaged in giving new players instructions how to kick, run, get a "touch down" and many other points that are indispensable to the good player. There will probably be a game played before long between the Freshmen and Sophomores to decide the athletic supremacy of the two classes or at least to be one of the final contests. It is hoped that the game may be characterized by the utmost good feeling and devoid of all "kicks" which are so liable to occur. The contest promises to be a close one for both classes have strong teams and are doing good work in practice. There certainly could be picked a splendid college team and one that would be no mean rival for teams from colleges older in the sport.

ALMOST a week has passed since we all had an opportunity of attending the most successful Field Day ever held at Cornell. Those who attended will ever remember the day as one of exceeding great interest, for the weather was perfect and all the contestants acquitted themselves most creditably. To those who staid at home we would say, you missed an afternoon's amusement such as you will probably not see again. The enthusiasm of the students was at the highest pitch and in fact there was nothing wanting to contribute to the sports. With such support as our athletes received on last Saturday, there can be no doubt but that

there is a bright future in store for athletics at Cornell. There is nothing which adds so much to the interest and pleasure of college life as the diversions in the way of friendly contests in the open field. Certainly it will harm no student to lay aside his lessons for a time and give himself up wholly to some refreshing outdoor sport. On the other hand he will be invigorated in mind and body, and the increased attention which he will be able to give his lessons, will more than repay him for all the time spent in physical exercise.

THE Cornell battalion is rapidly assuming vast proportions and every year finds an increase in the number of upper classmen who "stick" to the drill. This is certainly encouraging, but we think the interest of all the cadets would be greatly increased if there was only some good band music to enliven every battalion formation. Surely the idea is a good one and one that will commend itself at once to him who gives the subject a moment's thought. In many colleges a brass band is no longer an experiment. Why Cornell could not support a venture of this kind, is almost absurd to question. There are certainly a number in the battalion whose musical abilities would soon lead them to join such an organization and who would, in a short time, be able to play their instruments quite well. We think the scheme needs only to be tried to be a success. Some plan could be instituted by the University authorities of getting instruments and having them remain the permanent property of the University. It is surprising how much better a battalion can execute the various movements where it is animated by the music that proceeds from fifteen or twenty brazen throats, aided by the roll of the tenor drum, accompanied with the measured beat of the base. The Brass Band is a permanent thing in some colleges; why may it not be at Cornell?

WE are always glad to hear from the Alumni in regard to the ERA, even when their letters do not contain that which is most flatter-

ing to ourselves. We can only hope to make the ERA meet your wants when they are known to us. It is not our purpose to publish anything that will not be of some interest to our subscribers; but yet, it is exceedingly difficult to cater to all parties at once. Every person cannot expect to find each issue of the ERA up to his standard of excellence. That which displeases one, may be very acceptable to another. Thus far we have printed only that which we thought would be pleasing to the majority of our readers and we still think this the safest policy to pursue. You may be assured that, so far as possible, all questions that are of real live interest to Cornellians shall be accorded a place in our columns. From time to time we expect to have articles relating to the growth of the various departments in the University, but as yet, we have not been able to fully develop all our plans concerning the ERA. However, if there is any information which we can give you, let us know what you want and, if it is within our power, nothing will give us more pleasure than to respond gladly to your wish. It must be borne in mind that we are only mortal, like as other men are. We can only do our best to please and, if we fail, the penalty be on our own heads.

THE advisability of establishing the dormitory system at Cornell is a question of special importance to the University. With the rapid increase in the number of students in the last few years it has become impossible for a large number of them to get desirable rooms near the University. Now this could be easily remedied by the erection of a dormitory on the University grounds. Indeed everything at Cornell seems to favor the existence of the dormitory system. As it now is, most of the students live at a considerable distance from the University and but little use can be made of the library as a means of information. Again, on account of the number of courses in the University it is impossible for most of the students to arrange their hours for lectures and recitations in consecutive order, and not unfrequently one is compelled to remain at the University from

two to three hours between recitations. It is indispensable, therefore, to the convenience of the student that he reside within a short distance of the lecture room, then he can go and prepare for his recitations without the inconvenience to which he is now subjected. Furthermore there seems to be no reason why dormitories could not be made a success at Cornell. If the dormitory system has been found to be successful at nearly all the other large colleges and Universities of the country, it cannot fail to succeed at this University. Some may have the impression that dormitories are only an additional expense to the institutions in which they exist, but that is not the case; for in most instances they contribute largely to the income of the institutions. Now, whether at the present or in the near future it is advisable to establish the dormitory system at Cornell, we are unable to say. But something should be done to provide the students with suitable rooms near the University buildings. We hope the matter will receive the earnest consideration of the Board of Trustees and the friends of the University.

### A FAIR CORNELLIAN.

Along the road, by willow trees,  
Beneath a summer sun,  
By fields, where fragrant heaps of hay  
Had turned the emerald, dun:

Sat Sunshine in the phaeton,  
And talked and laughed with me;  
As we drove on, to the College town,  
While birds sang merrily.

"Is't Hamilton's pink, or Yale's true blue,  
Or Union's garnet blaze,  
You love the most and praise the most?"  
—I watched the changing gaze.

Fair Harvard's crimson filled her cheeks;  
Her eyelids quickly fell;  
And still remained the tell-tale hue—  
The carnelian of Cornell!

No need to speak her loyalty,  
No need its cause to tell,  
Yet softly, half unconsciously,  
She said, "I love Cornell."

Then some Cornellian may be proud,  
With fondest heart to claim  
The loyalty with which she told  
His Alma Mater's name!

—R.

### FIELD DAY.

Last Saturday the Annual Field Sports of the students were held on the fair grounds. The managers of the games and those that enjoy watching them are almost invariably disappointed by cold or rainy weather or by a bad track. Saturday was a happy exception to the rule, and a brighter sun never shone on a better track at the fair grounds nor on a larger assemblage of spectators. The student body was out in force, many of the Professors were on hand with their wives in carriages, and the grand stand was graced by the presence of an unusually large number of lady students.

Athletics are surely booming at Cornell when so many ladies are sufficiently interested in them to attend the games and applaud the contestants.

A large number of events were contested, fourteen in all.

The first on the program was the 100 yards dash. This was to be run in two heats, but owing to the non-appearance of some of the entries only one heat was run. C. W. Horr, '87, scratch man, breasted the tape first, a yard ahead of Parker, '89, eight feet start; time  $10\frac{3}{8}$  sec., a new record for Cornell. W. Z. Morrison, '87, then broke the shot putting record by a put of 31 ft., 2 in. The half mile bicycle race brought out Dodgson and Scott, '89, and Wing '90. As was expected Scott proved a fast man and lowered the record to  $1.32\frac{3}{8}$ .

The quarter mile run was a fine race, Coville, '87, finishing about three yards ahead of Webster, '88, in  $53\frac{1}{4}$  sec., lowering the record about a second. Brown, '89, and Ashley, '89, contested the mile walk. The former walked in good style and was repeatedly cheered for his plucky efforts. He finished first in 8 min., 51 sec.

Then followed one of the prettiest events of the day, the running high jump. White, '88, finally won by a jump of 5 ft.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in., beating the previous record by three inches. Morrison, '87, also excelled the record by clearing the stick at 5 ft. 1 in. His style of jumping was pleasing to the spectators, he starting in his leap off both feet squarely facing the bar. The old record of 5 ft.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., has stood for some time and it is gratifying to know that we now have a record at this event that compares more favorably with that of other colleges. H. E. Summers, '86, (Fellow), lowered the half mile running record to  $2.11\frac{3}{8}$  with Webster, '88, a good second. Treat, '88, threw the heavy hammer 59 ft., 9 in. and won.

Then followed the 220 yards race between Coville, '87, scratch, and D. A. Betancourt,

'90, fourteen yards start. This was a fine contest, Coville finally overhauling Betancourt about ten yards from the finish and winning by a yard in  $23\frac{3}{8}$  sec., another new record. Dodgson, '89, and Scott, '89, started in the two-mile bicycle race. They started at a lively rate, Dodgson setting the pace; three times and a half around they went like clock work, Scott keeping his wheel close up to the leader. At the last turn Scott passed Dodgson like a flash and came down the stretch at a very fast rate, finishing in 7 min., 8 sec., forty-eight seconds below the record. He appeared almost as fresh as at the start. Summers (Fellow), Hayford, '89, and Rackemann, '89, toed the scratch for the mile run. Rackemann showed the way for the first quarter then fell to the rear. At the three-quarters Summers led Hayford by ten yards, but the little man here began to let himself out and closed rapidly on Summers. The latter spurred too down the stretch and finally won by a yard in 5 min.,  $8\frac{1}{4}$  sec. Hayford with practice gives promise of being a fast man at the mile.

In the hurdle race McFarland, '89, won in  $20\frac{3}{8}$  sec. The second man, Fergurson, '89, was really thrown out of the race by stumbling over the first hurdle, and he also was thrown heavily by tripping over the last hurdle.

Coville tried to break the record at the hurdles, and succeeded by making the run in  $19\frac{3}{8}$  sec.

Then came the final and most exciting event of all, the tug-of-war between '89 and '90. Many expected that the Sophomores would have an easy victory, but such was not the case. Balch, Parker, Fielder, and Clark, anchor, were the Sophomore team; Warren, Ford, Stranahan, and Clark, anchor, the Freshman team. As Referee Dole fired the pistol both teams dropped very evenly, '90 having an advantage of about an inch. At the end of the first minute the ribbon was exactly over the middle mark. '89 then by a succession of heaves secured a slight advantage and kept it to the end, winning by two and one-half inches. At the end of the second minute the underclassmen, able to stand the suspense no longer, rushed in a body to the track and surrounded the teams. Each class is deserving of credit for their pluck in arranging the contest, especially the Freshmen, whose team, with only one day's practice, and with the disadvantage of a broken cleat and the loss of tosses both for choice of belt and choice of position, gave so excellent a team as the Sophomores' so hard a contest.

It was indeed an excellent termination of a

most successful Field Day. Credit is due to the directors of the sports for their good management of all particulars and for the despatch with which the various events were called on. Credit is due to our athletes for their general good work, which is well attested by the nine new records made. And perhaps most praiseworthy of all was the readiness with which students and professors turned out and deposited their mite in the coffers (?) of the Athletic Association.

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#### SAXON AND NORMAN CONQUESTS.

England is the land of our fathers; hence English History possesses charms for us which no other can. Is it any wonder, then, that the blood fairly leaps through our veins when we read of the rise and progress of our mother country?

England was once a barren island peopled by a barbarous race; to-day "the sun never sets on her dominions," and she acknowledges no superior in science, literature and art. Politically and commercially she has but few, if any, rivals, and the star of her civilization is among the brightest in the constellation of nations. To understand the character of the civilization of England as, indeed, of our own country, we must know something of the Saxon and Norman conquests, events to which England owes all that is great and good in her character.

Many years before the Saxons invaded Britain, Julius Cæsar had carried the "Roman Eagles" hither; but the definite conquest was not attempted until a century afterward. Rome, however, never gained complete mastery over the Britons; consequently, when she was compelled to withdraw her legions to protect the "eternal city," the province was left almost entirely to the mercy of her enemies in the north. For the province to meet the league of Scott, Pict, and Englishman, in her weakened condition, was well nigh impossible; hence it was determined to match barbarian against barbarian. By this policy it brought on its own destruction while striving to avert it. Accordingly, "A band of English warriors were drawn for this purpose in 449 from Jutland, with Hengest and Horsa at their head."

Time may efface many events in the history of England from our memory, but the landing of Hengest and his followers will always be an index pointing to the time when English history begins. What Plymouth is to Americans, that Ebbsfleet is to the English.

The English had scarcely done the work for which they were hired when the Britons saw,

that to overcome the Pict, they had introduced a fiercer enemy within their borders. Hardly were the Picts scattered like chaff in the summer wind, when the English declared war against the Britons.

Aylesford, Anderida, Charford, Deorham, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire tell all we would know of the conquest of Southern Britain. With the battle of Daegsastan the English gain complete mastery in the north, and the subjugation of the western districts soon follows. Where Rome once held sway there is now an English heptarchy. Everything that was Roman has been swept away. The religion of Woden and Thunder has triumphed over the religion of Christ, and "Britain has become England, a land that is, not of Britons, but of Englishmen."

In their new home the English devoted themselves to the same pursuits which they had followed in Sleswick. The principles which have ever distinguished the English race, now began to exercise a greater influence upon the people than heretofore. Law, industry and all the great results of steady perseverance arose. The transfer of the race from Sleswick to Britain was marked by two principle changes in their society. The king and the slave with the English were, in a measure, the outgrowths of war; yet these changes only marked the beginning of the transition of the English from a heathen to a civilized state. From this time on progress is stamped on every act of the race.

The smaller states of the Heptarchy were soon absorbed by the three larger ones and of these three Mercia and Wessex recognized the supremacy of Northumbria. The contest between these three kingdoms was carried on for two centuries. Sometimes one was at the head, sometimes another. Finally, however, Wessex seemed about to effect a national union, when the Danes invaded the country, overthrew many of the kingdoms and endeavored to subjugate the Saxons as the Saxons had subjugated the Celts; but by the wisdom of Alfred the Great this calamity was averted.

No sooner had Alfred effected the deliverance of his people from their Danish enemies, than there was repose in England. During this period England advanced rapidly in learning and literature. "In order to diffuse knowledge Alfred had the standard writings on religion, morals, geography and history translated into the language of the people. He not only gave patronage to learning, but he also gave his most earnest personal efforts in contributing to the national literature.

In the next reign, that of Edward, the power

of the king was gradually extended over all England and so the Seven Kingdoms were united into one. This was the first permanent union of the several kingdoms, although Egbert had styled himself "King of the English." From this time to the crowning of Harold the Second, there is little change in the material civilization of England. True the Danes acquired the supremacy; but the two fierce races, nearly allied in origin consented to an amalgamation which did not materially change the language or institutions of the country.

Now are the Saxons, so long accustomed to victory, about to be defeated by the Normans under Duke William, who after the death of Edward the Confessor, laid claim to the crown of England. The claim of William was established by the battle of Hastings in 1066. Harold, the Saxon king, was slain and his army completely routed. This battle virtually decided the war, although the English afterward made several unsuccessful attempts to regain the power which they had lost by the conquest.

After Duke William was crowned king of England, he confiscated the land of the English freeman and distributed it among his own knights and nobles. By him was feudalism introduced into England. The ruins of the Norman castles, found here and there in England, give some idea of the power which these nobles must have possessed in feudal times. Under this system the people were grievously oppressed; they had no guaranteed rights and were held in continual subjection by the feudal despots.

William introduced gradually the Norman language and the Norman customs; yet for many long years the Saxons remained apart, and it seemed as though a union of the two races would never be effected. The fourteenth century, however, witnessed a gradual blending of the two races and the "English language and nationality were evolved from the social confusion which attended the first centuries of the Norman occupation." It is but natural that the race, produced by the union of Saxons and Normans, should be characterized by the principles of each; hence, from the Saxons, the English race inherits its obstinacy and the love of justice, freedom, truth and knowledge, and it is to the Normans that it is indebted for whatever is cultured and refined in its civilization.

—The regular session of the Mock Congress will be held Saturday evening in the town library building. The discussion of the silver bill will be taken up. All students are invited to attend.

## THE PLEASURES OF ROWING.

Being invited the other day to take a practice row in the 'Varsity shell, I was glad of the opportunity to acquire the art of rowing. However, I modestly hinted to the captain of the crew, that I had never been in a shell, nor in fact in any kind of a row boat; but he quickly reassured me by saying that I would soon get the hang o' the thing.

Precisely at the appointed time I was at the boat house, dressed in a red striped shirt and blue skull cap and fully determined to rival Beach and Hanlan.

As this was my first opportunity for a close inspection of a shell, it was with some curiosity that I examined the races. The boat rested quietly enough in the water, but the thought struck me that it was extremely narrow for its length, and uncomfortable forbodings of cold water baths went shivering down my spinal column.

At last we were off and by carefully watching the movements of the man in front of me I was able to get along very well though my oars made a good deal of splashing. I was just beginning to experience the exhilarating effect of the exercise, which I had read so much about in books, when suddenly my oar caught in the water, jerked out of my hand and settled my dinner in a most unceremonious manner; at the same moment the man in front of me, in bending forward to take a new stroke, knocked a hole through my back bone (at least I supposed he did at the time) and the two oars seemed to meet in the center of my body with a snap. "Crab, No 1," the captain calmly remarked as I gasped for breath. I did not comprehend this term and faintly inquired if they pinched like that every time. The plaintive sound of a chestnut bell was heard, and all was still save the mad splashing of the oar and the stern "Stroke! Stroke!" of the captain.

I now worked desperately to keep in stroke for I had taken a great dislike to catching crabs. How my wrists ached with feathering my oar! What pains began to steal down my limbs, as I worked the sliding seat in constant fear of tangling myself up in my own contortions! It seemed as though every part of my body was being shaken into a general hash. At last I yielded to despair and desperately exclaimed: "Gentlemen, my course is finished! I have humped my last hump." But the captain sternly ordered me to my duty, and with the desperate air of one assailing a boarding-house pie, I resumed my labors to the bitter end.

The next day a student might have been

seen in his room bolstered up in a large arm-chair, solemnly relating to his friends and visitors the perils of a seafaring life.

## THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The tournament of the Tennis Association was opened Tuesday afternoon, and five preliminary singles were played, with the following results:

Horr, '87, vs. Sands, '90; Sands winning by 6-1, 6-2. Goodkind, '87, vs. Sternberger, '87; Goodkind winning by 6-3, 6-4. Chapin, '89, vs. Mowry, '89; Chapin winning by 6-2, 6-0. Wilkinson, '89, vs. Lorber, '88; Wilkinson winning by 6-2, 6-3; Kemp, '90, vs. Warner, '87; Kemp winning by 6-2, 6-3.

On Wednesday afternoon the preliminary singles were continued. The results are, White, '87, vs. Newberry, '88; in which White won by 6-3, 6-0. Rackemann, '89, vs. Pope, '90; in which Rackemann won by 6-2, 6-3.

The leading feature of Tuesday's games was the sets between Lorber and Wilkinson, and that of Wednesday was the sets between Rackemann and Pope. The sets between Rackemann and Pope were the most interesting ones of the tournament up to the present. The general playing of both men was brilliant, and, although the score was somewhat one-sided, it was only by hard and often brilliant work that either man could score a point. The features were Rackemann's swift and effective serving, the "placing" of both men, and Pope's return of swift ones near the boundary lines. Rackemann, however, finally won by the above score.

The following games were posted for yesterday but were postponed on account of the rain and wind: Singles, Chapin vs. Carver, Wilkinson vs. Rackemann, Sands vs. White, Goodkind vs. Kemp. Doubles, Chapin and Sands vs. Wilkinson and Pope, Blood and Treman vs. Goodkind and Sternberger, Newberry and Lorber vs. Mowry and Carver, Horr and Warner vs. Kemp and Prof. Newbury, White and Rackemann vs. Ickleheimer and Darby. These games will be played as soon as the weather permits, but it will probably be impossible to finish all this week.

The executive committee have procured the following prizes from business men in town: D. Finch gives a Wright and Ditson racquet; Heggie, the jeweler, a cane; T. Doherty a box of imported cigars; Mr. Bool a handsome plush mirror. The association will add to the above prizes, three racquets and other prizes, thus giving at least three prizes for both doubles and singles.

Cornell is now a member of the intercollegi-

ate association, but will send no representatives to the tournament which is now being played.

### SENIOR ELECTION.

The following is the result of the Senior election, held to-day in the Agricultural Museum, Morrill Hall: President, H. M. Lovell; Vice President, E. D. Wright; Secretary, B. L. Oviatt; Treasurer, E. H. Sargent; Class Orator, J. E. Russell; Memorial Orator, B. Kuykendall, Jr.; Ivy Orator, F. W. Thomson; Essayist, Miss Lois M. Otis; Poet, Miss K. E. Selmsler; Pipe Custodian, D. V. L. Bennett; Prophet, M. H. Goodkind; Toast Master, Guy Sterling; Prize Orator, F. L. Chrisman; Base Ball Director, F. W. Thomson; Athletic Director, C. W. Horr; Navy Director, Neil Stewart; Marshalls, F. V. Coville and P. J. McGuire.

### NOTICES.

A meeting of the White Cross Army will be held on Friday Oct. 15, at 7.30 p. m. in the Botanical Lecture Room. Addresses will be made by Dr. E. E. Baker, '78, and Professor Schurman. All members of the White Cross Army are *requested* to be present, and all others who are interested in raising the standard of social purity are cordially invited to attend.

BY ORDER OF W. C. A. COMMITTEE.

Mr. Courtney Langdon will address the Seabury Guild on Sunday evening on the workings of the American Church in Italy. Mr. Langdon is the son of the Rev. Mr. Langdon who for many years had charge of the Protestant Missions there.

The Seabury Guild will meet in the south wing of the University Chapel at 7.30 o'clock on Sunday evening. All Episcopalians and all who are interested in the church are cordially invited to be present.

The meeting of the Sophomores for the purpose of having their pictures taken, is necessarily postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 19th, at 1 p. m. sharp, unless further notice is given.

Mr. Louis Leakey will lecture on the voice and its functions, with illustrations, in the Botanical Lecture Room, Sage Building at 8 p. m. Thursday, 21st October, '86.

### CORNELLIANA.

- Were you at the Field Day?
- Senior Elections this afternoon.
- The Gymnasium Annex is being repaired.

—There are thirty-two Post Graduates in the University.

—There are three hundred and thirteen Freshmen in the University.

—In another column is a notice of the meeting of the White Cross Army.

—Every member of the battalion must appear in full uniform on Monday next.

—There are in the University only three students in the Medical Preparatory course.

—Mechanical Engineering seems to be the most popular course with the Freshman.

—One of the guns of the Artillery Company has been up at the Sibley shop for repairs.

—The winner of the bicycle races was at once dubbed "Great Scott" by the spectators.

—Our base ball ground will probably be located back of President White's residence next year.

—Sage College was well represented at the games. May their interest in athletics never grow less.

—Professor of German asks for an example of alliteration. Ever-ready student, "Humpty Dumpty."

—At the Electrical Engineers' Association this afternoon, John Ihlder and H. J. Ryan will speak.

—A new machine for testing the strength of materials has just been put in the Mechanical Laboratory.

—At the meeting of the Natural History Society on Thursday Mr. Summers made an interesting address.

—Professor Corson intends reading Tennyson's "Maud" to his class in English Literature on Monday next.

—Advertisements of military suits for sale, are the most conspicuous notices on nearly every bulletin board on the campus.

—The committee, appointed by the Junior class to select the color of the tassels for the mortar-boards, has chosen royal purple.

—Lieutenant Van Ness has posted a copy of the old Regulations of the Cornell Battalion, with the notice that they are still in force.

—The "dove plant" at the Conservatory calls many visitors. It is protected from the hands of the inquisitive by a wire netting.

—Our long distance runner will have to take good care hereafter lest he sometime find a very short man running under his arm on the home stretch.

—The well-known manufacturer and statesman, Abram Hewett, has been secured as one of the non-resident Sibley College lecturers.

—The Young Peoples Association of the Park Baptist Church to-night give a reception to their University friends at the church parlors.

—Mr. Leakey has made known the hours at which he can give special training to those members of his classes in elocution that desire it.

—Saturday was the first Field Day to be participated in by either '89 or '90. The former class did remarkably well in captivating five events.

—There are the usual number of errors in the alphabetical list of students. One Senior has the pleasure of seeing himself set down as a Freshman.

—Some one has taken a Junior essay on "Biographical Superfluity" from the Library. This is certainly easier than the old method of "cribbing."

—The following programme will be given at the Electrical Engineering Association to-day: John Ihder, Telephrage; H. J. Ryan, The Electrical News.

—Professor Anthony proposes to give during the rest of this term a one-hour course of lectures to Seniors in Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical Engineering.

—A member of the Sophomore class the other day sent the President of his class some blank notices to be used in calling meetings, and yet class elections are past.

—The regular afternoon meeting of the Cornell University Christian Association, will be held next Sunday, after Chapel in the Botanical Lecture Room, Sage College.

—In last week's list of students who entered at advanced standing, the name of Mr. W. H. Robinson, Jr., of Indiana University, was omitted from the number of Juniors.

—A photograph of the Cornell crew of '85 has been put in the passage from the Gymnasium to the Annex. It is an excellent picture of our last winners of the Childs' Cup.

—Mr. Leakey is organizing a special class for the ladies in his different sections which is to meet at 10 a. m. on Saturdays. No one but ladies are to be admitted to the section.

—On Saturday afternoon the first "heat" of the term will be drawn off. This means that the first casting will be done at the Sibley College foundry. If you can keep out of the way of the workmen, you may go and see it done.

—Our champion sprinter showed himself able to cope successfully with the best college runners by the ease with which he made 10 $\frac{3}{8}$  sec., and that without any considerable training.

—The Freshmen have had members of their class out in a shell every day since last Saturday, and a challenge will probably be issued by them to the Sophomore class for a race this fall.

—In another column will be found a notice of Mr. Leakey's proposed lecture on the voice and its functions. He will accompany his talk with illustrative readings, but with no drawings.

—The judges must have been mistaken in the identity of the men in the 100 yards dash. Parker was plainly second according to the judgment of everyone that saw the finish, the judges alone accepted.

—The first meeting of the newly elected *Cornellian* board was held at the Zeta Psi house last evening. The board organized by electing W. A. Mosscrop general manager, and E. E. Johnson business manager.

—Scott, although new at bicycling, already shows the skill and endurance of a well trained wheelman of long experience. Give him time and practice and our bicycling records will take some more serious tumbles.

—Dr. Fiske has been at the Gymnasium from two till four o'clock on Wednesday and Thursday, and is there this afternoon. A large number of students have taken advantage of the opportunity to have their eyes examined.

—"Abstracted from the University library on Wednesday a dissertation on 'Biographical Superfluity.'" Not to mention the text itself, the title would be a heavy loss to the owner. By all means bring back the title to its inventor.

—Both '88 and '89 had a balance of over fourteen dollars in the treasury at the beginning of the year. There's honesty in public office for you. Each treasurer doubtless had President Cleveland's great "chestnut" framed as a motto.

—Professor Hewett has, by arrangement with the German publishers, secured a special edition of Thieme-Preusser's German dictionary for use in his classes. Students are thereby able to obtain the best German lexicon at a reduced price.

—Several Freshmen encouraged by the good work done by their team in the tug-of-war at the Field Day, are in favor of another trial. Certainly a pull between the same teams on

sound cleats, and in equally good harnesses would be exciting.

—Professor Thurston is giving a course of lectures on the Geometry and Graphics of Thermo-dynamier open to those Seniors who take the Steam Engine on Tuesday and Thursday. The course is entirely optional, but it is taken by about ten students.

—Evans, the photographer, has four views on exhibition that he obtained at Field Day. They show the tug of war, the hurdle race, the high jump by Morrison and the finish of the one hundred yards dash. The latter shows Parker, '89, second by a yard or two.

—The person that practices roller-skating tri-weekly on the floor above the room where Mr. Lapham's French classes meet, should be at once reported to the "Gym" faculty. Besides annoying the students below, he is liable to injure his constitution by such violent exercise.

—Saturday, Oct. 30, has been settled upon by '89 and '90 as the date for their football game. There is some talk of holding it on the fair grounds and charging an admittance fee, the receipts to go to the Athletic Association. Such a course would certainly be commendable.

—There is no meeting of the Irving Literary Society this week. Next week Professor Newberry will give under the charge of the Society another of his stereopticon entertainments. These entertainments are intended for the Irving and its friends; and further notice will be given in due time.

—The alphabetical list contains the names of seven hundred and eighty-one students. This number will doubtless be increased to eight hundred by the winter term. Last year there were at no time more than six hundred and thirty-eight. The increase is distributed over all the classes, but largest is in the Freshman class.

—Do not fail to see the game of ball on Saturday between the Junior Civil Engineers on the one side and the Junior Mechanical and Electrical Engineers on the other. A most thrilling game will be played. Farrington and Etnyre will probably constitute the C. E. battery, while that of the opposition is yet to be solved.

—P. G. in bath-room gets ahead of Junior, who is unlacing his shoes. Junior excitedly,—"You may know more after you've been here a little while." Instructor in boxing, Indian club swinging, punning, etc.,—"They take turns here now; no slipping in ahead as when

you were here." Junior, as last remark is uttered, wilts.

—There were two cane rushes indulged in by the underclassmen on the way from the fair ground Saturday. '90 men excited by their good showing in the tug of war, went in to win. They succeeded in depositing both sticks safely in the hands of Juniors and shouting their new slogan, they marched triumphantly up State Street to the Post Office, where they dispersed.

—Professor Leakey has kindly offered to give private instruction in Elocution to such Juniors as may desire it. As the number of hours during which the Professor is unengaged is limited, it will probably be necessary to form small sections. We venture to say there is no instructor in the University, who understands better than Mr. Leakey how to unite *dulce et utile* in the class room.

—Class hats will soon appear on the Campus. On Monday the Seniors adopted as their hat the Oxford with black silk tassel; and on Wednesday the Juniors adopted a similar hat with a colored tassel. No effort is to be made to induce upper classmen to wear the hats. It is only desired to adopt these hats as the Senior and Junior hat respectively, and then to leave all to wear the hat or not as they see fit.

—At her class meeting on Wednesday, '88 decided to join with '87 in wearing mortarboards. The selection of the color of tassel to be worn is to be left to a committee, Messrs. Pfau, Ickelheimer and Brace. All members of the class that intend wearing the hat adopted should get them at once, before cold weather prevents their being worn. Those desiring hats should leave their orders at Wilson's at once.

—Something ought to be done right away towards having a game of base-ball on the campus this fall. It has been the custom to have at least one good team here every year after the students get back, and it should be continued this year. A good game should call out a large attendance from town people and over 750 students, especially when we have nearly 300 new men that have never seen the nine play together. It is not yet too late if immediate steps be taken.

—By the new list of students there are 781 students in the University, 94 Seniors, 138 Juniors, 171 Sophomores, 313 Freshmen, 33 Specials, and 32 Resident Graduates. The lucky 87th Senior on the list is Mr. H. K. Vedder; the 88th Junior, Mr. L. Pearson; the 89th Sophomore, Mr. F. Kanpp; and the 90th Freshman, Er. F. W. Ely. The Smith family, as usual, is the largest of all, with fourteen members. The Millers are second, with six; with the

Brown, Fisher and Jones delegations tied at five for third place.

—It is the duty now of every man in the class of '88, that has either any skill as an artist or any ability as a humorist to make use of such abilities for the good of this year's *Cornellian*. The work of the board will be hard enough without having to do it all. The old adage that "many cooks spoil the broth" does not apply here, where much good material must be collected; too much in fact for seven men to produce. '86 and '87 did their work well in this, one of the pleasantest things that devolves upon Junior classes at Cornell, although a laborious thing if well done. '88, then, should take a pride in sending out a *Cornellian* that will be worthy of the class, and that will be a fit follower of the two excellent ones that have been produced in the two years just gone by.

#### PERSONALS.

FOLLETT, '77, has a large law practice at Marietta, Ohio.

C. C. PARK, '85, is attending the New York Medical College.

W. W. WHITE, '86, returned from Tavares, Fla., on account of sickness.

H. W. SACKETT, '76, is Counsellor at Law at New York, with headquarters in the *Tribune* Building.

T. S. WILLIAMS, '84, has been spending the last week in town. Mr. Williams was formerly an editor of the *ERA*.

MILLARD, '88, is home on a two weeks' leave of absence. He is drawing the plan of buildings to be erected by his father.

FISHER, '85, is in the Chief Engineers' Office of the Riverside, Santa Anna and Los Angeles Ry. Co., at San Bernardino, Cal.

BULL, and Stanborough, '85, Tenny formerly '86, Slesinger, Charpiot and Sackett, '86, are in the same class at Columbia Law School.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Hamilton's Freshman class is fifty.

The Freshmen at Bowdoin won the annual rope-pull.

Princeton has one hundred and ninety-one Freshmen.

The Freshmen at Syracuse will not carry canes this year.

The average age of the Freshman class at Trinity is about 21 years.

Madison University has forty-five Freshmen, the largest class in its history.

Thirty-seven colleges are said to possess the champion bicycle rider of the United States.—*Index.*

It is reported that Yale spent \$14,000 last year for foot ball, base ball and boating.

Dartmouth has applied for admission to the New England College Foot Ball League.

Williams has the largest Freshman class that ever entered there, numbering ninety-five.

The property on the Campus of the University of Michigan is appraised at \$1,300,000.

Johns Hopkins University is to have a physical library and observatory worth \$100,000.

The University of Pennsylvania held its one hundred and thirtieth commencement this year.

The trustees of Chicago University have decided to abandon the attempt to maintain the institution.

The Chicago College of Pharmacy has been lately added to the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.

Harvard's 250th anniversary occurs Nov. 6th. James Russell Lowell is expected to deliver the oration.

Exeter has two hundred and fifty students, a larger number than ever before; Andover, nearly three hundred.

A chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon has been recently established at Lehigh University under very favorable circumstances.

Smith College opens with a Freshman class of one hundred this fall, and Wellesley with one of one hundred and sixty.

Princeton has a daily paper, this making four college dailies in the United States; Harvard, Yale, and Cornell each having one.

The two weeks vacation given to the Seniors at Amherst in May, and known as the "Senior Vacation," has been abolished by the Faculty.

The time made by Yale in the eight-oared Yale-Harvard race at New London, July 2nd, was the best on record, 20.21¼ for four miles.

Italy has declared its seventeen universities open to women, and Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark have taken similar action.

The interest in foot ball is to be revived at Columbia. The "Ax and Coffin," a Senior secret society, has also been revived after a sleep of eighteen years.

W. B. Page, of the University of Pennsylvania, has again broken the record in the high jump by his last effort. He made six feet and three quarters of an inch.

#### EXCHANGES.

The exchange column of college papers is daily growing in importance and is therefore receiving more attention than ever. It is one of the leading features of the college press and fills a great need among college students who are

always more or less interested in the success of other educational institutions; and in nowise can this be better attested than by the merits of the representative college papers. A review of them then from week to week is a source of interest to all and is of inestimable benefit to the editors of the college papers.

The first exchange to greet us this week is *Lehigh Burr*, a worthy representative of the institution it upholds. The appearance of the *Burr* is among the neatest of all our exchanges and ranks high as a college monthly. Phi Beta Kappa is accorded a hearty welcome at Lehigh where it gives promise of much future usefulness. The *Burr* speaks encouragingly of the prospects of football this fall as all of last year's team are back.

The *Niagara Index* does not present a very neat appearance with advertisements on the front cover. The type used in the printing of the greater part of the paper is too small to read for any length of time. The taste displayed in publishing the menu of a supper on the editorial page may be indeed questioned.

The first issue of *The University* comes to us from the University of the City of New York. It is published once in three weeks, and in its own language "it will aim to give clean, bright, fresh college news, breezy literature, carefully selected reports of other colleges, accurate and comprehensive 'reviews,' and copious 'personals.'" The first issue is a very creditable publication, and adheres very closely to its stated policy. We notice the name of Professor Messenger, Cornell '80, among the new faculty appointments there.

The *Hillsdale Herald*, boasting of a circulation of 1,200, should be much better than it is. It does not even do justice to the little college it hails from.

The *Amherst Student* would be greatly improved if it were issued in a different and more modern form. It now appears as a weekly paper, and as such we welcome it to its new sphere of usefulness.

The *Bowdoin Orient* complains very justly of the action of certain students at Williams College in regard to securing competent battery men for their college nine. It deplores the fact that college students should resort to such practices, and awaits the action of the college league in the matter with much interest. The *Orient* discusses the question of an intercollegiate oratorical contest at some length.

The *Syracusan* is out in a new coat of paint. The present issue is very readable and the paper promises to surpass last year's in general excellence.

The *Northwestern* speaks highly of the flattering prospects of the Northwestern University. The Freshman class is unusually large and several new professorships have been established.

The *Yale Record* is very well edited. All the departments of the paper are up to a high standard. The *Record* remarks that "with each succeeding year, the system of elective courses at Yale is being extended and improved and with each additional change the wisdom of the policy has been exemplified."

#### WILGUS OPERA HOUSE AMUSEMENTS.

George Hoey's new farcical comedy, entitled "Keep It Dark," was produced for the first time in this city at the Academy of Music last evening before a large audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the play. This comedy has three acts, each of which is filled with fun and comicities. Mr. W. T. Bryant and Miss Lizzie Richmond, are the stars of the cast; the first named sustaining the character of Jasper Vaseline, the inventor of the electric liver-pad, and the latter that of Clementina Delancy, the actress. Miss Richmond is a charming actress and possesses a fine stage appearance and picturesque form. Miss Ada Boshell as Maggie Ellen, an Irish servant girl, sustained the character in an admirable manner, and all the other characters were rendered in the best manner. The play will be presented for the last time this evening, when all who wish to enjoy a hearty laugh should be sure to attend.—*Daily Republican*.

At Wilgus Opera House to-night. Admission 35, 50 and 75 cents.

#### CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnot, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

University Chapel. Services at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. during the fall and spring term. Discourses delivered by clergymen of the various Christian denominations.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Sts. Pastor, R. D. Munger. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sabbath School at 12:15 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 10 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m., Sunday Prayer Meeting at 6 p. m. Teachers' Meetings, Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m. Regular Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.



## A Card to Cigarette Smokers.

Owing to the persistent attempt of numerous cigarette manufacturers to copy in part the BRAND NAME of the "RICHMOND STRAIGHT CUT" now in the eleventh year of their popularity, we think it alike due to the protection of the consumer and ourselves, to warn the public against base imitations and call their attention to the fact that the original Straight Cut Brand is the RICHMOND STRAIGHT CUT, No. 1, introduced by us in 1875, and to caution the students to observe, that our signature appears on every package of the genuine Straight Cut Cigarettes.

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PROFESSOR CORSON'S readings given at Sage College should be attended by every student in the University who can possibly spare the time to hear them. Professor Corson is acknowledged to be one of the best readers in the country. His ability to bring out the meaning of what he reads has been acquired by long practice and a perfect familiarity with the author. Surely these readings are much more beneficial and enjoyable than those of the so-called professional readers who occasionally visit Ithaca. These readings are not merely

for the benefit of those taking English Literature in the class-room, but for all students in the University. If we are so fortunate as to be favored further by the Professor, we hope to see a still larger number of the students present.

ANOTHER class has successfully passed the portal of Senior Election. This event is always the occasion of more or less rivalry, but this year seems to have been a happy exception to the rule, judging from the majorities which in almost every case were so marked. With officers who are undoubtedly the choice of the class, there is nothing to prevent '87 from showing as good a front during Commencement as many a preceding class that has made much greater pretensions. It only remains for '87 to retrieve her past ill success by making the last events of her history of crowning importance. To succeed best in this, every officer and every member of a committee must see to it that he leaves nothing undone, whereby the interests of the class would be furthered. The efforts of those at the head must be seconded by the subordinates and supported by the harmonious action of the class, for in this way only may we hope to see the attainment of the most worthy results.

CLASS hats is a subject with which almost every class has to deal, at least once during their course. The Seniors and Juniors at Cornell will hereafter be known by their hat and no longer will it be excusable for a Freshman to take a Senior by the arm and kindly offer to assist him to make out his election ticket. This is certainly embarrassing to the Senior and must make the Freshman feel "awfully stupid" when he finds out his mistake. The Senior's pride is touched, yet it would be beneath his dignity to show it. To obviate this difficulty, and for other purposes less clear to us, '87 and '88 have adopted the classic "mortar-board." Of

course a hat more sightly and a deal more comfortable might have been chosen, but all individual likes were laid aside for the common weal. It is hoped that the succeeding classes will conform to the precedent which '87 and '88 have attempted to establish and that hereafter the upper classes will be known by the distinctive mark of the Oxford cap.

**I**F it is not too late, we wish to make a suggestion in regard to the arrangement of the term examination. For many a fall term, afternoon examinations in rooms K and T have been one of the greatest terrors of examination week. The truth of this statement will be doubted by no professor that has watched the expression with which a poor student undergoing examination in one of those rooms takes from his pocket and lights a tallow candle as the light fades away behind the west hill. And it is impossible to write during more than the first half of the session without some artificial light. In years long past, or in some other colleges there might be reason for putting the students to such inconvenience, but there can be none at Cornell. The time given up to examinations, seven days, is so long that not many examinations need occur at the same hour. And even if this be found necessary, there are several large rooms excellently lighted. The Botanical, Chemical and Physical lecture rooms are, we think, quite sufficient for all that must be examined on any afternoon of this term. It is easy enough for a professor to witness an examination when fear of darkness leads to excessive haste, but for a student to do himself justice under such circumstances is more difficult. Let us not pray in vain.

**W**E understand that Cornell has been admitted to the Inter-collegiate Tennis Association. This is certainly a step in the right direction and it is to be hoped that it will bring us into closer fellowship with our eastern brethren. Owing to the high winds that prevailed during the latter part of last week and the first of this, our local Tournament was not

so successful as it would otherwise have been; and yet many of our players gave evidence of becoming able to cope successfully with men from colleges accustomed to send contestants to the annual Tournament. Although Cornell will not be represented this year at the Inter-collegiate Tournament, yet we hope by another year to send representatives that will defy all comers. We do not want to see the good work stop with Tennis, and it is our belief that, until Cornell has, pitted against her, worthy rivals, athletics will be at an exceedingly low ebb. As it is now there is nothing to stimulate our boys to work. They are satisfied with being able to beat their near neighbors without much effort and while such a state of affairs exists, how can we expect records to be made or contests to be held that are of any more than passing local interest. If our athletes knew they would have to meet Harvard, Yale and Princeton on the Field, we are confident that there would be such an awakening in athletics as Cornell has been long and patiently waiting for this many a day. The results might not be immediate, but in time they must follow as day the night.

**I**N last week's issue we had occasion to speak of the Dormitory question and we hope that we shall not be imposing upon the good nature of our readers by adding something to what has already been said. This question is one that is just now rife at Cornell, but probably there will be nothing definitely known until after the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees. We are glad to note, however, that such a movement is on foot and that before another year there will probably be additional accommodations for students on the Campus. There can be no doubt that many students who now room in town, would stay nearer the University buildings if they could only obtain suitable places. The advantages of the dormitory system are many, but, at the same time, the disadvantages are not to be overlooked. Again, what are advantages to some are not regarded as such by others, for the likes of students are exceedingly

various. There is always more or less confusion and noise in a dormitory and, in many cases this is almost fatal to the work of the student, but he may become so accustomed to it that it is of comparatively little disadvantage to him. Perhaps the greatest evil against which the authorities would have to contend, would be the abuse of property which always follows where a number of boys occupy one building. The advantages, however, are paramount at Cornell. The library and gymnasium would then be taxed to their utmost and the result would be better men physically and mentally.

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### A COLLEGE ROWING SONG.

Firmly catch and swiftly pull  
 The polished, pliant, springing oar,  
 While the muscles swell out full,  
 And the heart throbs more and more ;  
 Up the stream with rhythmic swing,  
 Sweet as music in the night,  
 While the straining rowlocks ring  
 And the blood leaps in delight,  
     With the old, long stroke,  
     With the old, long stroke,  
 That shall bring us in as winners, boys,  
     At last.

Soon will come that burning day  
 When the pistol stroke will crack,  
 And our boat will rush away,  
 As we strain each brawny back,  
 Pulling as we ne'er before  
 Pulled, yet still with form and grace—  
 Every soul in every oar,  
 Flying down to win the race,  
     With the old, long stroke,  
     With the old, long stroke,  
 That shall bring us in as winners, boys,  
     At last.

So when rowing here is done,  
 And we seek the sea of life,  
 Where our prizes must be won  
 In a swifter stream of strife,  
 We shall labor as of yore,  
 Grim resolve on every face,  
 Bending bravely to the oar,  
 Pulling hard to win the race,  
     With the old, long stroke,  
     With the old, long stroke,  
 That shall bring us in as winners, boys,  
     At last.

—W. J. H.

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—President Adams has been twice honored of late. He has been invited to represent Cornell at the coming celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of Harvard College ; and to make the address at the unveiling in St. Louis of a statue of Columbus.

### MAGNA CHARTA.

What the "Laws of the Twelve Tables" were to the Romans, that the Magna Charter was to English of the thirteenth century. Each was the outgrowth of long centuries of misrule and oppression. The latter may be regarded as the former transplanted in English soil, but with the changes demanded by the character of the people and the times. The one may be compared to a tree planted in some desert place and becoming shrivled and decayed from the want of proper nourishment, the other to a tree of like nature, but placed in an arid tract and in consequence springing up, spreading out its branches, budding, blossoming and about to bear fruit.

The Magna Charta did not have its origin in the reign of John ; but as a stream often flows along, hidden from our vision, and bursts forth with new strength and beauty, so the principles embodied in the Magna Charta were concealed by the people for long centuries and revealed at a time when it was impossible not to understand their purport. On the 15th of June 1215 the barons and the king met at Runnymede, the Great Charter was discussed, the royal signature obtained and thus the basis of our constitutional liberty was established.

The principles contained in the Magna Charta were eminently Anglo Saxon. They were simply the outgrowth of the nature of the people. All through their history from their departure from the bleak shores of the Baltic to the granting of the charter, nothing is more characteristic of the English than their love of justice, freedom, truth and knowledge. With what stubbornness and perseverance did they meet the tyranny of their Norman kings and the exactions of a foreign court till they finally obtained a charter,—that of Henry the First—which seemed to be but an index pointing to something better to follow. That this something came in the reign of king John, who will deny? By it the people gained but few new privileges, and yet it raised England from an unconstitutional to a constitutional form of government and marked the close of misrule and anarchy by putting the traditional laws of the realm in the form of writing and thus bringing it about that the people be no longer subject to the caprice of an artful or revengeful king.

Thus we see that the Great Charter marked the transition from the age of traditional rights to the age of written legislation. All vagueness ceases, the right of justice is acknowledged and the good government of the realm is provided for. In it lies the basis of our whole

judicial system and it is with pride that we trace many of the principles embodied in our own constitution to the great monument of English liberty, which was discussed, agreed to, and signed in a single day, a day, as oft as its anniversary returns, which ought ever to be celebrated by the English people with the most joyous rites of observance. To the work of this day, we may say, England owes in part, her present constitution.

Says Stubbs in his treatise on the constitution of England, "The Magna Charta is the first great public act of the nation, after it has realized its own identity." The granting of the charter marks the beginning of a new era for the English people not less eventful than that which it closes. As incidentally mentioned above, the Great Charter is based upon that of Henry the First. The arrangement is the same and the principles of Henry's charter are expanded so as to include the changes consequent upon the development of the intervening century.

Many of the less important provisions of the charter we pass over to notice a few of the most important and which are to us the most interesting as marking the efforts of the people to obtain increased civil and religious privileges. The power of the king was limited to a considerable extent by providing that the nation ordain taxation and the manner in which this was to be accomplished. What a boon this is to a nation weighed down by the exactions of a deceitful tyrant, we can little realize, and yet to just such taxation as this many a nation can trace the origin of almost all their civil dissensions. As the power of the king is limited so also is the power of the barons, and strange as it may seem, the rights of the commons were guarded as diligently as were those of the nobility. "We have," says the authority cited before, "a summing up of the rights and duties that have been growing into recognition while the nation was growing into consciousness." In it, the rights and interests of the clergy together with the nobles, merchants and citizens in general, were carefully provided for. It was just such a document as the abuses of the time demanded and will ever be regarded as a monument of the wisdom and forethought of the men who framed it.

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—The entertainment of the Irving Society mentioned in last week's ERA will be given to-night. A limited number of tickets are to be had by applying to members of the Society. Views of Athens, Constantinople, and Egypt will be given.

## TENNIS.

The contests in the Tournament in singles for places in the finals were continued on Friday afternoon last, though the cold weather and high wind were decidedly antagonistic to good playing.

Sands and White played the first game of the tournament that required three sets to decide the winner. Sands finally won, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3. Chapin and Carver played a very even game, Chapin winning by 1-6, 6-2, 7-5. Kemp beat Goodkind 6-2, 6-1. The event of the afternoon was the game between Wilkinson, '89, last year's champion in the singles, and Rackemann, who had previously defeated that strong player, Pope, '90. Rackemann agreeably surprised his friends by taking the lead at once and winning two straight sets by the close score of 6-3, 8-6. Thus at the close of that day's play, Rackemann, Chapin, Sands, and Kemp were left to contest the finals.

On Saturday morning Chapin and Kemp drew lots together and Chapin won the game 6-3, 6-1. Rackemann had rather hard work to beat Sands 6-4, 8-6.

The preliminary contests in the doubles were then begun, Goodkind and Sternberger facing Blood, '88 and Treman. The two latter won 8-6, 6-2. Wilkinson and Pope beat Sands and Chapin 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The finals in singles were played off on Saturday afternoon. Rackemann won first prize by defeating Chapin 6-3, 6-4, 6-1. Sands took second place by beating Kemp 6-2, 6-2. Chapin then beat Kemp 6-3, 6-1 and won third prize.

In the doubles Newberry and Lorber beat Mowry and Carver 6-1, 6-3. White '87 and Rackemann won from Kemp and Professor Newberry by 6-1, 6-1. Wilkinson and Pope then beat Newberry and Lorber 6-4, 6-0. White and Rackemann won from Ickleheimer and Darby by default, and Blood and Treman drew a bye.

The contest in doubles was continued on Monday afternoon by Wilkinson and Pope vs. Blood and Treman. The two former played somewhat carelessly as it seemed at first, until, with the score in the first set at 4-4, they began to brace up. They won the 'vantage at 6-5, 7-6, 8-7, and 8-9, but still their opponents pluckily kept on and each time tied the score by good work. At last Blood and Treman won the 'vantage at 10-9, and the set at 11-9. They were deserving of the liberal applause they received for their steady work together.

On Thursday the same gentlemen finished their game, Wilkinson and Pope winning three

straight sets and the game. Score, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Only two or three games remain to be played in the doubles to finish the tournament.

#### THE WESTERN ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION.

Among the colleges of Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska, there exists what is known as the Intercollegiate Oratorical Association. The plan of the organization is as follows: In each of the above states the best colleges of the state form a State Oratorical Association, and each college belonging to this State Association forms within itself a similar organization.

This latter organization consists of all members of the undergraduate classes. It has a constitution based on that of the State Association just as that of the state is based on the inter-state. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and besides these officers two delegates to the state contest are chosen.

Each class in the college elects one of its members to represent it, and besides these any others may enter voluntarily. A contest, similar to the Woodford contest here, is held. The orator is graded one-half on delivery, and one-half on the thought and composition of his oration.

The successful orator is then sent by his college to represent it at the state contest. Here each college in the state association is represented by one person, a contest similar to the college contest is held, and the person deemed by the judges to be the best orator of this number is sent by the state to represent his state in the Inter-state Contest. Thus, at the last contest in Ohio, the Ohio State University, University of Wooster, the Ohio Wesleyan University, Buchtel, Oberlin, Dennison, Granville and Wittenberg, were represented; Oberlin was successful, and her representative was sent to Lawrence, Kansas, to represent Ohio in the Inter-state Contest. Here, of the above mentioned states, each has sent the winner of the state contest, and a similar trial is held, and to the successful orator is awarded the Intercollegiate prize of two hundred dollars, or a medal of that value, and to the second best a prize of one hundred dollars.

The enthusiasm which these contests cause in the various colleges is fully equal if not greater than that caused by an athletic struggle in the East, in fact oratorical contests are to the Western colleges what athletic contests are to the Eastern. The entire system is self-supporting, as small admission fees are charged at

each contest, and the attendance is so large that the receipts always exceed the expenditures. The benefits of such an organization can not be doubted, for who will dispute that friendly contests between colleges urge on the student to do his best?

Why could not such an organization be formed at least among the colleges of New York state, if not among the colleges of all the Eastern states? We have an Intercollegiate Base Ball League, an Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and shall soon have, we trust, an Intercollegiate Foot Ball Association, and why not an Intercollegiate Oratorical Association?

We have students who are not athletes but who may be orators; why not give them a chance?

#### A NEW SCHEME.

Athletic interests at Cornell suffer from two things, or rather the lack of two things. One of them is the want of an active participation by the large majority of the students, and the other the great difficulty which the Athletic Council have to secure the necessary funds to pay their bills.

We have here just as good material for athletes as any college in the country, and there is no reason why, if those most interested would but take hold of the matter we should not stand as high in our athletic record as we do in our record as scholars.

It seems to the writer as though we might here profit by the experience of older colleges. In the East, where this same difficulty has been encountered, partial relief has been found in some such way as this about to be proposed.

Let the whole University form itself into what might be called the University Club. The requisites for membership in this club should be, registration in some course in the University, and the annual payment of a membership fee of—we'll say \$2.00.

The members of this club should have the final settlement of all matters of University Athletic Policy, as for example the question of the policy of the sending of our ball team East; the desirability of changing our style of rowing from a "four" to an "eight," or the wisdom of voting to admit some new college to compete in our Intercollegiate games. And finally, they should elect the President of the Athletic Association, the Manager of the base ball nine and the Commodore of the navy.

This scheme would in no way interfere with any of the rights of the present organization except the right of each individual organization to elect its own presiding officer. And for

this latter matter there are very good reasons why it were much better that these important men should be elected outside the organizations themselves.

By some such method as that above we should gain a most important thing,—the active interest of a large portion of the University as well as a fine little income derived from membership fees.

That this plan may have objections and objectors, the writer understands, and it is to hear both that the above has been written.

Certain it is that something to infuse more life into our work in the field, on the track and at the oar must be done, and that too very soon. We are waiting for suggestions.

### CORNELL AT THE PASSAIC RIVER REGATTA.

We take the following from a July number of the *Philadelphia News*:

"Sometime ago the rowing men of the Schuylkill were surprised to find a very peculiar looking young man practicing on the course every day. He was about twenty years old, brown as a berry and rowed a wretched stroke; nevertheless he got over the water very rapidly. He wore a striped shirt of very peculiar color and it was some time before it was ascertained that it was part of Cornell's uniform. After a while the young man was accompanied by Pat Dempsey, who coached him, and by and by, owing to his peculiar doubled up position in his boat, he got to be known as "Dempsey's Ham."

Last Monday when the Philadelphia oarsmen arrived at Newark to participate in the regatta of the Passaic Rowing Association, they found Dempsey's protege was named Psotta and that he was entered for the Junior singles.

In his trial heat in the morning, he had for his chief competitor, McDougal, of the New York Athletic Club, who was under the care of Dave Roach, the coach of that club. To the surprise of all Psotta won the heat, but as his friends would not bet on his winning the race unless they got odds of two to one against their man, it was thought that McDougal had not pressed him. In the afternoon Psotta's friends grew more confident and they backed their man quite freely at even money. He won the race very readily, though McDougal did not seem to push him as hard as he might, but as he is known to be a bad finisher, this may have been more imagination than anything else. His victory nearly cleaned out the Philadelphia delegation. Psotta is a Philadelphian but is now at Cornell.

### RESIDENT GRADUATES.

From a list of resident graduates, prepared through the kindness of Mr. C. H. Thurber, we are enabled to print the following:

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| H. Bailey, . . . . .           | Univ. of Rochester.              |
| T. P. Barton, . . . . .        | Cornell.                         |
| J. J. Bergen, . . . . .        | Rensselaer Polytechnic.          |
| Miss A. Capen, . . . . .       | Smith College.                   |
| E. S. Catlin, . . . . .        | Clark Univ.                      |
| H. P. DeForest, . . . . .      | Cornell.                         |
| Miss M. R. Eastman, . . . . .  | Smith College.                   |
| W. H. Hammon, . . . . .        | Allegheny College.               |
| G. W. Harris, . . . . .        | Cornell.                         |
| R. A. Harris, . . . . .        | Cornell.                         |
| Miss C. Hungerford, . . . . .  | Smith College.                   |
| Miss J. Jacks, . . . . .       | Univ. of the Pacific.            |
| J. Knickerbocker, . . . . .    | Rensselaer Polytechnic.          |
| L. Lapham, . . . . .           | Cornell.                         |
| Miss E. R. Larvison, . . . . . | Smith College.                   |
| C. E. Linthicum, . . . . .     | Yale College.                    |
| W. Lachhead, . . . . .         | McGill Univ.                     |
| A. D. Lunday, . . . . .        | Princeton.                       |
| Miss R. E. Meyer, . . . . .    | Cornell.                         |
| H. E. Mills, . . . . .         | Univ. of Rochester.              |
| E. C. Murphy, . . . . .        | Cornell.                         |
| Miss A. V. Petit, . . . . .    | Syracuse Univ.                   |
| E. N. Sanderson, . . . . .     | Rensselaer Polytechnic.          |
| F. W. Simmonds, . . . . .      | Cornell.                         |
| A. W. Smith, . . . . .         | Cornell.                         |
| Miss J. A. Smith, . . . . .    | Cornell.                         |
| D. Studley, . . . . .          | College of the City of New York; |
| H. E. Summers, . . . . .       | Cornell.                         |
| S. S. Twombly, . . . . .       | Maine State College.             |
| B. F. White, . . . . .         | Univ. of North Carolina.         |
| E. D. Wightman, . . . . .      | Cornell.                         |
| C. B. Wing, . . . . .          | Cornell.                         |

### SENIOR COMMITTEES.

The following is a list of the committees appointed by the President elect of the Senior class:

*Class Day.*—Horr, Stewart, Morrison, Hopkinson, Vedder, Richards, and the class orator.

*Ball.*—St. John, Colnon, M. Smith, Dennis, Gardiner, Warner, Williams.

*Memorial.*—Marshall, G. H. Norton, Wright, Rutherford, Wilbur, Allendorf, and the memorial orator.

*Music.*—White, Hebard, Curtis, St. John, Bodine, Sternberger, and Miller.

*Photographs.*—Franklin, B. L. Oviatt, H. E. Smith, Gillis, J. Thomson, Moore, and Hart.

*Banquet.*—Kelsey, Coville, Gifford, Dimon, Goodkind, Hebbard, and the toast master.

*Prizes.*—F. Thomson, Flint, Gunner, Greenawalt, and the prize orator.

*Statistics.*—Fisher, McAllister, Dibble, Sargent, E. L. Elliott.

A graduate of Brasenose College, England, is to give a series of lectures to the students of Trinity College, on English school and college life. Trinity will not organize a crew this year.

## SAGE CHAPEL PREACHER.

The Rev. Brooke Hereford, of Boston, will occupy the Sage Chapel pulpit next Sunday, Oct. 24. In regard to him, we take the following from the ERA of Nov. 9, 1883: "To old students the mere announcement of the fact is all that is needed; for those who heard his masterly sermons delivered here two years ago, will never forget them. The one on the 'Big End of Things,' we are safe in saying was never surpassed at Cornell, at least none were more enjoyable or more inspiring. Dr. Hereford is an Englishman, about fifty years of age, and has been in America not quite ten years. As a conservative Unitarian he has gained a wide reputation. His logical acuteness, broad humanity and charming personality, make him one of the most impressive speakers. He was called from Chicago to fill Dr. Channing's former pulpit in Boston." Every student who possibly can attend should not neglect to do so, for he will certainly gain much spiritual and intellectual benefit. Whether we attend these Sage Chapel sermons or not, becomes more than a mere question of duty. By not attending we absolutely put away from ourselves advantages and influences which all our after life may not be able to supply. Our time is limited, and we cannot afford to miss such treats as we are promised from Rev. Brooke Hereford on next Sabbath morning and afternoon.

## PROFESSOR LEAKEY'S LECTURE.

Last evening, in the Botanical lecture room, Professor Leakey gave a short talk on the voice and its functions. The room was well filled, and the lecture instructive. After a short introduction, the lecturer gave some practical directions as to the care of the throat and voice. The larger part of the lecture, however, was on the different qualities of the voice; and as illustrations several selections from poetry and prose were read. The reader's manner was very good, and his enunciation fairly distinct, even the lowest tones being plain and clear. All would have wished Mr. Leakey to continue, when he closed his remarks at a quarter before nine.

## FOOT BALL.

The following is the Sophomore Football team so far as at present determined by the committee:

*Rushers:* Sawyer, Chapin, Clark, Balch, Dollar, Mowry, Rackemann.

*Quarter Back:* Cobb.

*Half Back:* J. Parker, Bennett.

*Full Back:* Fielder.

A game will be played to-morrow on the campus against a picked team. The game will begin at 3 o'clock and any one desiring to play with the picked team will please appear at the appointed time in a suitable garb.

## CORNELLIANA.

—Two hundred and thirty-four votes were cast at the Freshman election.

—Freshman S. informs Seniors W. and M. of the result of "our" election.

—Following the example of '89, '90 to-day have their class photographs taken.

—President Adams is a regular spectator of the games in the Tennis tournament.

—Mr. T—t '88 is authority for the statement that Napoleon made his way to Empire over bones.

—The president *pro tem* of the Freshman class has issued a call for a meeting of his class to inaugurate the newly elected officers.

—Professor Wheeler on Wednesday gave his class in Greek Life an interesting series of Stereopticon views illustrating the lecture already given.

—The Architects of the University will meet the Civil Engineers in a game of ball next Saturday afternoon. A good game may be expected.

—W would suggest to the authorities that the pail left by the painters in one of the roof supports of Sage Chapel has been in that prominent place long enough.

—Dr. Hitchcock would be pleased to hang up a picture of last year's nine in the "Gym." if any one will be kind enough to present one to him for that purpose.

—The electric light dynamos, wire, and lamps presented to the University by the inventor, Mr. Edison, are now here. The lamps are to be put in Sibley College as soon as possible.

—"Heggie" says that every time that ball came out to him it was smaller than a horse-chestnut and was filled with an unconquerable desire to sport in the dust of the road.

—Dr. Fiske, who was here examining the eyes of the students during the last week, gave in the Anatomical Lecture Room on Wednesday noon a lecture on the care of the eyes.

—The Juniors will probably have but one more essay to write this term, owing to the large number of persons that must read their productions of last week to Professor Corson.

—In the alphabetical list of last fall term there were six hundred and eight names. This year there are one hundred and seventy-three more. An increase of twenty-eight per cent is not bad.

—The Mathematical Normal Seminary is adjourned from this week till Tuesday next at 12 m. At that time the teaching of fractions, proportion and analysis in Mental Arithmetic will be discussed.

—At the last meeting of the Cornell Congress Speaker Hopkinson announced the committees. The discussion of the Silver bill was the chief business of the meeting. A Civil Service bill was introduced and will, if possible, be taken up at the next regular meeting.

—It may not be necessary to urge that all upper classmen who intend to wear the Oxford hat should order at once. For any who may be waiting to do as the rest do we would say that by Thursday 32 Seniors and 55 Juniors had already left their order at Wilson's.

—The University is no longer without an art gallery. In the annex to the Gymnasium have been put up photographs of the nine and Cornell's delegation to the Intercollegiate Sports at Utica. There are also several instantaneous views of the events of our last Field Day.

—Nothing promises better for our success at the national game next spring than the selections made by the different classes for Base Ball Directors. With Messrs. Thomson, Ruyter, Rackemann, and Upton and an efficient manager at the head of affairs, base ball will surely flourish.

—The election laws were grossly violated on Tuesday last. From reports of various offenders against the unwritten codes that prohibit those that have attended Cornell for a year or more from voting at Freshman elections, several persons voted with '90 that are registered as Sophomores, Juniors, and even Seniors.

—A military band is to be formed if sufficient material can be found in the University. Any student who may wish to become a member, is requested to inform the Commandant of the battalion in writing, and to state what instrument or instruments he can play. Both brass and reed instruments are desired.

—At Wilgus Opera House, Monday evening, Oct. 25, Howorth's great variety company of Irish and American comedians, with their own brass band and orchestra. Thursday evening, Oct. 28th, Ida Siddon's great Burlesque com-

pany. Seats for each of these entertainments may now be secured at Finch's Bookstore.

—Evans has safely secured a picture of the Sophomore class. The savage expression of their countenances the photographer has succeeded in concealing, and by the presence of the ladies has made quite a presentable picture. In fact a representative of the agricultural interests was heard inquiring as he gazed at the picture in front of Evan's gallery: "are these the Seniors?"

—The long expected and long deferred game of ball between the Civil Engineers and the Mechanical Engineers took place Wednesday afternoon. The day was nearly perfect, but the game was not. On both sides there was only one member of the University nine, and many of the men appeared quite unacquainted with the mysteries of the game. The Civil Engineers were more than a match for their opponents, and won by 28 to 5.

—The method of reading and criticising Senior and Junior Themes that Professor Corson has adopted is a decided improvement over the old way. First in importance to many is the change by which the class is no longer required to meet regularly. The profit derived from listening to a long succession of essays read by the different students is at least doubtful. Instead of this Professor Corson makes appointments with small sections; and the productions are there read and discussed by Professor or writer.

—The article in last week's ERA concerning gymnasium exercise should not be taken by its readers as an adverse criticism of the present methods of conducting the work done in the Gym. It was intended rather as a suggestion of possible lines of improvement in certain things, improvements that would benefit the student body in general, not particular athletes. Certainly we wish to find no fault with those that superintend gymnastic work, for they no doubt do all in their power to benefit the students.

—Any Freshman who is ambitious to become pitcher of the nine may find in one of the July numbers of the *Scientific American* full instructions in regard to the curving of the base ball.

—The Freshmen should be more careful. At their election Tuesday five or six Sophomores and Juniors voted. Several '89 men have been so unfortunate as to be registered Freshmen again this year. Now as they will have nothing to do with Freshmen class-affairs, nothing can be easier than for anyone with a conscience sufficiently hardened, to vote as one of the

"Freshmen," provided he is not known to the tellers.

—The ball game Wednesday between the Civil and Mechanical Engineers of '88 was a means of developing an astonishing amount of hitherto unknown talent in various branches of athletics. Several of the C. E.s showed great ability in being good enough batters and fast enough sprinters to make the circuit of the diamond before the agile right-fielder of the M. E.'s could field the ball home. Besides, judging from what was seen in this one game, several of the players would make their mark as contortionists. There were acrobats extraordinary and tumblers plenipotentiary that obtained much good exercise from the sport, and, with their combined efforts, furnished two hours and a half of amusement for the spectators.

—On Tuesday, October 19, the last of the class elections were held, being those of '90. The Freshmen turned out in goodly numbers and supported their favorite candidates. About 235 ballots were cast, and '90 men say they were all Freshman ballots, Mr. F. H. Callan, the only candidate for the office, was elected President, receiving the large number of 234 votes. The other successful candidates were as follows: Vice President, Mr. J. Ford; Treasurer, Mr. W. H. Morrison; Recording Secretary, Mr. G. L. Brodhead; Corresponding Sec., Miss M. B. Hill; *Sun* editor, Mr. E. A. Ballou, by a plurality of one vote; Base Ball Director, Mr. D. Upton; Athletic Director, Mr. G. F. Seymour; Navy Director, Mr. D. Ross.

—We are compelled this week to leave out a short article on "Probabilities of Ultimately Settling the Antarctic Continent" to give space for the little effusion printed below. Don't kind readers, try to pick out the kind of foot prevailing in the lines. It is in a Greek measure, familiar only to the men of Homer's time, and entirely too archaic for your appreciation. But the sentiment! That we entreat you to dwell upon with thoughtful care. We give it just as it came from its author's pen, without revision and without encomium. Read it and judge of it for yourself:

Only a little leather football  
Only a game with an odd class;  
Yesterday I was a green Freshman,  
To-day, greener, I *lay* under the grass."

—Both Sophs. and Freshmen are practicing faithfully for the final football game. It is sure to be a severe struggle for victory, on the part of '89 to supplement the victory of last year,

and on the part of '90 to begin her class history in athletics with a victory. The team that practice most faithfully is almost sure to win, as neither class has ever had much experience at the game. Again we ask the members of each team to be as careful as possible in playing the game. Although you each have much at stake, and class spirit will be running high, remember that your opponents are Cornellians as well as yourselves, and let this thought prevent undue excitement. A cool head and a quick eye to the points of the game will be of much more advantage than blind impetuosity and unnecessary violence.

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#### PERSONALS.

C. D. WHITE, '86, is in the National Museum, at Washington, D. C.

A. S. NORTON, '86, is Professor of Latin and Greek at the Yonkers High School.

D. V. L. BENNETT, and G. W. Stephens attended the National Convention of Phi Delta Theta at New York the past week.

WILLARD BEAHAN, '78, is in the Engineer's Department of the Missouri Pacific Railway Co. He says, "I always take the ERA and pay cash,

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#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

Just Received.—An advertisement from Youmans, the hatter! Upper classmen would do well to examine his Oxford Cap and his prices before ordering. Patronize those who assist the college press.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Lafayette has fifty-two Freshmen.

Yale has its third president named Dwight.

Columbia has become a co-educational institution.

Electric lights are being introduced at Notre Dame.

The new Lawrence dormitory at Yale is completed.

The new Trinity Gym. will be completed this fall.

Commencement distinctions have been abolished at Brown.

The Princeton eleven has imported a dozen footballs from England, hoping to get better ones than they could on this side.

It is reported that Dartmouth will publish a literary monthly.

The colleges of the United States contain 18,000 female students.

The college papers are now reprinting last year's college news.—*Ex.*

Two new dormitories have been erected at Harvard by private capital.

President Holden, of California State University, receives a salary of \$8,000.

Lafayette holds entrance examinations at Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Louis.

This year attendance at the Yale gymnasium will be compulsory for the Freshmen.

The "Country Girl" is to be produced at Princeton, the latter part of November.

The Biblical department of Vanderbilt University has received a bequest of \$40,000.

Preparation in biblical exercises is required for the three lower classes at Dartmouth.

The President of Bowdoin College is the youngest college president in the country.

Bismark is said to have fought twenty-eight duels while attending a German University.

The instructor in gymnastics at Princeton has offered a prize of \$50 for proficiency in football.

An amphitheatre capable of seating 4,000 persons has been erected on Holmes Field at Harvard.

The cane rush at Columbia was won by the Sophomores. At Trinity and Troy the Freshmen won.

Professor Owen of the University of California wears a badge of the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity.

The University of Heidelberg, in Germany, celebrated her five-hundredth anniversary on Aug. 6, 1886.

At the University of California the work in the printing office will be hereafter conducted entirely by students.

The Prussian minister of education has decided against the admission of women into the universities as students.

Boston University is putting more than one hundred thousand dollars into her new hall for the School of Theology.

Two of the candidates for half-back on the Harvard eleven are said to have made the 100 yards dash in 10½ seconds.

The only young lady at the Boston University Law School is called appropriately by the men students, "our sister-in-law."

The Seniors of the College of New York were not marked last year in their recitations. This is in accordance with a resolution adopted by the trustees.

Arrangements are being made for the establishment of an Intercollegiate Press Association between Harvard, Yale and Princeton. Where are Columbia and Cornell coming in.

The Northern Inter-collegiate Foot Ball Association consisting of Amherst, Williams, Tufts, and the Boston Institute of Technology, has refused admission to Dartmouth.

The subject of physical training is attracting much attention. At Marietta students are required to exercise half an hour daily, and at the University of Minnesota an instructor has been employed.

The annual report of the President of Brown University is noteworthy as recommending an experimental provision for the education of young women at that institution. His plan is to give them the same instruction as their brothers receive.

The highest literary honors conferred by Yale are the six Townsend prizes, given annually to the writers of the six best original orations, the competition being open to all members of the Senior class. The significant feature of the award this year is that one of the six successful men, P. B. Steward is captain of the base ball nine, and that another, F. G. Peters, is captain of the football team.

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Ægis* is rapidly pushing its way into the front ranks. A very good editorial appears in the last issue upon the choice of elective studies. One cannot hope to master all branches of knowledge as presented in the universities of to-day, and the necessity of limiting one's choice to a special line of study is daily becoming more apparent. The following piece of poetry is taken from the *Ægis*:

The Sophomore sat on the Junior fence  
And blood was in his eye,  
The Freshmen stood in the dim distance,  
But not a thing did they try;  
For the Fresh you know were not supposed  
To be dressed up in their fighting clothes.

The Sophomore said: "This fence is mine."  
 The Freshmen said not nay,  
 But came straight down in very quick time  
 And pitched right into the fray;  
 For the Fresh you know were not supposed  
 To be dressed up in their fighting clothes.

Alas for the haughty Sophomore pride,  
 Alas for the Freshman clothes,  
 The former now we oft deride,  
 The last to the tailor goes;  
 The fence no more on the campus stands  
 The rallying place of warlike bands.

The *Brunonian* has a very cleverly written article "On the Advantages of being Conceived." Some new ideas at least are offered upon the subject. The editorials are all first-class, and we would like to have the necessary space to submit them to our readers.

The *Occident* from the University of California is a very creditable representative of education in the far west. The general appearance of the paper will admit of improvement, however. A more suitable and substantial cover can be had, and the use of thicker paper in the body of the publication would be a desirable change.

The *Yale Courant* is certainly a model college paper. It is highly interesting and the editorials are well written. The *Courant* appeals to every capable man to do his utmost to sustain the enviable reputation Yale has gained in athletics last year. The department known as *Yalensicula* is not developed as well as it should be for a paper like the *Courant*.

The *Orient* hails a new advance in college government at Bowdoin. The rank of each student will be determined by the quality of his work, and the regularity of his attendance. The *Orient* hopes for a still further advance in the near future. The literary department has been neglected of late, otherwise the paper is up to its usual excellence.

The *Oberlin Review* has several good articles in the current issue, which reflect much credit upon the literary talent of the authors. The *Review* calls attention to the superior advantages of the literary societies there. They play an important part in college affairs.

The *University Herald* is as bright as ever. The local column is well conducted, and the personal column is gotten up in splendid form.

#### WILGUS OPERA HOUSE AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Miln, the popular and talented tragedian will bring his excellent company to the Opera House, Friday evening next, appearing in the "Fools Revenge" for the first time here. This artist's abilities are well known and fully

appreciated here and no extensive introduction is required, save to say that in this character he demonstrates his great versatile powers, representing in rapid succession, a clown or jester, a devoted loving father, and an enraged parent seeking revenge for his child's destruction, all of which are faithfully and artistically presented, with the touch of a master hand. The following is from the *Baltimore American*.

Mr. Miln is constantly improving and in the role of Bertuccio in "Fool's Revenge," he gave as nicely finished a performance as any one of the same school of actors who have won greater fame, than the public have yet accorded to Mr. Miln, could have given. The fire and intensity of his acting, when such is needed, the careful attention given to every detail of coloring or elaboration, enables him to give a wonderfully realistic impersonation. The audience last night saw only Bertuccio; Miln was entirely absorbed.

#### CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

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THE Senior committees have all been appointed and in his selection of men, the President has done himself great credit. The success of '87's Commencement will depend entirely upon the work of the various committees; hence the necessity of beginning work at once. This advice may have grown old through repetition, but this is only a sign of its importance. Deep down in the bottom of the heart of every Senior there is a desire to see his class acquit itself most nobly. He feels himself permeated with feelings of loyalty to

the University and his class; he would make his graduation mark the transition between his preparation and the grand possibilities that open up before him. The class is unanimous and harmonious in its desire to eclipse in quality and brilliancy any Commencement yet held at Cornell.

THE results of the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees are awaited with considerable interest both by students and Alumni as well as those who have the interests of the University at heart. Many important questions of University policy are to be brought before them for their consideration. It will doubtless be at this meeting that the question of honorary degrees, against which so many of the Alumni are opposed, will be decided. This is probably the most vital question that will be discussed and the result of which is most anxiously awaited. Other questions will receive their attention, every one of which is no doubt closely connected with the welfare of the University. It is to be hoped that the action of the Trustees will lead to improvements demanded by the growing popularity of the University and for the convenience of the students.

THE reason why men at Cornell are always so unwilling to train for the athletic sports is, that there has never been any suitable and convenient place where the men can go and practice. Now if Cornell ever expects to excel in athletics there must be some place near the University where the men can go and train for the sports. The mud track which they are compelled to use at the fair grounds is entirely too far away to be used as a place for training; besides, the grounds are only fit for use in very dry weather. There seems to be no inherent reason why an athletic field, including a quarter mile track, could not be located somewhere on the University grounds. If it were found

advisable to build a track on the campus the base ball field could also be removed to the same place, thus doing away with the usual noise and tumult occasioned by having the ball grounds so near the recitation rooms. Many places have been suggested where the grounds could be located, but this the Trustees would decide. The expense of constructing athletic grounds on the University property would be comparatively small, and there can be little doubt if the subject is brought to the notice of the Trustees that they will consider it favorably.

THAT the average student spends too little time reading, is a generally admitted fact and is all the more remarkable because he has such excellent opportunity. Many students graduate from our colleges who know absolutely nothing about the political and social questions of their own time, not to say anything of the great events of history which have shaken thrones and made nations to quiver in the balance betwixt social order and anarchy. How often do we find men whose minds have not been trained by the long routine of a college course, but who far outstrip college bred men in the race for wealth and honor! The former must gain their advantage by observation and reading, while the theoretical learning of the latter loses him the race. On this very account many men will not send their sons to college and many a college-bred man has lost faith in his training. These are two evils that do exist and can only be remedied by students acquiring an education that is more practical in its tendencies. Of what benefit is mere text-book knowledge unless it is supplemented by that which will give it direction and force? The student's province covers a wide range of subjects and unless his desire to know is coupled with a desire to act, how can it be expected that the results of his training will be more than those of the mediocre. We admit that the student's hours for reading must be made up of odd minutes now and then utilized. If, instead of frequenting places of public amusement we should occupy the time thus gained in reading,

in one short year we could measure our power by its increase. Indiscriminate reading will not do; we must select our tools with care and even then all our skill will be required to finish the work. Read with interest, for says Porter, "No man can read with profit that which he cannot learn to read with pleasure." Let us then cultivate the friendship of books and aim to make our knowledge practical, so that we may not be among the number of those who do not regard education as the best means to any end.

THERE is a good chance for serious thought especially for editors of college papers, upon the question as to what real influence college journals have over their student readers. Are the contents of the weekly or daily, particularly the editorial columns, read carefully or not? Is any thought given as to whether an article in question is dealing with a matter that is deserving of attention, or are all editorials and original matter skimmed over by the student reader as a matter of course, as a production that would not get a place if space could be filled in any other way. When the editors ask themselves these questions, and begin to search for their answers, they find, at least in one quarter, evidence that their work has little or no influence. Probably as long as there has been an ERA published at Cornell, just so long have editorials been written asking, you know not how earnestly, for original contributions from the student body. Yet in very few instances has the prayer been answered with documentary contributions. Many have promised articles, but alas! how few have been forthcoming! All seem to think that time spent in writing such articles for publication would be time thrown away, and also that perhaps the articles would not be good enough for publication. For what is the college paper published, if not to give the views of the students of the college upon matters of general interest? Is the college paper a necessarily private enterprise, run for the intellectual benefit and perhaps at the financial loss of a regularly elected

board of editors? Most decidedly not. Yet whatever be the intent, such is about the true state of the case. Now allow us to make the old petition again. If there be any among the students at Cornell that have any desire to improve their ability in original composition, whether it be in prose or poetry, serious or humorous, we should be pleased to publish their productions, for we are sure that they would be of sufficient interest to our readers. You will not only be lightening our work, but what is far more important to you all, you will be giving yourself training in original composition, training that you must acknowledge will be of inestimable value to you in after life. We already have but one or two regular contributors to our columns. If, after getting our ideas upon the subject, you think that those two persons will receive actual benefit from what they are taking it upon themselves to do, pray "go thou and do likewise."

#### A MOONLIGHT REVERIE.

On Cayuga's placid bosom  
Paddled I one summer evening,  
Paddled gently, while my mind was  
Wandering back to by-gone pleasures,  
Joys now cherished in my memory  
Like the pleasant recollection  
Of a dream of friends departed.  
Not o'er oft was I accustomed  
Thus to bring up pleasant fancies,  
Recollections of the time, when  
Youth was budding into manhood;  
For my lot had been a hard one  
Striving hopefully, yet vainly  
For the bubble reputation  
But to-night as on I floated  
O'er Cayuga's glassy surface,  
All my labors were forgotten,  
All my persevering struggles;  
And again I lived in memory  
In the spacious halls of learning,  
"Far above Cayuga's waters."  
Suddenly I heard the ringing,  
Gentle chiming of the old bells  
Wafted to me like a whisper  
From the sturdy old gray clock-tower,  
That, like veteran sentry standing  
Far up on the rugged hillside,  
Sent the tidings downward, "All's well!"  
These to me were welcome tidings  
From the army of the mountain,  
From its great and noble leader;  
Fit successor of the one we  
Were so very long accustomed,  
Even as a loving father,  
To obey and fondly cherish.

Queer remembrances were 'wakened  
By the chiming from the tower,  
Of the agonizing days when  
Chauvenet led many a victim  
To the sacrificial altar;  
Chauvenet, the junior partner  
Of the mighty "Toddy Hunter."

Bold and valiant were these warriors,  
"Integrus quidem terrores;"  
Many a scalp they bore in triumph  
At their broad and reeking girdles,  
Head-gear of bewildered Freshmen,  
Tender striplings, o'er relying  
On the mercy of Facultas.

But my reverie was broken  
By the striking of the hour  
From the lofty tower above me.  
High up now the moon was riding  
Through the starry, cloudless heavens,  
As I paddled swiftly homeward,  
Back to busy care and labor.

Next time I go out to muse  
And expect to stay so late,  
I'll jerk on some heavy shoes,  
And through some wild forest glen I will  
roam;

For the owner of the boat  
With a look of bitter hate,  
Said, and caught me by the coat,  
"Give me ninety cents and then  
Get for home."

—"T."

#### FALL OF POLAND.

There is nothing recorded in modern history that ought to so stir sympathy and arouse pity in the heart of every true citizen as ought the Partition of Poland. Here was a people whose country was so situated as to afford great facilities for commerce with the surrounding nations and holding out grand possibilities to them as a nation. Here were fourteen millions of people surrounded by almost every natural advantage that could be conducive to their welfare as a nation. But alas! how soon was their growing prosperity to be nipped by the jealousy and hatred of the neighboring states!

Three of the most powerful nations of Europe conspired against her and her fate was sealed. They connived under the pretence of personal safety, while the other nations of Europe stood by calmly watching the death struggle of the Poles for liberty. Three nations, each watching the others as a cat a mouse and each equally as anxious for the prey, finally agreed upon the dismemberment of a people than whom no other has made more heroic struggles to maintain its national existence.

These nations seemed to think that an equal division of the booty justified the means employed to get it, but by no means is this so, nor does it bear any resemblance to a joint exertion to prevent the robbery.

The right of any people to their own soil is universally regarded as the guardian principle of their independence, "But in the case of Poland," says another, "a nation was robbed of its ancient territory without the pretence of any wrong which could justify war, and without even those forms of war which could bestow on the acquisition the name of conquest." Says Swinton, "The means by which these nations won was a gross violation of the laws of nations," but it was more; they overthrew all such laws, and made the principle of the "Balance of power" the pretence for their actions, as if that principle had any value but its tendency to prevent such crimes. Regret and sorrow for a crime may obtain pardon but in the eyes of nations or individuals these do not lessen the crime.

Austria, Russia and Prussia poured their armies into Poland and terrible was the loss of life and the ruin of property. The country was laid waste by fire and sword. "Let the destruction of Warsaw's gallant army" tell the tale of misery and destruction that fell upon the people. Thousands of men, women and children were inhumanly and wantonly butchered; "And for what?" Because they had dared to join in a wish to ameliorate their own condition as a people and to improve their Constitution.

The gallant leader of the Poles in these struggles for independence was Kosciusko. He who had fought by the side of Washington for our independence was destined to fall fighting for the freedom and independence of his native land that he loved so well. With his fall the light of Polish liberty was soon to be put out by the darkness of desolation and crime. With him fell the Polish people after a wise and virtuous attempt to establish liberty and a heroic struggle to defend it. Thus a brave people, though they stoutly resisted the encroachments of the foreigners, was finally compelled to succumb and her ancient heritage divided among the spoilers. A nation was assassinated, and there was no tribunal to judge the perpetrators of the crime, but humanity raised her voice and a stain is upon the flags of the nations of Europe which the flood of time will not wash away.

#### *ATHLETICS IN GENERAL.*

The time in our college year has almost arrived, when outdoor athletic sports are necessarily taken leave of for a season, and, as it is to be feared, are to be little thought of until spring. In fact it is not until the various inter-collegiate games of the spring term are but a very few weeks away that any considerable at-

ention is given by our athletes to hard and systematic training.

This manner of doing things, though it is probably the most comfortable way, goes a very little way toward keeping our athletes constantly in good health and in good athletic condition, or toward putting Cornell in athletics where she must soon stand, by the side of Harvard, Yale and Princeton. We have nearly 800 students, among them many athletes, already known to be among the best, and presumably many others that as yet know not what they can do.

We have, too, a first class gymnasium, well-equipped, with competent men to instruct and care for the aspiring athlete. With these advantages, it is the fault of the students only, if we must occupy an inferior position in college athletics.

During all the winter term our runners, bicyclists, jumpers, etc., have as much if not more spare time than in the fall and spring.

Our would-be oarsmen are well able to take moderate training all winter; and our ball nine with the help of a batting cage, can take the field in the spring fully able to cope with the eastern college nines. Such exercise would be both beneficial and pleasant for all concerned.

Last year Cornellians were prevented from rejoicing over their usual victory upon the water. This year we should take it upon ourselves to equip and send out a four that will make our old rival, Pennsylvania, lower her colors, or better still an eight that will make Harvard, Yale and Columbia again respect and fear our ability as oarsmen.

Last year our nine won the championship of the N. Y. S. I. B. B. A. with ease. But this feat, however well done, brought us no great renown. This year games should be arranged with the eastern colleges at the earliest possible date, whereby we may compare our ability at the game with Harvard and Yale. Should our nine lose to these colleges it would be a gain rather than a loss, for then eastern colleges, as well as Columbia, would learn that Cornell was fast becoming a dangerous rival on the diamond. If victory should be ours, it would repay us in the end ten-fold for what the expenses of the team would be.

The only way to effect all these good results is by work—hard work. Every athlete should strive in every reasonable way to make himself as skillful as possible in the special branch of athletics in which he happens to excel—thinking not that the whole University should be profoundly grateful to him for what little he may have done, but keeping uppermost in his

mind the desire to put Cornell not only among the leaders of American colleges in athletics, but at their head.

For the student that is not an athlete but who loves to see athletic sports, there is a less conspicuous, but fully as important a field for giving aid. Our oarsmen and ball players can win victories only in the warm weather; but our Athletic Association stands ready to receive subscriptions at all times and seasons of the year.

#### WE TWAIN ARE ONE.

We take the following from the Cincinnati *Enquirer* of Oct. 22, in reference to an ex-Cornellian:

"One of the prettiest weddings of the season was solemnized last evening in Avondale. The groom was Mr. William Holmes, of Pittsburg, and the bride Miss Lilian Derby, daughter of Mr. Henry W. Derby. The ceremony took place in the Grace Episcopal Church, charmingly situated amid a bower of trees glowing with autumnal foliage. The chancel was decorated with growing palms, and from the gas jets depended baskets of roses. Within the chancel rail on the beautiful new altar that had been presented by Mrs. Lewis Van Antwerp, and which had just been put in place the day before, was a huge basket of lovely roses, while pots of white chrysanthemums added to the floral decorations. The church was well filled with a gay company, many of the guests being from the "Smoky City." The bridal party entered at five o'clock to the strains of "Lohengrin." At the chancel stood the groom and his best man, Mr. Earl Derby, brother of the bride, Right-Rev. Bishop Scarborough, of the diocese of Western Pennsylvania, and Rev. Alfred Blake, rector of the church, officiating. The bride entered on the arm of her father. She looked lovely in her costume of white velvet, made with very long train and covered with tulle. The corsage was cut square and short sleeves, with long white mousquetarie gloves. Her veil was of tulle, only partially concealing her face. She carried a very large bouquet of "bride roses," and at her throat a pearl necklace with exquisite diamond pendant, the groom's present. At the conclusion of the ceremony a select few drove to the country home of Mr. Derby for the reception. After congratulations were offered, an excellent collation was served by Becker. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes left for a honeymoon in the east."

A prize is offered at Amherst to the student passing the best entrance examination,

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

An ex-Cornellian writing from Mexico gives us the following concerning the new University of Texas, which he visited lately.

"While stopping over in Austin, the State capital of Texas, I visited the new University several times. It must be confessed that the institution was a most agreeable surprise, and far ahead, in substantial progress and appearance, of any similar institution of the kind I have visited in the South. The main building is large and prepossessing from the exterior, and will indeed be an elegant structure when the wings are completed. The interior is neat and commodious and its general appearance reminded me more of the progressive north than anything I have seen in the State.

The policy of the University since its opening a few years ago, has been to make haste slowly and consequently while there are as yet but few chairs filled or departments opened, such as do exist are very thorough. In its faculty are some of our best American and European educators, such as Professor Humphreys in Greek, Professor M. Farloue, of Edinburg, in Physics, etc. Only Chemistry and Physics are as yet taught of the natural sciences, but the modern and ancient languages, Philosophy, Mathematics and English are thoroughly inculcated. The other departments will be filled as rapidly as possible.

There are many worthy features in the institution which were no doubt taken from Cornell as it formerly was under President White. No honorary degrees, or degrees without residence are conferred. Religious matters are omitted, and the student is free from any restrictions upon his action other than such as surround every gentleman.

One admirable feature of this institution is the interest displayed by the authorities in the securing of comfortable accommodations for the students at reasonable rates. They have exerted themselves to this end so that the best board can be secured at rates far less than the most economic student can possibly live at Ithaca. This feature, and the fact that makes it necessary—the impoverished condition of the average southern boy of ambition—will do much to keep them at home and away from the northern colleges, where, with all the disadvantages they meet there, I still think they should attend if possible, for the sake of the entire change of environment.

The University of Texas is also doing commendable work in cultivating intimate relations with the public school system of the State. Where the curriculum and thoroughness of in-

struction in the schools are sufficient, their certificates are accepted for admission to the University. This tends much to raise the efficiency of the schools, as they are all desirous of the privilege of being enrolled as preparatory schools.

I am happy to say that co-education prevails at the University of Texas, and that the young women are treated with respect by both the students and faculty. EX-CORNELLIAN.

### YALE'S FOOTBALL TEAM.

Since football has aroused such enthusiasm here, a description of the Yale team, probably this year's champions, may not be uninteresting.

It is composed of: Rushers—Corwin, '87, Captain; Hamlin, '87, Woodruff, '89, Carter, '87, Wallace, '88, Gill, '89, Corbin, '89: Quarter back—Beecher, '88. Half backs—Watkinson, '89 and Morrison, '90. Full back—Wirtenberg, '90. Most of these men are very heavy as but few weigh less than 175 pounds.

Corwin is of last year's team and is a sure, steady player. He has splendid control of his men. Hamlin is a good tackler, and fast runner. Woodruff is the strongest man in college. Watkinson is called the king of half-backs. The other men are also good and experienced players.

This is probably, taken all around, the best team Yale has put in the field for years and as the Princeton team, last year's champions are weakened by the loss of eight men, Yale's chances for the championship are very bright.

The men are now in training and practice two hours daily. They are required to retire at 10.30 o'clock every night but Saturday, and to abstain from the use of tobacco and liquor.

The Yale-Princeton game will be played Thanksgiving, it is thought in New York.

### NOTICE.

The *Cornellian* Board offers to "Cornellians" four prizes.

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Ithaca, N. Y.

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Faculty Room Thursday. The following Trustees from out of town were present, Hon. Amasa J. Parker, J. Dewitt Warner, Hon. A. S. Draper, Lieut. Gov. Jones and Hon. Hiram Sibley.

The time was principally occupied in the preliminary discussion of important topics.

A favorable report was received from the Hon. A. S. Draper in regard to having the law concerning state scholarships modified.

The committee on the law department made a preliminary report. No recommendation for appointment to professorships in this department were made but the board passed a resolution to the effect that a special meeting be held Jan. 20, for the election of professors in this department. Some changes are to be made in the History and Political Science course after the law school opens.

The committee on dormitories was not present so no report was made.

The action taken last June in regard to honorary degrees was rescinded, but it was agreed that nothing done in the meantime should be undone.

The executive committee were instructed to choose a site for the new library building.

### RECEPTION TO PROF. RÆHRIG.

Perhaps it will interest many of our readers to hear of the whereabouts and doings of Professor Ræhrig. He is at present at Los Angeles, Cal. How popular he is there we may know from the following, taken from a Los Angeles paper:

"A very pleasant social was held last evening at the Conservatory of Music, corner of Main and Fifth streets, under the auspices of Mrs. Valentine. Several of the University Faculty, Professor Garneau and many of the most prominent families were present. The exercises were entirely impromptu and intended to introduce the celebrated Professor Ræhrig to the people of our city. The program opened by a violin solo from Faust by Miss Bertha Israel, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. V. A. Henry. By request Miss Mollie Adelia Brown sang an "Ave Maria." Professor Ræhrig played one of his own solos. "Rustic Festival," also by Professor Ræhrig, was then rendered by Mrs. Valentine. Vocal solos were sung by Messrs. Snook and Ney. Other impromptu selections were rendered by the eminent composer.

"Professor Ræhrig is not only famed as a

musical composer, but is thoroughly versed in nearly every language of the globe, from ancient Asiatic to the dialects of many of our Indian Tribes. He came to America in 1853, and upon the recommendation of Washington Irving was made assistant librarian of the Astor Library. Mr. Roehrig took part in our late war, both as a soldier and hospital surgeon. Mr. Roehrig holds an enviable position as a musical composer, and for versatility of talents and thoroughness of scholarship."

#### MILITARY HOPS.

The question of giving a Military ball has been frequently discussed among the officers of the battalion. It was mentioned not long since to Lieut. Van Ness and he suggested that a series of Military Hops be given rather than a ball.

A call was then issued for the commissioned officers of the battalion to meet at the D. K. E. house Tuesday evening. They met on that evening and Lieut. Col. Kelsey was chosen chairman of the meeting. The subject was fully discussed and it was decided to give, if possible, a series of hops, which should be under the auspices of the officers, but which should be open to the whole University. The chairman appointed a committee of arrangements and if everything can be arranged, the first hop will probably be given Nov. 5.

This is an excellent move and it will greatly increase the social enjoyment of all the students. All should aid this scheme, but especially the Juniors, for if these hops are successful, the success of the Junior Ball is assured.

#### SIBLEY COLLEGE NOTES.

—Two storm doors adorn (?) the front of the main building now.

—Some very fine work is turned out by the Juniors in the foundry. Mr. Vanderveer the Instructor in that department is thorough in his work.

—Professor Thurston recently received from the Navy Department some mounted drawings of a small class of monitors. These and other drawings, together, with some models will be of great benefit to students in Marine Engineering.

—Mr. Rufus Flint of the Senior class will write his thesis on the strength and qualities of the different kinds of wood that grow in Nicaragua. He will make his investigations with the various testing machines in the Mechanical Laboratory.

—Several donations have recently been made to the department. One of them is a complete electric light plant, from the Mather Electric

Light Co., of Hartford, Conn. This with the Edison plant will be more than sufficient to light all of the shops and the main building. Another donation is a barrel of standard, cold-punched, machine nuts from the Hoopes & Townsend Co.

#### DR. JAMES H. ECOB.

Dr. James H. Ecob, who is to fill the Sage Chapel pulpit next Sunday, is a graduate of Hamilton College in the class of 1869, and of Andover Theological Seminary in the class of 1872. His first pastorate was at Augusta, Me. where for many years Mr. Blaine was a regular member of his congregation. He left this field to succeed Dr. Anson J. Upson at Albany. Among the ranks of the younger clergy of the Presbyterian denomination Dr. Ecob holds a leading position. He has on a previous occasion filled the Chapel pulpit to the great pleasure and satisfaction of all who heard him. He is a young man still, in sympathy with the best thought of the day, and in sympathy with young men and women as well. His delivery is pleasing, free from mannerisms, and characterized by a quiet force.

#### COMMUNICATION.

[The Editors of the ERA do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments expressed in this column; however, the columns of the ERA are always open to students who wish to express their opinion on any subject.—Eds.]

#### Editors of the Era :

As suggestions are in order for a memorial to be left by the class of '87, I would make the following: Asevery student knows, a good boat-house is a thing very much needed here. What more acceptable memorial could be left by '87 than a good, substantial boat-house in place of the present dilapidated structure. One thousand or twelve hundred dollars would build a good boat-house, and thus greatly encourage our boating interests, which at present seem to be waning.

SENIOR.

#### CORNELLIANA.

—794 students in the University.

—The correct pronunciation is "Yah'-nish."

—Ex-President White is expected in Ithaca soon.

—Oh for the street railway and the lunch counter!

—The battalion presented a fine appearance at drill on Monday.

—Two of the town clergymen are taking Dr. Schurman's lectures.

—The first order of Oxford hats is expected by Willson to-morrow.

—Let every ERA editor be at the office next Wednesday, promptly at 7.30 p. m.

—F. L. C. was in his element on Wednesday just after the meeting of the Trustees.

—The offer of the *Cornellian* editors is already receiving the attention of the students.

—Mr. Walter G. Smith the Republican candidate for the Assembly was formerly a Cornell student.

—Mr. Leakey's Junior sections in Elocution are now delivering "Spartacus' Address to the Gladiators at Capua."

—The *Cornellian* board met at the Zeta Psi house on Monday evening. The various committees, were appointed.

—One of the best things of the season at the Opera House to-night. By all means see Janish as "Princess Andrea."

—Winter has already reached Sibley College. The storm doors have been put up on the south side of the building.

—Some of the students, who are kept in the laboratories in the afternoons, wish to have the "Gym," open in the evenings.

—Freshmen, nearly every Sophomore will attend the foot ball game; let every man of you be present, to cheer on your players.

—By the time the new Register comes out there will be 800 students in the University. There are now only six less than that number.

—The "Techs." and Literary men will probably wait until spring to decide between themselves the question of superiority at base ball.

—At the meeting of the Natural History Society on Thursday, Mr. Coville made some remarks on the Bumble Bees of Ithaca. A live topic.

—The higher offices in the Battalion have been filled by promotion. S. E. Kelsey now stands next to Lieut. Van Ness a Lieutenant Colonel.

—The Freshmen have followed the example set by the Sophomores in being photographed, and it is now proposed by some that '87 and '88 follow.

—The game of ball between the Literary and the Technical students of the University was not played, because of the bad condition of the grounds.

—Professor Leakey has already begun to give the Seniors private instruction in Elocution. The appointments for the Juniors will be made in a few days.

—It was wished that Professor Leakey would consent to referee the game of foot ball, but as

he declined, a man from out of town will probably be secured.

—All students of the University who wish to join in forming a Hare and Hound Club are requested to meet at the office of Dr. Hitchcock Saturday afternoon, Nov. 6.

—Football on the campus to-morrow! May there be a fair field and no favor, and may the best side win! The game will certainly be exciting and well worth attending.

—J. B. Polk's "Mixed Pickles" Comedy Co. will be the attraction at Wilgus Opera House next Wednesday Nov. 3. Admission 50 and 35 cents, reserved seats 75 at D. F. Finch's bookstore.

—At the Electrical Engineers' Association to-day the following programme will be presented: W. S. Elliott, Electric Plating; H. W. Fisher, Optional; W. H. Hampton, Electrical News.

—The regular work of the class in physical exercise began this week. Many a Freshman who has been congratulating himself on his escape from drill will now find he has no "berry."

—Dr. Hitchcock is still engaged in the physical examination of the Freshmen. Almost any day there may be heard coming from the recesses of his back room the sound of "3-27, 3-85, 400."

—It is to be hoped that the companies that in the future hold the boards at Wilgus Opera House will possess more merit than Howorth's Great Double Show. It was too "double" to be interesting.

—Such members of the University as desire to join a Lacross club, and procure the material necessary for the game are requested to leave their names at the office of the Professor of Physical Culture.

—It seems probable that a University Band may be organized as proposed some time since by the ERA. At the recent meeting there was found to be in the University enough of both talent and inclination.

—Mr. R. the other day in Elocution spoke of "the broad Umpire of Rome." Surely "this is the most, the unkindest cut of all," to accuse the countrymen of Cicero and C. J. Caesar of being base ball players.

—At the meeting of the newly elected Base Ball Directors last night, Mr. Horace White, '87, was elected manager of the team for the ensuing year. No better man for the place could have been chosen.

—Before the meeting of the Mechanical Engineers' Association to-day, papers will be read on The Carpenter's Square, by Wm. Dollar,

and on The Hammer Blow of the Locomotive Wheel on the Rail, by G. M. Teeple.

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—The President of the Sophomore class has appointed several Seniors to assist in preserving order at the game between the Sophomores and the Freshmen. It is said President Callan of '90 is to do likewise from the Juniors.

—In another column we publish the offer of the *Cornellian* board for contributions. The editors are to be at liberty to make use not only of the prize articles, but also of any others they may think worthy of publication.

—In another column may be found some contributed verses. Although the flight of the poet's muse is at times uneven, and at the end stops with a flutter, it was duly decided to try the effect of publication on the other poets of the University.

—To those persons that do not find the ERA in their box in the early part of the evening, we would say that the papers are put in the post office each Friday before six o'clock p. m. but are not distributed until the evening mail from the south gets in.

—Behold a terrible warning to those who do not study Latin! Some time ago a Junior was examining the Student's Handbook, and on looking at one of the maps was heard to say: "*C. B. W. Del.*, I know of no student from Delaware with those initials."

—The championship in doubles in the Tennis Tournament still remains undecided, owing to bad weather of late. There have been some fine afternoons, however, that were not taken advantage of. Any one of the three pairs of contestants still has a chance of winning first prize.

—The Freshmen are gradually being initiated into the mysteries of University life. Their president has posted a notice that a tax of twenty-five cents per man has been ordered. Every member of the class should see the treasurer, Mr. Morrison, who will be at the Armory every drill day.

—At the University there is a Civil Engineers' Association, a Mechanical Engineers' Association, a Natural History Society, a Chemistry Club, and so on without end. Why not have a Greek Club? There are at present more students in the course in Arts than for many years before.

—Some of the Trustees have been guilty of the violation of that custom which is said to

prohibit smoking on the Campus. If students are expected to abstain from the weed while on the Campus during ten months of the year, it would seem that our respected Trustees might deny themselves for a day or two.

—At the meeting of the Navy Directors Tuesday evening Mr. C. G. Psotta was chosen Commodore. Mr. Psotta is himself a fine oarsman, and last summer won honor for himself and for Cornell. No better man could have been found in the University. Mr. Psotta and Mr. Neil Stewart were chosen for the Athletic Council.

—Final arrangements for the game of foot ball have been completed. E. H. Bennett, Jr., will be captain of the Sophomore team, which with one change will be as published in the last ERA. The Freshman eleven is composed of the following men: Sheldon, captain; Dunn, Flack, Howell, McDowell, Mitchell, Schmidt, Shapleigh, Thayer, Upton, Webster.

—Stanley's Drum Corps is liable to have dangerous rivals for the popular favor soon at the University. We have a picked band of buglers and drummers that go out in the woods every drill day and do faithful practice for nearly an hour. As soon as they become sufficiently skilled they will mark time for the battalion. Their music will be a decided improvement over the stern "Hep! Hep!" of present and former times.

—A "funny" Sophomore distinguished himself on Tuesday by appearing in the Freshman class picture labeled "Fresh." Probably no such label was needed to convey this information. Besides the joke falls rather flat when it is considered that the Sophs. were in no wise molested when they had taken their position but a few days previously for a similar purpose. The '90 men present showed extreme good nature in not using the Sophs. more roughly after the negative was taken.

—The Trustees have made an additional appropriation to the Department of Physical Culture. This action is certainly commendable, for as a rule, superior apparatus and accommodations lead to superior work. The following new apparatus may be expected soon to be in place: Two heavy pulleys for back and abdomen, Peg-pole, Bicycle Machine, Spirometer, Horse, Two Chest weights, Leg Pulley, Pulley and bars for back, Striking bag, Hooks for hanging up bells and clubs, and new model bells (iron).

—The Civil Engineers now hold the championship at base ball over all other courses. On Saturday, Oct. 23, they succeeded in vanquishing the Architects in seven innings by a score

of 23 to 17. The strong hold of the C. E.s seems to be their ability to rally at critical points. In the sixth inning the Architects scored eight times and then led by two runs. But the inspiring pleasure of seeing the flag of their—course float (?) from the window of the engineering building was not to be denied the C. E.'s. Mindful of the stern command of their leader, "You must down dose fellahs," they went in with a vim and made nine runs. The Architects could score but once in the seventh and had to sadly watch the C. E.s swing their proud emblem of victory to the breeze. For the Engineers, Puterbaugh pitched well and was supported behind the bat in good style by Etnyre. The latter threw accurately to the bases. The batting of Sullivan, Dowling, Etnyre and Dimon was good. For the Architects, Newberry showed all his old time speed and curves, and, but for wildness caused by lack of practice, would probably have been very effective. Schreiner worked pluckily behind the bat, but seemed unable to hold Newberry's speedy balls. He was especially unfortunate in missing third strikes, very often on account of the balls striking the ground in front of him. However, considering the speedy and rather wild delivery he was facing, he did well. Other features were Pfau's good fielding and batting and Schreiner's fast and daring base-running. The general field play of both teams was loose.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

At Wellesley there is a professor of cookery. Yankton College of Dakota, has become co-educational.

Harvard has instructors in free-trade and protective tariff.

Harvard paid the city of Boston \$18,000 in taxes last year.

Vassar alumni are trying to raise \$20,000 for a new gymnasium.

The organization of a Freshman glee club is on foot at Harvard.

Several new electives have been added to Princeton's curriculum.

There are 289 professors and instructors at the University of Berlin.

Yale library is increasing at the rate of one thousand volumes a year.

The Juniors at the Illinois College will soon appear in silver plush hats.

Thirty-five men of last year's Senior class at Harvard have returned to the Law School.

The elevens of Lafayette and Stevens Institute played football last Saturday. The game ended in a dispute, Lafayette claiming the game

by a score of 5 to 0, and Stevens claiming that they had won by 6 to 5. The referee did not decide the game for either side.

On Undergraduates' Day at Harvard the costumes of the classes will be as follows: '87, red togas and black mortar-boards. '88, uniform of a Continental Soldier of 1766. '89, costume of a dandy of the year 1825. '90, uniform of a Federal Soldier of 1861.

The new Williams gymnasium is one of the finest in the country. It is of gray stone; on the first floor are the lockers, bath rooms, base ball cage and bowling alley; on the second, various kinds of apparatus; in the gallery a sawdust track extending around the room.—*Ex.*

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Harvard Advocate* has at last made its appearance and its contents are in good keeping with its object, which is to give expression to the best literary work in both prose and poetry done at Harvard. "A Modern Romance" is well written, and the contribution "Our Faust" is also deserving of mention. The *Advocate* proposes an admirable scheme for the government of athletics at Harvard, that is well worthy of perusal, and perhaps the management of our Athletic Council would profit by the suggestions made.

The *University Voice* is a very interesting paper, but its appearance works a little against it. It is very ably edited.

The *Amherst Literary Monthly* desires to be placed on our exchange list. A paper of such high standing as the *Monthly* is gladly welcomed as an exchange. It merits the high position it occupies by its sterling qualities as a college literary journal and reflects much credit upon the college it hails from. The "Sketch Book" is particularly well written. We hope the *Monthly* will call often.

The *Rutgers Targum*, about which so much strife was caused in the election of editors last spring, lies before us. Judging from the merits of the *Targum* we should say that the elections came out as they should have. "A Plea for Culture" is a very strong article, and many good points are made in it. The "Clippings" of the *Targum* show very good taste on the part of the man with the shears.

The "Alumni Notes" of the *Amherst Student* are very exhaustive. That department of the paper is evidently in a flourishing condition.

The *Seminary Opinator* of recent date gives the number of applicants for our Freshman class as 230. This mistake has been made several times before by our exchanges, and once

for all we will say that the Freshman class at Cornell University numbers 315.

The *Pharos* from the University of the Pacific has reached us. We read with great interest the description of the famous Yosemite. Theirs is a wonderful country surely. The exchange department of the *Pharos* is well conducted, and makes very interesting reading.

The *Messenger* from Richmond College is a model paper. The literary societies of the college are well worthy of their title when they publish such a magazine as the *Messenger*. It compares very favorably with the literary monthlies of the eastern colleges and universities.

The *Association Bulletin* of the C. U. C. A. for October has been received. It indicates the prosperous condition of the Association, and presents gratifying reports of the good work done and to be attempted in the future. The present total membership is 252, of which 20 are honorary, 194 active, and 38 associate. 114 new members have been received this year, and the good work has just begun.

#### WILGUS OPERA HOUSE AMUSEMENTS.

This (Friday) evening the great emotional actress Janish (Countess Arco) will make her first appearance in Ithaca in Victorien Sardou's brilliant continental drama, "Princess Andraea." Mme. Janish has received the highest commendations of the press for her impersonation of the princess, and has achieved most gratifying success also from the box-office standpoint. All the indications are that the superb character study presented in the play by the great artist will be enjoyed by a full house. A critic writing of Janish says:

"Certainly the Americans would be difficult to please if they were not satisfied with their new conquest. As a woman, Madame Janish is absolutely bewitching, her noble brow, her hair of golden bronze, her exquisite figure, her supremely elegant bearing; in fact, the ensemble of her person spreads around her an atmosphere of irresistible charm and penetrating sympathy. Add to this that the stage transforms her and idealizes her still more, and that her face, lighted by black eyes, admirably set, which are certainly the most beautiful eyes that one can dream of for the theatre, takes there an adorable expression of youth and sweetness. As an actress, she reminds us at the same time of Desche and Sarah Bernhardt; her harmonious and resonant voice excels, in rendering, the effects of dramatic passion, with an originality and charm quite her own.

#### CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnot, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Sts. Pastor, R. D. Munger. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sabbath School at 12:15 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 10 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m., Sunday Prayer Meeting at 6 p. m. Teachers' Meetings, Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m. Regular Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

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AT last the lunch counter is a reality and hungry students may now be regaled with food and drink without the painful necessity of descending the hill. The project is somewhat novel, but it cannot help meeting with the hearty approval of the students, provided it is not conducted in a too strict business manner. We think the gentleman who has charge of the matter must surely understand that, in order to gain the patronage of the students, he must

merit it. On the other hand the counter was ventured upon for the convenience of the students and as such, we have no doubt, it will be patronized. We hope it will be a permanent addition to the Campus and that we will hear no complaints either of inferior food or of a lack of support.

OCCASIONALLY we hear rumors of a training table to be established for the benefit of our athletes. At all the large colleges where there is much interest manifested in athletics, training tables are in vogue and thus the best results are secured. There is no doubt that he who is to undergo any severe physical exertion is greatly benefitted by avoiding all stimulants and eating only food of the most nutritious kind. Excess is injurious to anyone, but with the athlete it is more—it is disastrous and consumes energy which he requires in other directions. A training table, presided over by a competent person, is just what Cornell needs. Not only ought the competitors for the crew be compelled to take their meals at this table, but also those who intend contesting in the spring sports. This is a means of training that ought not to be overlooked for it cannot fail to be productive of good, since in other colleges it has been a complete success.

SINCE it has been decided finally that a series of Military Hops be given. We desire to say a few words in favor of the project. As every student in the University knows, these hops are to be given under the auspices of the Military Department. They are given in such a manner as to be within the reach of nearly every student in the University, and for the purpose of increasing the social advantages of the students. Every student should be in favor of this enterprise and endeavor, by giving his aid, to make them as enjoyable and successful

as possible. Heretofore occasions of this kind have been made so expensive as to be beyond the reach of many of the students who would otherwise have attended; but under the auspices of the Military Department, such will not be the case. The moderate price proposed for tickets and the fact that uniforms can be worn, will place these hops within the reach of all who may care to attend. It is by such enjoyable occasions as these that college life should be varied. If we ever expect to enter into social circles there is no better time to begin than the present. It is our duty to improve socially as well as mentally. Let every student lend his aid and make this enterprise a success.

**EX-PRESIDENT WHITE** returned to Ithaca on last Friday and will in all probability spend the winter here. Old students are glad to welcome him back and unite in the wish that he may be induced to give a course of lectures during the coming term, embodying the results of his recent study. Such lectures would undoubtedly be highly interesting and instructive. We think we but echo the sentiments of the students in general when we say, we hope we may have the opportunity and pleasure of listening to him. During his travels he visited the principal English and German Universities and has collected a number of books and papers bearing upon the French Revolution of which he is making a special study. We are all glad to see him so much improved in health and the sight of his familiar form on the campus is the source of no little pleasure to the students. Although he has ceased to be the active head of the University, yet Cornell will perhaps forever bear the marks of his shaping hand. His policy, for which many predicted failure, has been steadily and consistently followed and the result is, during all these years Cornell has made rapid strides forward until now she stands in the front ranks of American colleges. Truly her founders builded wisely and to-day we are reaping the harvests of their toil.

**ELSEWHERE** in our columns may be found an account of the foot ball game between '89 and '90, which was played on last Saturday afternoon. There was much interest manifested in the game, not only by those who played, but also by those whose loyalty so far overcame their personal feelings that they stood in the rain and cold and watched the progress of the game until its close. Although neither side won, yet both classes are to be commended for the friendly spirit of rivalry in which the game was played. We hope that the interest of the under classmen and, indeed, of the upper classmen as well, will continue to increase until Cornell puts an eleven in the field that will gain many a victory. The game Saturday certainly showed that there was first class material in the University for a No. 1 team. We do not like to see any one student spend his time in the interests of athletics to the detriment of his other duties, but we surely have enough students to obviate any such difficulty. Any student, whoever he may be, whether disposed to exercise or not, should endeavor to devote at least three hours a week to good healthful exercise. This will interfere with no lessons, but on the contrary will be a positive advantage. Let every one arrange his work in this way and the result will be, fewer physical wrecks. Occasional and spasmodic efforts at exercise will not do; they must be regular and the person exercising must really have an interest in his work in order to be most benefitted. It is not expected that all will become athletes, but all may become strong and robust. In foot ball especially is it necessary to have well trained muscles; so with the other out-door sports, the strong man always takes the lead and there cannot be mentioned a calling in life in which it is not better to have a sound and well developed body. If the majority of our students would only stop to think, they would stand convicted in their own eyes. With the new apparatus that will soon be put in the "Gym." we hope to see a large increase in the number of those whose faces greet us there.

## THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

In our last week's issue in the report of the meeting of the Board of Trustees, mention was made of the report of the Executive Committee to the Board concerning the Law Department. Since then the report has been printed and from it we take the following notes. The Faculty has not yet been chosen; so, many questions will remain unsettled until the Faculty has been selected and consulted concerning these unsettled points.

The subject is fully discussed in the report and is considered under six heads. Under the first head is considered the length of the course of instruction. The length of the course at other law schools was investigated and it was found that at Columbia College and at the University of Michigan there is a course of two years, of nine months each, and the graduate receives the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The course at Harvard is of three years and the graduate receives the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Yale requires two years to gain the Bachelor's degree and has besides, a two years post-graduate course which leads to the degree of LL. D.

A course of three or four years, at first sight seems desirable; but, in view of the fact that according to the rules of the Court of the State of New York an applicant must have one year's study in an office before he can be admitted to the Bar, it would hardly be possible that a student would or could spend that time in a Law School.

The period of instruction should extend through the college year of nine months and should be coordinate with the course now existing in the University, and the course should be one of two years.

The second head is the conditions of entrance to the law department.

"The state of education in our country seems to make it necessary that every law school should provide for two classes of students: those who have received the regular training of a collegiate course, and those who have not had the advantage of such a training. But no law school as yet has seen its way clear to limit its members to such as have completed an undergraduate course. Nor in our opinion would such a limitation be wise. Nobody can look over the ranks of the profession without seeing that a very large proportion of those who have risen to high distinction at the bar, have attained their eminence without the advantage of the preliminary training acquired in an undergraduate course.

"In the State of New York provision has been made for examination by the Board of

Regents. These examinations are carried to all the high schools, and to the larger number of the academies of the State. They set a uniform standard; and in our judgment, the standard required for the Regents' academic diploma should be the minimum requirement for admission to the Law Department. The applicant should be required either to bring a Regents' diploma or pass an examination equivalent to the examination by the Regents. Practically, therefore, the conditions of admission to the Law Department would be the same as the conditions of admission to the scientific and technical courses of the University at the present time.

"Although it should be found that at the time of admission, both grades are equally ignorant of the law, it will certainly be shown at an early date that the graduate student can acquire his profession very much more rapidly than can the student who has had simply such a preparatory training as is to be obtained in the academies and high schools. This fact is recognized by the rules of our courts governing the time of preliminary study before admission to the bar."

The third head discusses the Courses of Instruction but the details of this subject must remain unsettled until the Faculty has been chosen. The courses will be similar to those in other Law Schools but a graduate will have an advantage as will be seen by the following.

"Special inducement in the way of elective studies should be offered to graduate students. To this end, courses in the Department of History and Political Science should be marked out for graduate students that will enable them to study for the Master's degree at the same time that they are studying for the degree of LL. B."

The fourth head treats of The Amount of Instruction that must be Provided.

The committee recommends that the Junior class be separate from the Senior class and further that no member of the Junior class be allowed to attend the lectures given to the Seniors, but that the Seniors should be encouraged to attend the Junior lectures.

Two lectures a day to each class should be given; both Senior lectures in the afternoon and those for Juniors in the morning. Besides these lectures there must be regular text book work, at least for Juniors, and probably for Seniors. There should be a thorough drill in Blackstone, Kent and in some other elementary works. Mock courts should be organized, under the direct supervision of the professors, to accustom the student to the investigation, the preparation and the trial of causes.

In considering the amount of work to be required, we are led to the next topic, "The Amount and Kind of Teaching Force." The committee here, in the report reviews the number of professors in the leading law schools and finds that the faculty usually consists of four or five professors, of which a portion are non-resident lecturers. It thinks the resident faculty should consist of at least two professors and one assistant professor. The non-resident lecturers should be actively engaged in the practice of the courts, and could probably be drawn from cities in the vicinity. The fundamental qualities of the instruction must rest very largely on the resident professors, but the entire burden should not fall on them. Lecturers should be secured for courses on special subjects, to be given at times best suited to the lecturer.

The "Rates of Tuition" is next brought up, and the report recommends the same tuition be charged in the new department as in other departments of the University.

The report was adopted by the Board of Trustees, and the following resolutions were passed:

1. *Resolved.* As the policy of this Board of Trustees, that the Faculty of the Department of Law of Cornell University consist of the President of the University, a resident dean, one resident professor, one assistant professor, and such non-resident professors and lecturers as may from time to time be appointed.

2. *Resolved.* That for the election of the Faculty in the Department of Law, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees be held on the third Wednesday of January next.

3. *Resolved.* That the Executive Committee be authorized to prepare a public announcement of the Law School, to be issued as soon as practicable after the appointment of the members of the Law Faculty, such announcement to be framed in accordance with the spirit of the foregoing report.

4. *Resolved.* That the Executive Committee be, and are hereby authorized to inquire into and report at the special meeting of the Board, on the changes that may seem to be desirable in the Department of History and Political Science, in order to adapt its instruction to the needs of the University after the Law Department is established.

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#### CORRECTION.

Cuts to be contributed to the "Cornellian" need not necessarily be the exact size as to be published. They must be at least that size, but better twice.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

By request we re-publish the constitution of the Athletic Council.

#### PREAMBLE.

We, the directors of the Navy, Athletic and Base Ball Association of Cornell University, being desirous of promoting the general athletic interests, of systematizing the collections and economizing the expenditure of funds, and to develop a more friendly feeling between the several Associations we represent, do hereby form among ourselves an Association.

#### ART. I.

SEC. 1. This Association shall be called the Athletic Council of Cornell University.

§ 2. This Council shall consist of eight members, two to be chosen from and by each of the several Boards of Directors of the above mentioned organizations, and the Director of the gymnasium and his assistant.

#### ART. II.

§ 1. The officers of the Council shall be a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Council in such manner as they shall provide.

§ 2. It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at all meetings of the Council.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the transactions of the Council and in the absence of the President to call meetings of the Council and to preside at such meetings.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds raised for any or all of the above mentioned organizations, the funds of the Council and of all the funds which the Council may hold in trust for the afore mentioned organizations. He shall have the direction and oversight—under authority from the Council—of the collection of all funds for the organizations and shall disburse to the Treasurers of the several organizations under direction of the Council.

#### ART. III.

This constitution may be amended by a three fourths vote of the Directors of the several Associations assembled in joint session.

The following is the Constitution of the Navy, Base Ball and Athletic Associations, such changes being made in the names of the officers as the nature of the Association require.

#### PREAMBLE.

We, the students of Cornell University, being convinced that the Navy interests of our Uni-

versity make it necessary to form a systematic organization, do hereby form ourselves into an Association.

ART. I.

§ 1. This as an Association shall be known as the Cornell University Navy.

§ 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote and sustain the rowing interest of our University.

ART. II.

§ 1. The executive power of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of five members, a Director from each class and a Commodore.

§ 2. The Directors shall be selected by their respective classes in such manner as the classes may deem best and before the fifth Saturday after the opening of the fall term.

§ 3. The Commodore shall be elected by the Directors.

§ 4. The term of office be one year.

§ 5. The duties of the Commodore shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, to arrange all regattas, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and to take charge of all other business usually incumbent upon said office.

§ 6. It shall be the duty of the Directors, under supervision of the Athletic Council, to obtain subscriptions, collect funds and to assist the Commodore at anytime he may see fit to call upon them. And furthermore it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors at their first meeting to elect two members to the Athletic Council of the University from their number.

§ 7. The Treasurer of the Association shall turn over to the Treasurer of the Athletic Council all funds of this Association.

ART. III.

§ 1. It shall be the privilege of the members of the University Athletic Congress to meet *ex officio* with the Directors of the Association and vote with them on all matters with this provision—that the vote of each member of this Association shall count double and only double the value of the vote of each of the other members of the Athletic Council.

ART. IV.

There shall be a Secretary and Treasurer elected from the Board of Directors. His duties shall be such as usually appertain to that position.

ART. V.

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the students of Cornell University in mass meeting assembled.

The following are the officers and members

of the Athletic Council: President, H. White; Secretary, Coville; Treasurer, N. Stewart. Representatives of Athletic Association are Coville and Metzgar; of Base Ball Association H. White and F. Thomson; of Navy, Chas. Psotta and N. Stewart; and the Faculty of Physical Culture.

The Base Ball Directors are, H. White, Manager; F. W. Thomson, '87; G. A. Ruyter, '88; W. Rackemann, '89; Upton, '90.

Navy Directors are Chas. Psotta, Commodore; N. Stewart, '87; Wm. Parshall, '88; J. Parker, '89; Ross, '90.

Athletic Directors are Perry Roberts, President; C. W. Horr, '87; A. E. Metzger, '88; Balch, '89; Seymour, '90.

FALL RECORDS.

The following table was kindly furnished us by Mr. Dole, and gives the records made by the various colleges at their fall field games. From the table it may be seen how Cornell stands in comparison.

| Event           | Cornell                           | Yale                            | Harvard                            | Columbia                           | Univ. Penn.                       | Dartmouth.                        | Amherst.                          | Williams.                         | Lehigh.                           | Hobart.                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 100 Yards       | 10 <sup>0</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>    | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>    | 11                                | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 11                                | 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> |
| 200 "           | 23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>    | 24                                 | 25                                | 25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 26 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 24 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 25                              |
| 440 "           | 53                                | 51 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 51 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>    | 54                                 | 63 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 55 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 60                                | 57 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 58 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   |                                 |
| 880 "           | 2:11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 2:10                            | 2:11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | 2:15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | 2:15 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 2:25                              | 2:08 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 2:15                              | 2:17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> |                                 |
| 1 Mile Run      | 5:08                              | 4:55                            | 4:45                               | 5:20                               | 5:40 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 5:02 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 5:10                              | 4:58 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 4:55 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> |                                 |
| 1 Mile Walk     | 8:51                              | 8:43                            | 7:10                               | 8:17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | 8:25                              | 5:02 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 8:38 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 8:08 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 8:16 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> |                                 |
| Shot            | 31.2                              |                                 | 29.11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 29.8                               | 30'0"                             | 31.8                              | 26.4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 27.3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> |                                   |                                 |
| Hammer          | 59.7                              |                                 |                                    | 72.10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 68                                |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                 |
| Hurdle          | 19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 17 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 4.11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | 5.9                                | 5'6"                              |                                   | 4.11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 5'3"                              | 4.7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  |                                 |
| Running H. Jump | 5.3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | 5.3                             |                                    |                                    |                                   |                                   |                                   |                                   | 4.11                              |                                 |

HANDICAPS.—Yale, 440—10; Harvard, 1 Mile Run—100 yds.; Columbia, 100—2, 220—12, 440—12, 880—25, 1 Mile Run—15; Univ. of Pa., 100—3, 220—2, 240—10. In these events, the time is not for the full distance.

*FOOT BALL.*

For weeks the members of the Sophomore and Freshman classes have been filled with anxiety concerning the final foot-ball contest that was to settle the little difference between them. For some reason the great trial of strength has been put off longer this year than usual. But this fact served only to increase the interest in the struggle. A game of foot-ball was selected as the means of deciding whether or not '90 should sport walking-sticks, and last Saturday as the time for the game.

Before three o'clock on the appointed day a large crowd was upon the scene of the encounter. Rain had been pouring down for two or three days, which made the ground very soft and slippery. Good playing was further interfered with by a breeze from the north that was not strong, but very damp and chilly.

After a little preliminary practice by both teams, Messrs. Bennett and Sheldon, Captains of the respective teams, tossed for choice of position. Capt. Bennett won and '89 took the north side with the wind in their favor.

The exercises opened at a few minutes after three. '89, with the wind in their favor, forced the fighting strongly and in a short time had the ball very close to their opponents' goal. Soon Bennett made a touch-down and scored four points for '89. All the rest of the playing in this half was done near '90's goal. The Freshmen worked hard to prevent the Sophs. from scoring until time was called, and '89 played desperately to make the most of their present advantage. Bennett finally kicked a goal from the field and this ended the counting for the first forty-five minutes.

Things now looked blue for the Freshmen, and the '89 men present were correspondingly jubilant. Rain began to fall quite freely, but that class patriotism that will keep a student out in weather that he could never breast in going to recitations, held nearly every spectator on the scene.

After a breathing spell of ten minutes, hostilities again opened. Bennett kicked the ball towards '90's goal, but it was soon brought back. The Freshman team seemed to be infused with new life. They took advantage of all errors of their opponents, and played for all they were worth. The ball was worked towards '89's goal and almost before the spectators knew it, Sheldon had kicked a goal from the field. At last '90 had scored. The slogan of the Sophs. had been all along sounded loudest and most often, but now pandemonium seemed let loose and nothing but "Rahs" and disjointed Latin filled the air. The Freshmen

had at last found their voices and they cheered their team to the echo. Bennett had been severely hurt and, although he pluckily played on, his vigor was gone and his team seemed discouraged. Again '90 forced the Sophs. back and at last Flack and Parker crossed the goal line of the Sophs. with the ball. The excited spectators crowded upon the field to see whether Flack or Parker should touch the ball down. Flack was the lucky man and '90 had tied the score. '89's stock was now below par while the Freshmen yelled like crazy people. Everything now depended on Sheldon. If he should kick a goal, '90 would be almost a certain winner. Amid profound silence he tried for a goal and missed it by a few feet.

Soon afterward Sheldon was badly injured about the head and the game was delayed for a few minutes. He soon rallied, however, and the contest went on. The ball was dangerously near '89's goal and '90 was working desperately to score a point when time was called. The long suspense was over, with a victory secured for neither side. The Sophomores seemed somewhat disappointed while the Freshmen joyfully carried their team from the field upon their shoulders.

Considering the amount of practice both teams have had, the playing was good. Both teams tackled well, and better running was prevented by the softness of the ground. '89's rush line seemed stronger than '90's. For the Sophs., Bennett did finely, and Cobb passed the ball to the half-backs quickly and accurately. Sheldon, '90, played with great skill and coolness, and with better support would have made much trouble for the Sophomores. The game will surely awaken interest in football at Cornell, and the fact that it resulted in a tie will doubtless make both teams practice hard for the deciding game.

Mr. Pierce, Captain of the Lehigh University Football team, was referee, and his decisions seemed always fair and impartial. His services are to be secured, if possible, in the final contest.

The teams were made up as follows:

'89—Fielder, Full Back; Bennett and Parker, Half Backs; Cobb, Quarter Back; Rackemann, Morgan, Dollar, Balch, Clark, Bates and Sawyer, Rushers.

'90—Howells, Full Back; Sheldon and Thayer, Half Backs; Flack, Quarter Back; Mitchell, Shapleigh, Upton, Webster, McDowell, Schmidt and Dunn, Rushers.

Owing to lack of funds it is probable that base ball will be discontinued at Amherst.

## NOTICES.

A Methodist Alliance has been formed among the Methodist students of the University. It will hold monthly meetings, and seeks as its members all students of Methodist preferences or affiliations. The first regular meeting will be held in Association Hall, Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7.30 p. m. An interesting and valuable program has been provided. SEC'Y.

The next meeting of the Seabury Guild will be held at half-past seven o'clock, in the Christian Association Rooms, White Hall, instead of in the south wing of the Chapel, as heretofore. The proceedings of the recent convention of the Episcopal Church, held at Chicago, will be discussed. All are cordially invited.

## CORNELLIANA.

- Military hop to-night.
- Football, but no base ball.
- Of ninety-four students in Junior Elocution, ninety are taking the private drill.
- A Prohibition meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-morrow at 3.30 p. m.
- All students who are sons of veterans are requested to send their names to P. O. box 1461.
- The meeting for the organization of a Hare and Hounds Club was held Thursday afternoon.
- Before the Electrical Engineers to-day Charles E. Emery lectures on Commerce in Steam.
- The first of the series of Military Hops take place to-night. Music begins at 8 o'clock and lights out at 11.30.
- All students interested in fencing are requested to leave their names at the office of the Prof. of Physical Culture.
- The Hare and Hounds Club made their first run yesterday afternoon and made four miles over hill and dale in 26 minutes. So says one of the hounds.
- Last night Professor Williams gave the second of the course of lectures under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. of Ithaca. His subject was the Testimony of Rocks.
- A photograph of Cornell's crack sculler, Mr. C. G. Psotta, has been added to the Gymnasium Art Gallery. He is in his shell on the water, and makes a fine picture.
- A man was found dead near the east end of Mill street yesterday morning. It is thought by some that he met a mortar-board in the dark and the shock was too much for him.
- A meeting of the Sophomore class was held in room K, Thursday noon, at which matters

in regard to the football team were considered. Several changes in the eleven are contemplated.

—"The Little Tycoon" at Wilgus Opera House next Thursday evening. All that enjoy good Comic Opera should attend and hear one of the best things that will visit Ithaca this season.

—The non-commissioned officers of the battalion are now-a-days making use of spare moments to read up their tactics in preparation of the examination which is to decide whether they are to be officers or privates.

—As a certain "co-ed" is said to have remarked, "Those mortar-boards are just too cute for anything!" The ladies of Sage must not speak their opinions too openly, for we won't be flattered, so there, now!

—There has been put upon the Sibley bulletin a clipping from the Boston *Herald* giving a short account of the life of John Chapman Hoadley, the Sibley College non-resident lecturer, who recently died at Boston.

—Two Cornellians were honored at the recent election in this county; Mr. W. G. Smith, who was elected Member of Assembly, and Mr. F. W. Knapp, '89, who was elected School Commissioner in the Second District.

—Those that order mortar-boards in the future should be careful to order a cap at least an eighth of an inch larger than the size customarily worn. They will then get a cap large enough to wear with some degree of comfort.

—Many laughable incidents took place at last Saturday's football game. At one time as a squad of excited Freshmen went hurrying by, one of their number took off his hat and shouted, "One! Two! Three! Who knows the yell?"

—The University authorities must have some person that is crazed on the subject of roller skating shut up in White Hall. He has been practicing over a month now and is getting very proficient. Send him to Ovid by all means as he is incurable.

—There is a report on the streets that "Theodore" has issued an edict to the effect that "you can't yell und scr-r-ream in mine place no more, und doud jew forgid it." Those that understand his dialect say that he means no more singing in his parlors(?).

—A meeting of the class of '88 was held in room K this noon. The chief object of the meeting was to decide as to the advisability of a Junior Ball, but other matters were also discussed. The ball will probably take place as usual.

—The game of base ball between the Literary and the Technical nines, which had once

before been postponed, was to have been played Tuesday; but as several of the men did not appear, a "scrub" game of a few innings was played instead.

—Lieut. Van Ness informs students that the number of cuts from drill that will be allowed is not unlimited. Leaves of absence signed by the President or the Dean, or excuses from Prof. Hitchcock, will remove any prejudice caused by absence from drill.

—Lieut. VanNess has posted a notice that all non-commissioned officers of the battalion who are without chevrons at to-day's drill will be thereby understood to decline their appointments. Thus it is hoped all may be induced to assume the marks of their offices.

—Arrangements have been made by which students may get, through Mr. Baright, books useful in Bible study, at trade prices. The list includes Oxford bibles, concordances, and various books of reference; and all who desire books of this kind would do well to see Mr. Baright.

—Several students gathered in Journal Hall on the evening of election day to hear news from their homes, and to rejoice with the assemblyman elect. When enough of the returns were in to make it certain that Mr. Smith was elected he made a short speech to the great delight of his hearers.

—The P. W.'s may now be seen swinging the Indian clubs and the dumb-bell with a view to the development of their tender muscles. They can console themselves, however, with the thought that they are not compelled to carry a musket around until the right arm is ready to drop from its socket.

—The Freshman Football Eleven yesterday beat a picked team by a score of 28 to 11. Some new men are trying for positions on the team that give promise of becoming excellent players. Steady practice and team play, together with some new men, will make '90's team much stronger than before.

—Miss Effie Ellsler, with a strong support, will appear at Wilgus Opera House on Wednesday evening, Nov. 10th, in the great emotional drama "Woman against Woman." She is one of the foremost emotional actresses of the American stage. Go and see her. Tickets for sale at D. F. Finch's bookstore.

—The Freshmen met for practice at football yesterday afternoon. It is intended to change five players of the eleven, and replace them by heavier men. The propriety of so great a change at so late a day appears questionable, but perhaps constant practice under Capt. Sheldon may insure a gain in the team.

—The first lot of Oxford hats reached town

last Saturday. A very few were seen last week and several more ran the gauntlet of deriding town urchins, and admiring Freshmen during the first of this week. Yesterday another lot were received, and to-day the black and the purple tassels float from many a cap.

—The students in Sibley College are at present very much interested in football. It is proposed to organize a Sibley eleven, and issue challenges to college teams. The idea is a good one, if it can be carried out without injury to the University team; and there are, we know, enough good men in Sibley to make an eleven able to cope with many a college team.

—There bids fair to be an unusual interest shown in athletics next spring. Besides a ball nine, and either a four or eight-oared crew, Cornell will have some good tennis players, probably a football eleven, and a lacrosse team will be one of the possibilities. It is well to do many things in athletics, but is it not better to do a few things well?

—The lunch counter is at last a reality, and is well patronized by the students. It is a great convenience for not only those who have afternoon work on the hill, but also for such as are kept at the University from eight till one o'clock. For the latter class a very light lunch will do much toward making 12 o'clock lectures interesting.

—Two vacant lieutenantships in the battalion are to be filled by appointment. Preference is to be given to members of the three upper classes, to sergeants and corporals of the battalion, and to those who have been long drilled; but all will be required to pass an examination on the Tactics. Such a method has every appearance of perfect impartiality.

—The decisive foot ball game will probably be played one week from Saturday, on Nov. 13. This late date is chosen to give each team time for practice. Several changes are to be made in the Freshman team and possibly some in that of the Sophomores. The final contest will be well worth seeing, as more skill will surely be shown by both teams after two weeks practice.

—Perhaps it would be well to print some new anecdote on the programs at Wilgus Opera House. Every person that goes to see the various attractions that hold the boards there have doubtless well-nigh learned by heart the tale about "death's guns yearly mowing down 10,000 victims in the city of Mexico" and the heart-rending story headed "Buried in a Sixty-Ton Gun."

—J. B. Lippincott & Co., offers a prize of \$50 for the best article written by an undergraduate on *Social Life* at Cornell. The essay must contain at least 4000 words and must be forwarded to the publishers by April 1st, and the successful article will be published in the June number of their magazine. This is to be one of a series from the chief colleges of the country the publication of which will begin in January.

—The Rev. O. H. Tiffany of Philadelphia, will occupy Sage Chapel pulpit next Sabbath. To those who have heard him, we need say nothing of his powers as a preacher of the Gospel; but to those who have not heard him, we would say, you cannot afford to miss this opportunity of hearing one of the most eloquent and sincere men of the Methodist denomination. Let the Chapel be filled and thus encourage the speaker. After you have heard him, we are sure you will come away feeling that it was good to have been there.

—A Signal Corps is to be formed in connection with the battalion. Written application for admission may be forwarded to the Commandant, but all applicants will be subjected to an examination on the school of the soldier, and of the company, as given in Upton's Tactics, and no man will be chosen who has not had, here or elsewhere, at least one year of drill. The corps will consist of one lieutenant, one sergeant, two corporals, and six privates; and these men will be excused from other drill.

—The Tennis Tournament still drags on. Another game was played during the past week by Messrs. White and Rackemann vs. Messrs. Blood and Treman. The two first named won by a score of 6-3, 7-5. This leaves Pope and Wilkinson to play White and Rackemann for first place. It seems that better arrangements could be made in tournaments to come, so that the games might be finished in a reasonable time. Interest in the game is sure to lag, when so long a time intervenes between consecutive games.

—At the meeting of the Junior class to-day, the matter of a Junior Ball was brought up and it was decided unanimously to give a ball. The president was empowered to appoint the necessary committees. By a vote of the class Mr. A. Hasbrouck was appointed Football Director. An *unwritten* communication was received from the lady members of the class inquiring if they had the right to wear mortar-boards. Mr. E. E. Johnson was appointed a committee to inform the young ladies that they not only possessed that right but that the class desired them to exercise it.

—Scene, the foot ball grounds on the campus. Freshman practicing. Quarter Back tosses ball to Half Back who starts to run. Some one lovingly embraces him around the neck, attentive friends reach the spot, he is hurled headlong to the ground, more friends pile on, heap gets high, very high. Legs and arms wave in air, twisting, rolling eye balls glare, suddenly is heard a "peep" far down in the struggling heap: "Why don't you quit choking me so?" "Then why don't you yell 'Down?'" "How can a man yell 'Down' when he's choked till he's black in the face?" Everybody rises and they prepare to play a "scrimmage." Oh, no! this other scene was not a "scrimmage." That was just "tackling." Good lively exercise, this football, and the danger is very slight if you can manage to keep out of all "scrimmages" and prevent the rude boys on the other side from "tackling" you.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

W. A. Leaky, '88. of Harvard has written a tragedy of high merit.

It is rumored that the publication of the *Tiger* at Princeton is to be renewed.

'88 won the class football championship at Lehigh by beating '89 28 to 0 on Saturday last.

A prize of \$15 has been offered to the student at Harvard who will write the best college song.

Twenty thousand volumes have been added to the Columbia College library during the past two years.

Professor Richardson of Dartmouth has in press his work on American Literature from 1607 to 1885.

Forty-one books written by members of the Yale Faculty have been published within the last six years.

William's ball nine will be strengthened next spring by several new players that have entered from other colleges.

The class of '90 is the largest on record in Smith, Rutgers, Lehigh, Columbia, Princeton, Harvard and Cornell.

The following college presidents are attending the anniversary exercises now in progress at Harvard, President Adams, Cornell; President Barnard, Columbia; President McCosh, Princeton; President Dwight, Yale; President Robinson, Brown; President Gilman, Johns Hopkins; President Seelye, Amherst; President Carter, Williams; President Capen, Tufts; President Pepper, Colby University; and President Stuart, University of Virginia.

The Yale Y. M. C. A. will soon dedicate their new \$60,000 building. The Michigan Association is working for a \$15,000 building.

President McCosh vigorously repudiates the idea that he is a Scotch philosopher. He wishes to be known as the founder of an American school of philosophy with natural realism as its watchword.

#### EXCHANGES.

The Williams *Fortnight* comes to us for the first time this year and it is accorded a hearty welcome. The editorials of the *Fortnight* are very excellently written and have a ring of originality about them not commonly met with in college journalism. The reply to the Bowdoin *Orient* is especially praiseworthy both as regards matter and manner of treatment. Williams College shows much interest in athletics in founding the N. E. I. A. A. and we hope the venture will meet with the success it so well deserves.

The Troy *Polytechnic* very generously offers money prizes for the best published articles submitted by students. "The Senior trip" must have been very pleasant as well as beneficial. The "Polyisms" are well selected and afford very interesting reading matter.

From several of our exchanges we have learned that "an attempt is being made to form a chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa at Cornell." The *Brunonian* is the latest informant and it and all others who have fallen into this ridiculous error we would say that Phi Beta Kappa has existed at Cornell for many years and is now and always has been in a highly prosperous condition. We hope the mistake will not occur again among our exchanges.

The Oxford *Review* has just been received. It is exactly what it purports to be, a weekly record of university life and thought. From the *Review* one can obtain a good idea of the vast extent of Oxford and also of the points in contrast to our own great universities. Chess and football represent the social and athletic features of Oxford and the printing of the ex-vice Chancellor's Latin speech is calculated to inspire one with the depths of learning at Oxford.

"College Literature" in the Bowdoin *Orient* is well written and to the point. The suggestions given out to the writers for the *Orient* are very timely and we commend them to the notice of our exchanges and readers in general.

We beg to correct the statement made by the *Chronicle* in regard to the best Cornell record for the hundred yards dash. We can boast of a record which compares very favorably with that of our

leading colleges, a record of ten and two-fifths seconds. The *Chronicle* also errs in the number of the Freshman class. We are over three hundred instead of under the number. The "Personals" are given too much space in the *Chronicle* although they are written up in good style. The bright cover of the *Chronicle* cannot fail to suit the most æsthetic tastes but there is such a thing as over doing a matter. Modesty should be the prevailing virtue of college publications.

The *Tech* is before us. Its cover is very attractive and on further inspection we find the paper itself to be a very interesting publication. A very proper editorial deploras the lack of class spirit manifested and attributes poor showing in athletics to it. Competition among classes does much to bring the college standing in athletics to a high grade and hence should be encouraged.

The Columbia *Spectator* informs us that the *Acta Columbiana* is consolidated with the *Spectator*. This is as it should be. The combination will doubtless present a better paper and the fame of Columbia in the journalistic line will hence be further extended. The *Spectator* is already the best college paper of its kind in the country and its continued improvement will be hailed with joy by all college journalists.

Trinity School *Record* is a very creditable publication. It is one of our neatest exchanges in appearance and its literary matter is above the average.

#### MAGAZINES.

The *Outing* for November is, as usual, full of interesting reading. The *Outing* certainly increases in interest with each number and cannot fail to be a most welcome visitor to all who love out-door amusements. "The History of American Yachting," by Capt. R. F. Coffin, is an able treatise and commends itself to yachting circles. Mr. Thos. Stevens' article on "Around the World on a Bicycle," is continued and contains nice descriptions of scenery and accounts of personal adventure.

The *Century* for November is as interesting as ever. The papers on the late war are still continued, and are attracting more and more attention throughout the country. They are conspicuous for the fair and able manner in which the battles are discussed, and are a valuable contribution to the literature of the war. The leading article on Abraham Lincoln is a masterpiece of its kind, and we commend this month's issue in general, to the thoughtful perusal of our readers.

**THE FASHIONABLE EVENT.****THE "LITTLE TYCOON."**

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ONE week ago to-night a very pleasant social event was held in the Armory. To spectators who watched the brilliant company as they whirled through the dizzy mazes of the waltz or performed the graceful glide of the polka, there came the thrill of admiration and the words of the poet involuntarily rose to their lips, "Bright the lamps shone over fair women and brave men,

And all went merry as a marriage bell."

Everyone who attended came away feeling that it was good to have been there. The first hop owes its success to the efforts put forth by the

committee and the general interest manifested by the members of the battalion. In the light of a week's sober thought we say, let these events be repeated often for they are what lend a charm to a student's life which is elsewhere sought in vain.

WE have been frequently asked why we do not take our exchanges to the Assembly Room as was done by the ERA board just preceding us. In reply we would say that our exchange editor has taken, each week, a number of exchanges to the Assembly Room. Thus our part is done. The fact remains, however, that these papers are either carried away by the students or are used by them for purposes far other than was the original intention of the editors. So far as possible we wish to see this intention carried out. When the papers are destroyed, our purpose is defeated in the very outset. We sincerely hope that, hereafter, no student, however strongly tempted, will allow himself wilfully to carry off any of the papers which he may find on the Assembly Room table. A word is often more prolific of good than a whole discourse; so we forbear in the interest of the cause, hoping that our word will fall like Balm in Gilead and turn the erring student into paths, at once sanctioned by good sense and good breeding.

IT is not our purpose to find fault with the existing order of things on the campus, but to offer suggestions when we think improvement might be made to the great convenience and even profit of the students. Not a few complaints have come to our ears quite recently in regard to the management of the University Reading Room. Often Friday and Saturday's papers are not put out until Tuesday of the following week. Thus many who have a vacant hour on Monday and who would like to spend it reading the papers, are compelled to forego this pleasure or else content themselves with

what they have probably read before. Although, generally speaking, it is not profitable for a student to spend too much time reading the papers, yet it is quite necessary that he keep posted on the principal events of the day. Of course there should be a limit to the number of papers put out, but in our estimation there should be a larger number than at present and that too from different sections of the country. There can be little doubt that a Chicago or Cincinnati paper or both would be welcomed by the students. We venture the assertion that a large number of the magazines, pamphlets, and papers received at the library, are never any practical use to the students and, we dare say, many of them are never even looked at, much less read. This is not as it should be and is by no means altogether the fault of the students. Surely it is not unreasonable to expect soon to see a more complete and better arranged reading room than the one which the University now offers her students.

WE frequently hear expressed the desire that the gymnasium be open for the use of the students in the evening. This undoubtedly would be welcomed by many of the students, especially those who are required to take afternoon work in the University and are thereby prevented from using the gymnasium at that time. Besides there are many others who would heartily approve of the opening of the gymnasium in the evenings. Many of the students prefer to prepare their recitations for the following day in the afternoon. These are likewise prevented from obtaining the beneficial results of regular gymnasium exercise. Now the wishes of all the students who desire the regular gymnasium work would be satisfied by opening the gymnasium for several hours in the evening. Besides accommodating those students who are unable to attend the gymnasium in the day time, it would give a better opportunity for those who are training for the athletic sports to exercise. Especially would it be beneficial to the tennis players who could then use the gymnasium for practice, something which is very essential if we expect to send men to the In-

tercollegiate contest in the spring. The expense of opening the Gymnasium in the evenings would be but trifling. The dynamo must be kept running for the use of the library and for the campus lights; therefore there would be no extra expenditure in this direction. The services of only one attendant would be required. Why, therefore, would it not be advisable to try it for a short time as an experiment? Without doubt great benefit would be derived from it, and even if it were not found advisable to continue the experiment no harm could arise from giving it a trial. We trust the gymnasium Faculty will consider this matter, and by their action show that the interests of the students are considered.

IN another column of the present issue of the *ERA* may be found an article on the School of Athens, contributed by Mr. J. L. Harrison. This is something that ought to interest all American students, especially those who study the classics, so-called. The advantages offered by this school are great and will do much to keep alive the study of that language, than which there is no other so dignified, expressive, and capable of conveying nice shades of meaning. There is no doubt that the student is greatly animated and enthused when he can pursue his work in the very shadow of the Acropolis. Surrounded by all those influences of climate and natural features of the country, which, in ages long gone by, produced heroes, philosophers and statesmen, he surely cannot fail to have aroused within him new ambition to know more of that life about which poets in all lands have tuned their lyres. To stand on the heights where the King of Persia watched the battle of Salamis, and to see, in imagination, pass before you all the events of that day on which the Greeks won such a signal victory, to stand here fanned by the honey-laden breezes of the Orient and to see the morning clouds as they circle northward towards Mt. Olympus, the home of the gods and the throne of Zeus, is there nothing in all this to inspire courage and help one appreciate the beauties of the language of Homer and Demosthenes. The

words of the poet are beautiful beyond compare when he says,

"Know ye the land where the cypress and myrtle  
Are emblems of deeds that are done in their clime?"

It seems to us, that the good work which the School of Athens will be able to accomplish, would still be furthered by the establishment of traveling fellowships by the leading American colleges. What college is better able than Cornell to take the initiative in this direction, or if other colleges have already taken the lead, what one can more gracefully follow in their wake than Cornell.

### THE YOUNG MAN IN POLITICS.

The young are an important factor in all phases of society. In them are the destinies of the future. To a large extent they are the strength and hope of every community. Born of new ideas they are progressive and direct. They build castles in the air, but the airy structures become the ideals of the future. They are energetic and brave, daring to think and work with all their might in the cause of right.

With these characteristics in view, it is easily seen what a power the young man may be in the political world if he resists the allurements and snares of the experienced and designing; if he obeys the commands of his own conscience, living true to the noblest capacities of his being, and in obedience to the highest law of his nature. That our politics are in need of conscientious, enthusiastic work is plainly perceptible to all.

In this life there is no unmixed good. It is true that the first century of our existence has seen us advancing at a prodigious pace. Our improvement has been one not only of material gain, but also of heart and brain. The government has been cleansed of numerous abuses. Many great and noble minds have shone in the political galaxy, and many are still shining. But amidst all this prosperity there have come evils also. They are now staring us full in the face, and we cannot evade the conflict.

Partisanship has obtained such an influence in our body politic that it threatens to swallow up the very principles which it proposes to cherish. The voter has apparently become imbued with the idea that, unless his party wins, the government will go to destruction. Politicians, in order to gratify their own selfish ambitions, espouse the same idea with all the zeal that the prospects of a future office can inspire. Political parties are necessary in a government

like ours. But there is no occasion or demand that party should be elevated above country. The underlying principle of our government is freedom. This freedom, however, is a dangerous element if not properly understood. It is not freedom to pervert one's better judgment, and to trample under foot the spirit of patriotism for the sake of selfish ends or party success.

It is the duty of every citizen to do all in his power for the best interests of his country. He can do comparatively little alone. His best means of effective work is organization. No harm can be done by every voter's adopting in general the principles of some political party. The danger arises when party prejudice and enthusiasm deprive him of freedom and make him a partisan. That this danger exists in our country is not to be doubted. There are too many who vote with their party whether it be right or wrong. They read and study but one side of a question, and are wilfully ignorant of the argument of the opposition.

Here then is room for reform. Who are to be its leaders? Manifestly, not those already in power, and accustomed to acting in accordance with habitual methods. The only persons competent to bear this standard are the young men. They have no political debts to pay and can act with full freedom. They can go to the people with full confidence in the justness of their cause, and can teach by example as well as by precept.

If the cause of good government is not to be wholly surrendered, wickedness in high places must be overthrown. False ideas of political honor must be uprooted, and true and lofty ones substituted in their stead. The doctrine "to the victors belong the spoils" is a curse to this country. There ought to be no spoils and the only victor should be the people. It should be no dishonor to refuse to vote with the party with which one may have been formerly allied. Yea, it is every one's duty to scratch his party ticket, or reject it altogether if, after due consideration, he believes it to be best for his country. It may be even necessary to organize the opposition, in order to withstand the baneful influences of the political jobbers and tricksters of one's own party.

What our politics need more than anything else in order to build up a true patriotic spirit, is live, energetic men;—men in the truest and best sense of the word; men of principle, who if necessary, will sacrifice popularity, wealth, position and party for the sake of justice and country.

Great questions that require sound reasoning

are presented to the statesman for solution. The scholar in politics is needed in these times. Yet have we not men of profound scholarship in our legislative bodies, and filling executive seats, who are mere trucksters to party demagogues. Scholars are needed, 'tis true, but what we need more, are men. There is a call for men who consider it more honorable to occupy a humble station in life, and to vote conscientiously, than to sit in high places all smirched with dishonesty and political corruption.

It may be objected that young men lack the experience necessary to handle questions of national importance. They do lack experience. It is not proposed to put them immediately in control of the affairs of state. They have a field in which they can work, and if their respective places are filled honestly and faithfully, an experience is soon acquired which fits them for more conspicuous stations. Too much cannot be expected at once. The young man may not have the opportunity or ability to take part in national politics; but local politics are ever open to his influence. There is nothing that tells so much anywhere as earnest patient work, and this is needed in politics. Theoretical purity is preached from the pulpit. Kind and warning words are heard from the moralist. But in connection with these there ought to be a voice that not only says *go* but also *come*. The young man who throws his zeal and energy into the work of reform in local politics will soon be felt in national politics.

Pitt was charged with being a young man, but that did not shield dishonesty and corruption from his scathing denunciations. Gladstone was heard to refer recently to his career fifty years ago. Henry Clay was active in local politics before he was a voter, and was elected to the United States Senate when barely of the required age. Faneuil Hall resounded with the eloquence of Phillips in the cause of freedom when he was but twenty-six.

The young man can and must do something in politics or fail in his mission. He may, by arraying himself in opposition to political cliques, be ridiculed by demagogues and forsaken by friends. But the consciousness of living for his country and humanity, rather than for political party, is a far greater reward than the applause of men.—*The Lantern*.

—A roster of the exercises, lectures and recitations at Sibley College has been posted upon the bulletin. It is arranged in much the same way as the schedule in the Announcement of Courses of Study, and will be of great service to visitors at the College.

### SCHOOL OF ATHENS.

*Recent Progress Made In Its Establishment. The Position It Will Occupy—Its Buildings and Their Surroundings—Needed Increase of Funds.*

The sum of \$25,000, required for the erection of a proper building for the school of classical studies at Athens, Greece, founded by the Archæological Institute of America in the year 1881, has now been secured. A committee, of which Mr. James Russell Lowell is chairman, collected in Boston and its vicinity \$19,000 of this amount. The remaining \$6,000 was contributed by persons residing in and near New York, by a committee of which Mr. Henry G. Marquand is chairman. The managing committee of the school has accepted the lot of land offered by the Greek government as a site for the school, and will proceed at once with the erection of the building. Mr. S. B. P. Trowbridge, who started for Athens during the latter part of July last with the drawings of the building, will superintend its construction. It is expected that the school will be built this winter, finished during the summer of 1887, and be ready for occupancy one year later. The building is to be erected on a plot of ground presented to the school by the Greek government through the personal exertions of Mr. Tricoupia, and adjoining a plot of ground given to the British school of archæological and classical studies. The land lies half a mile east of the centre of the city. The school will stand 400 feet above the level of the sea, its windows commanding a view of all but the northern horizon from Salamis to Pentelanus. Mr. Fearn, the American consul at Athens, has spoken of the site as "one from which the view is unsurpassed even in this land of beauty." The lot which is divided equally between the British and American schools, is 330 feet on the north side and 400 feet in length. The ground is bounded on the east by a ravine, which for a small part of the year does service as the bed of a brook. Just beyond the ravine are the extensive grounds of the Greek monastery, Asonaton. These grounds are beautifully laid out, are covered with trees, and make one of the very few green spots in the neighborhood. It is now proposed by the city authorities to fill up this ravine, and plant upon it a wide street, to be the chief means of access from the schools to the great road which leads out of Athens toward the east, to Cephissia and Marathon. The lower part of the ground is covered by a grove of olive trees, beyond which are the extensive grounds of the hospital, Evangelion. To the west of the British school is a large in-

closure, which has been appropriated to a normal school. It is not as yet occupied. Thus it will be seen that the schools occupy nearly the upper edge of what is virtually an extensive park, 1,000 feet square.

The building of the English school is about fifty feet square and two stories in height. It contains, in addition to accommodations for the director and his family, a large library for the use of students. The American building contains, in addition, six rooms for the use of students. The committee thought that the money given for the express purpose of benefiting the students could best be spent in their service by providing them with comfortable and inexpensive lodgings close to the scene of their work. The building has, moreover, in the basement ample provision for photography. The roof is flat, thus making available for use what, in this climate, is for half the year the most comfortable part of the house. In both schools, owing to the necessity of building the partitions of heavy masonry, in a country entirely devoid of timber, the smaller rooms are situated on the lower story. The large rooms are above. That is, the chambers and bedroom are on a level with the ground; the library, drawing room and dining room are on the second story. This arrangement is less undesirable than might appear, owing to the rapid descent of the ground from north to south. It has, moreover, this incidental advantage, the drawing rooms are near the house-top, which can be conveniently utilized as an out-of-door parlor. As it is not intended that the students shall form part of the director's family, they have independent access to their quarters, without passing through the domestic departments.

The library is reached by means of a public staircase. It is expected that the students will breakfast in their rooms, the meal being supplied from without or from the director's kitchen, and that they will go to the town for their dinner. In addition to their library, which is at once their work room and lecture room, the students have a small sitting room of their own, warmed by an open fire. Indeed, all the principal rooms in the building are warmed by the same means. Even in the middle of winter the house is comfortably warm without fires, if free access is given to the midday sun. And in the American building, at least, the southern windows are both large and numerous.

The structure will be built of rubbles, with cut stone string courses and cornices, the face of the walls being covered with stucco. In the second story is a veranda facing the south and east.

The woodwork for the building will probably be sent from this country. Part of the cabinet work has already been presented to the school by its makers.

This school has been successfully maintained for five years and a half at the expense of some of the American Colleges, either through their corporations or by their alumni. In the beginning, each of these colleges agreed to contribute annually to the expenses of the school, and that each in turn, should, if practicable, send to Athens a professor of Greek classical studies, who should act for one year as director. Amherst College, Brown University, the College of the City of New York, the College of New Jersey, Columbia College, the Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard College, the Johns Hopkins University, the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia, the Wesleyan University and Yale College are now united in this undertaking. A good working library has been got together, a valuable and creditable volume of the papers of the school has been published, and explorations in the almost unknown regions of Asia Minor have been made.

The American school differs in an important and characteristic particular from the French and German schools which have preceded it. While they are intended to give the finishing touches to studies which have already been carried as far as the universities of Paris and Berlin can take them, the American school is calculated mainly to afford young men and young women who propose to become teachers of the language, literature or arts of Greece, an opportunity to become acquainted with the country and to be surrounded by its classic influences. It has been the universal testimony of those students of Greek antiquity who have been so fortunate as to spend a winter in Athens that no other experience is so stimulating and instructive. This advantage has hitherto been difficult of attainment, Greece being of all the civilized countries the most inaccessible and the least familiar. The assurance, however, of a friendly welcome and the facility for diligent study will open the advantages to a class of students to whom they have been closed in the past.

That students will take advantage of the school, the committee in charge have received unmistakable assurances. In answer to a circular of information and inquiry distributed a year ago among the colleges and normal schools, replies have been received from nearly twenty students who are definitely intending to avail themselves of its privileges, and from a still larger number who hope to be able to do



fessor Thurston, Mr. C. J. Emery, Professor S. G. Williams, Mr. E. E. Hale, Jr., and Mr. F. H. Hodder.

From '87: Curtis, Colnon, Vedder, Crane, Saal, Keating, Dennis, Kelsey, White, Chrisman, Richards, Warner, F. W. Thomson, J. F. Thomson, E. L. Elliott, McCargo, St. John, Romer, O. L. Williams, Sternberger and Cornell.

From '88, Chamberlain, Tansey, Hamilton, Blood, Parshall, Brace, Johnson, Fitch, Bostwick, A. L. Soulé, Lorber, Glover, A. S. White, Putterbaugh, Dix, Brooks, Schaife, Treat, Hegewald, Read, Hersey, Newberry and Parmeter.

From '89, Mack, Treman, Oppenheimer, L. H. Parker, McFarland, Millholen, Tustes, Dolar, J. S. Parker, Wakeman and Bates.

From '90, Sheldon, Caldwell, Long, Ballon, Broughton, Eidlitz, Clephane, Ehle, Averill, Wagner, Kilmer, Allen, Dunn, Palmer, Healy, Spear, Etheridge, McReynolds, Hagerman, Isham, Powell, Robinson, Tousey, Johnson, Mowry, Carver and Woolfsohn.

From Sage College, Mrs. Derkheim, Misses Boulton, Hitchcock, Benham, Chamberlain, Vedder, Barrett, Marx, Selmser, Meloy, Bates, Hill, Stewart, Lougee, Hungerford, Cleaves, Knight, Boynton, Jacks, Erance, Bennett, Dygert, Carey, Lily, Edwards, and Rogers.

From Town, Misses Wilgus, Cornell, Healey, Ruth White, King, Gauntlett, Gussie Clark, Anna Van Kirk, Crane, Kimball, Weaver, Swan, Williams, Enz, Bryan, Larrison, and Caldwell.

From abroad, Miss Porter, Boston; Miss Gussie Satterlee, Elmira; Miss Annie L. Chrisman, Harrisburg, Pa.; Miss Standard, Chicago.

Other gentlemen present, Mr. Storms, Linthicum, Mills, McComb, Powell, Hyatt, '86, and C. E. Esty.

### THE HARVARD ANNIVERSARY.

Monday was the third and greatest day of the Harvard celebration and we regret our space forbids us giving a full account of it.

The procession was formed at 9.30 a. m. and marched in the following order to Sander's Theatre. First came the Chief Marshal and aides, President of the Alumni, Charles Devens the orator and poet of the day, and the President and Faculty of Harvard, escorting the President of the United States; Governor Robinson and staff, the Senators from Massachusetts, and other national, state and city officials. Then came a noteworthy list of delegates from other institutions of learning. This included Charles Taylor, Master of St. John's College, University of Cambridge; the Rev. Mandell

Creighton, of Emmanuel College, and Canon of Worcester; the Right Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, of the University of Edinburgh; President Timothy Dwight, of Yale; President Robinson, of Brown; President Bartlett, of Dartmouth; President Buckham, of the University of Vermont; President Carter, of Williams; President Hyde, of Bowdoin; President Barnard, of Middlebury; President Seelye, of Amherst; President James McCosh, of the College of New Jersey; President Barnard, of Columbia; President Adams, of Cornell; President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, and very many others equally prominent in the higher educational institutions of this and other countries. The pastors of the churches of the neighboring towns came next, and the Alumni of Harvard College brought up the rear. The latter were arrayed in three divisions in the order of classes. In all there were 2,000 of the sons and guests of Harvard in line.

When all had entered probably no building in America ever contained a more distinguished company of men of letters than was gathered in Sander's Theatre on this occasion.

The following exercises were now carried out: An oration by James Russell Lowell; a poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes; and the conferring of degrees by President Eliot. The following were made Doctors of Law: George Dexter Robinson, Governor of Mass.; Lucius Quintus Curtis Lamar; George Frisbee Hoar, Senator from Mass.; Charles Taylor, University of Cambridge; the Right Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, University of Edinburgh; Charles Kendall Adams, President of Cornell University, also the presidents of the following colleges: Yale, Brown, Williams, Union Theological Seminary. The degree was also conferred to a large number of other distinguished men of letters.

The procession was re-formed and marched to Memorial Hall where dinner was served. Here speeches were made by President Cleveland, and others and a poem read at the two hundredth anniversary was repeated by Dr. Holmes.

The dinner closed the formal exercises but events of a social nature followed, and reception by President and Mrs. Eliot ended the largest, and most successful college anniversary ever held in America.

### CORNELLIANA.

—Football again to-morrow.

—Who is going to join the University Band?

—Professor Hale did not get back from Harvard in time to meet his Junior-Senior class on Wednesday.

—Senior and Junior themes are due Monday at 10 o'clock.

—The battalion will be photographed to-day by Evans in case the weather permits.

—Professor Corson gave another of his readings at Sage College Monday evening.

—Dr. White was absent from town most of the week, but will meet his classes to-morrow.

—At the last meeting of the Natural History Society the subject of discussion was Medicinal Plants.

—Our "Prexy" has been honored by the degree of LL. D., conferred by Harvard University.

—Ten cents each will be paid for copies of Nos. 1, 11, 13, 17, Vol. 16, at Andrus & Church's.

—It is proposed by the Presbyterian Union to hold a Thanksgiving supper for such of their students as do not go home during the vacation.

—It was intended that the Hare and Hounds Club would run yesterday afternoon, but on account of the rain and mud the boys did not start.

—Professor W. lecturing: After these remarks on generalization I want to give you some *conditios*. Great applause by the students.

—The Junior Ball Committee has been appointed. Dolson, Chairman; Treat, D. N. Heller, Ickelheimer, Brooks, A. L. Soulé, A. S. White.

—The result of the past two weeks' practice will be seen in the game to-morrow. The teams were so evenly matched that an exciting game may be expected.

—Another installment of the Oxford hats, and this time some for the co-eds. The first lady to appear at the University in the hat and tassel was warmly applauded.

—The devastation worked at Willow Pond by the Hallowe'en party has been made good, and there is no longer any danger that Cascadilla may be swept down into Ithaca.

—The embankment of willow pond which had just been repaired, was again broken yesterday. It is reported that a prominent Junior was concerned, and was caught in the act.

—Many of the students it seems, have not read the little cards posted on the library book shelves. For the benefit of those we will say that the cards forbid talking in the library.

—The lacrosse sticks have arrived and have been distributed to those who first ordered. On Thursday forenoon several students indulged in practice on the campus north of the gymnasium.

—A Mather dynamo presented to the University by the Mather Electric Light Co., of Hartford, Conn., is being unpacked at Sibley College. The Edison plant is now partly arranged, but the lights will not be in use till the last of the term.

—There was a great rush to get tickets for the "Little Tycoon" last Monday. In an hour over 250 seats had been sold. Some persons had boys waiting at Mr. Finch's store from early in the morning until the sale of seats was opened at 2 p. m.

—Professor of Elocution notes on the board some points in which he wishes members of the class to criticise each speaker that leaves the platform. Junior, rising to criticise,—“Shall I mention the points in *chronological order*?” Prof. looks dazed, and class applauds vigorously.

—Models of some of the animal mounds in Wisconsin to which Professor Tyler recently referred in his Junior American History, may be found on the first floor of the general museum just north of the centre. From them a good idea of the appearance of the mounds may be had.

—Has the spelling reform reached Ithaca? A student publishes on the bulletin the request that the finder of a lost article return it to "Sibley college" and in one of the mathematical rooms it appeared by a figure that a Freshman had employed in a demonstration the "base of a cone."

—The examinations for the two lieutenantships in the battalion took place this week. There were about a dozen applicants, and they were required to undergo a strict oral examination in all parts of the tactics. The promotion of the successful competition will probably be made this afternoon.

—We republish this week from the *Lantern* of the Ohio State University an article on the "Young Man in Politics." Although from the pen of an undergraduate, it contains sentiments well worthy the attention of those who are ambitious of distinction in public life, and we recommend it to our readers.

—Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, D. D., of New York City will occupy the Sage Chapel pulpit on Sunday next. Rev. Mr. Parkhurst is of the Presbyterian denomination and we assure you a treat in the way of preaching, if you attend the meetings. Let the chapel be well filled and by our presence show our interest.

—Messrs. Wm. S. Kimball & Co. have produced a Cigarette that has long been desired. It is delicately perfumed, just enough to destroy the odor of the burning paper, and changes the

smoke to an incense, so entirely different from the ordinary Cigarette, that no one can object to its use, it is innocuous and universally liked.

—Those taking Professor Tyler's Junior American History must have the report upon their special text ready to hand in as early as Dec. 1. All that can, however, are requested to hand in their report before that date. The time has been extended to Dec. 1 in order to give more time to those that have but lately received their subjects.

—Since the last game of football several changes have been made in the teams, and it is believed both elevens are improved. But for the loss of their captain the Freshmen would have a much stronger team. All that was said before the other game might be repeated now. Let every one who can spare the time attend the sport. A good game will be played.

—Professor Leakey mistook the meaning of the applause with which his remarks on the soul-stirring powers of the female voice were received. The applause was given for the same reason that the Romans applauded Terence when he said: *Homo sum: humani nil a me alienum puto*, that is, because his statement was so exact an expression of the experience and feelings of his hearers.

—'89 has decided to wear a class hat, but the style is yet to be decided upon. It will not be the mortar-board, however. The Sophomores have shown good judgment in choosing some other kind of hat, inasmuch as '87 and '88 jointly selected the mortar-board as a hat to distinguish Seniors and Juniors from lower classmen. Whatever you choose, '89, we hope that it will be more comfortable than the mortar-board.

—Some of the students who work in the gymnasium seem quite too careless of their personal appearance. Although it is not necessary to be dressed as for a party it is necessary that all who exercise in a place to which the public are admitted, should give some little heed to the garments they wear. Their suits may at least be extensive enough to cover most of the person and should be kept in a condition approaching cleanliness.

—Mr. Miller has resigned from the position of editor-in-chief of the *Sun*. The reason for his action, as we are informed, is pressure of regular University work. Mr. Horr has been elected by the board to fill the vacant office. Mr. Miller has discharged the by-no-means easy duties of editor-in-chief in a way that must be eminently satisfactory to himself and his friends, and Mr. Horr has only to do as well to be in every way successful.

—The performance of the "Little Tycoon" at the Opera House last evening was excellent in every way. Especially good was the singing of Messrs. Flint, Barry and Maas and Miss Hattie Arnold. The Cornell yell given by the company was a little lacking in spirit and in form, things that the numerous students present might well have supplied had they been in the mood. By making it a rule to furnish entertainments as good as this for the public, Mr. Wilgus will insure for himself liberal patronage, at least from the students.

—An important change has been made in the method of marking the students' work. Instead of a scale of 5 as before, a scale of 100 is to be adopted. Although this may seem a trivial matter it is really of considerable importance. Under the old system it was a small mistake that did not count as a quarter of a single unit, and it is to be hoped that under the new scale not every unimportant error will count as high as 5 per cent. We think that in the past the examiners have been, perhaps unconsciously led to severity in marking.

—To-morrow at 2.30, weather permitting, '89 and '90 will again play football to settle a point of difference that always exists between Sophomore and Freshman classes. There will be some change in the make up of both teams; for '89, one change will be made in the rush line; for '90, Stranahan and Thayer will take the place of Schmidt and——— in the rush line, and Miller and Adams will play half-back in place of Sheldon and Thayer. Otherwise there will be no changes. A higher order of play is to be expected than was exhibited in the former game, and nothing but bad weather should prevent a large crowd of spectators.

—Agents selected from the student body are around soliciting subscriptions for the aid of Cornell's athletic interests. A sum not far from \$2,000 must be raised if we are to send a crew to New London next year and in addition fit the ball nine out with a batting cage and send them East in the spring. Every student must desire that our crew and ball team should meet the Eastern colleges next year, and the best way to show such a desire is by subscribing as liberally as circumstances will allow to the athletic fund. The lowest limit to subscriptions is five dollars and the highest it is needless to mention. No one need have any fear of getting too high in his figures.

—The Freshman foot ball team will be badly handicapped to-morrow by the absence of its experienced captain, Mr. Sheldon. It is understood that his mother strongly objects to his engaging in the sport. Freshmen will naturally

feel disappointed and discouraged over the absence of this strong player from the eleven but they should take courage from the fact that their team, which tied the Sophomores before, has been practicing steadily for the past two weeks, and has greatly improved in form. The members of the Sophomore team have done much less work of late than their opponents. They should not cultivate a spirit of over-confidence, however, for they will find '90's team much more formidable than two weeks ago, even though Mr. Sheldon should be absent.

—Action should be taken at once toward building a "cage" for the ball nine. The team for the last two years has not only made an excellent record for itself without expense to the student body, but it has even turned money into the treasury of the Athletic Association. Certainly those that are to practice for next year's team need a "cage," and a good one, wherein they may obtain a certain degree of proficiency in that important element of good ball playing, batting. Spectators at all ball games of whatever sort, like to see good hitting and plenty of it, and those that attend our games surely are no exception to the rule. And you may depend on it, that away down in the bottom of his heart, (and her's too, by the way), every student that sees our nine play ball has a nervous desire to see *our own* team do the most of the good hitting. No report has yet been made by the Athletic Association in regard to the funds of last year. This will doubtless soon be done, and enough money may be on hand to provide for a cage. If there is not, enough should be subscribed. Students! if our team plays Harvard, Yale and Princeton next spring you would not want it said that they failed to win victories from lack of batting practice, a need that you might well have supplied; and if they should succeed in their games, your enthusiasm would not allow you to begrudge the money spent to aid them. Give the nine a fair chance, as you have done well before, and then the test with the Eastern colleges, if it come, will be a fair one in so far as our team is concerned.

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#### EXCHANGES.

Several new exchanges greet us this week. Although our table is well filled, there is always room for more.

The Rochester *Campus* is very attractive in all its departments. Its aim to become "the brightest and newsiest college journal published" is a very laudable, and if carefully guarded, cannot help but being "an indispen-

sable necessity to every Rochester alumnus." We take the following "Summer Incident" from the *Campus* to bring back pleasant recollections to many of our readers.

We were sitting side by side  
And we watched the ebbing tide,  
By the sea;  
Night was darkening, I trow,  
And the moon was rising slow  
O'er the lea.

A breeze had risen, too,  
And as it gently blew  
She grew chill;  
Although she had a shawl  
I knew that was not all,  
Desire to still.

So I nestled rather near.  
Half in doubt, and half in fear,  
What to do;  
Then the little darling braced  
"I would send my arm to waste,  
Wouldn't you?"

The Hobart *Herald* contains a full account of their Fall Athletic Meeting. We would suggest that the literary department of the *Herald* be improved as monthly publications should excel in that line of work.

The *Concordians* begins its tenth volume very favorably. The editorials are clearly and forcibly written and the other departments of the paper are up to a high standard. The neatness of the paper is apparent throughout.

The *Berkeleyan* does not hesitate to give its opinion on matters of importance as is evidenced by the editorial upon the political aspirants for the governorship of California. The article on "Athletics" is well to the point and deserves the consideration of the student body. The "Comparison of the characters of Juliet and Ophelia" is well brought out and on the whole is a very creditable article.

*College Student* is a very good publication and deserves the support of the students of the college it represents.

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#### AMUSEMENTS.

At the Wilgus Opera House on Monday evening November 15th, Lillie Allyn's Japanese Minstrels and Big Burlesque Co. will appear, and on Thursday evening Nov. 18th W. C. Cowper will appear in the great stage success entitled Black Mail.

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#### CLIPPINGS.

—Cramming for examination, the turkey which is fattening for Thanksgiving.—*Colby Echo*.

—Quarrel in the college tower :

Bell (to clapper): "Do you mean to say you think my sweet voice annoys?"

Clapper: "I told you so."

Bell: "You wrong me."

Clapper: "You have too much temper."

Bell: "And you too much mettle."

Clapper: "I am going to strike."

Bell: "You insulting *cur* few times have I been treated thus.—*College Student.*

WHY NOT?

My father this day writeth me

The girl of whom he heard me tell

Was young when *he* became A. B.,

Then is she not a "chestnut" belle?

—*The Dartmouth.*

—A man from Detroit silent sat on third base,  
Singing 'Cago, Chicago, Chicago.

In vain did he wipe the hot tears from his face,

Singing 'Cago, Chicago, Chicago.

"Is it weakness of pitching or mufing," I cried,

"Or a big lot of base hits all on the wrong side?"

He sang very faintly as slowly he died:

"Chicago, Chicago, Chicago." —*Life.*

MY TENNIS HAT.

It's not an especially pretty one,  
This tennis hat that I love so well,  
It's faded now by the wind and sun,  
You scarce its original color can tell.

But I'll tell you the story you'll surely believe,  
There's a charm that ever endears it the more,  
As I think of that beautiful mid-summer eve,  
When she "swapped" with me down at the shore.

—*Yale Record.*

REPETITION.

"Does this suit your fancy?" the tailoress asked;

"I fancy I'm suited,"—said she.

The suit that she fancied she quickly tried on;

"This suit is too fancy,"—quoth she.

I fancy if this doesn't suit, nothing will,

"I fancy this suit," pouted she.

"I thought 'twas too fancy?" the tailoress said;

"But my fancy is suited," said she.

—*Yale Record.*

STATES.

A gentle Miss., once seized with chill,  
Was feeling very, very, Ill.,  
When came an Md. for to know  
If N. Y. service he could do.

"O.," cried the maid (for scared was she),  
"Do you Ind. Tenn. to murder Me.?"

"Ia.," cried the doctor, "I Kan. save  
You from a most untimely grave  
If you will let me Conn. your case,  
And hang this liver pad in place."

"Am Ia. fool?" the patient cried.  
"I cannot Del." the man replied;  
"But no one can be long time Ill.,  
Who Tex. a patent blue Mass. pill."

"Ark.!" shrieked the girl, "I'll hear no Mo.,  
Your nostrums are N. J.—no go."

—*Utica Observer.*

CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnott, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

University Chapel. Services at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. during the fall and spring term. Discourses delivered by clergymen of the various Christian denominations.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Sts. Pastor, R. D. Munger. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sabbath School at 12:15 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 10 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m., Sunday Prayer Meeting at 6 p. m. Teachers' Meetings, Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m. Regular Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

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THE first of the series of Military Hops held at the Armory two weeks ago proved a great success. Considerable doubt was entertained in regard to the success of this enterprise, and many hesitated to attend on that account. Fortunately there were a sufficient number present to make everything pass off in a most enjoyable manner. In consideration of this fact the Department has decided that the next Hop of the series shall be held probably at the first of the coming week. It has, moreover, been decided that invitations shall be extended to persons not in attendance at the Uni-

versity, provided their presence is desired. We hope to see the next Hop better patronized by the students, and as it will undoubtedly be the last of the series, all those who can possibly attend should be present. We would be especially pleased to see present at these Hops a larger number from the Faculty.

WE hear it rumored that the Faculty are considering the question whether it would be advisable to extend the Thanksgiving vacation from Wednesday to Monday inclusive. Although we cannot hope to have any influence in this direction, we can, at least, express the general student opinion on the subject. There is no doubt that a statement to this effect, posted on the Faculty bulletin-board, would soon be noised abroad amidst universal rejoicing. Students who wish, could then spend Thanksgiving at home and would doubtless return much rested and ready to take up the remaining work of the term with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Students who remain in the city as well as those who go home, would be highly gratified and could not fail to be greatly benefited by a short cessation of the long term's work. While we hope the rumor mentioned above may prove true we are equally as anxious that a certain other rumor may prove false. This latter is to the effect that the great University wheel is to be stopped but for a single day, Thursday. It is certainly to be hoped that, if the vacation is not lengthened, the old custom, established by long usage, will be observed. One day off would be only an aggravation.

THE Willow Pond difficulty is attracting such universal attention from the students, that a word in our columns may not be amiss. As far as we have been able to learn, the action of the students in this matter was entirely uncalled for and, to say the least, was very ungentlemanly. Willfully to injure the property

of another, whatever his offense, can possibly find no excuse either from a moral or legal standpoint. If the matter of a bridge over the pond had been presented to the owner in the proper way and had been refused by him, then the perpetrators of the offense could have found some little excuse for their action, but even then such a course could not be sanctioned by law. We doubt not that the students have injured their cause much more than they have benefited it, for after all that has happened we could hardly blame the owner if he should now object to the building of a bridge under any consideration. He is but a man among men and we can see no adequate reason for the damage which has been done his property. In this, as in many other so-called college "pranks," the majority have probably been led by the few. However this may be, we hope the students interested will resort to no further violence and that the matter will come to a speedy settlement perfectly satisfactory to all concerned.

WHEN the college press of Cornell University is mentioned, the *ERA* and the *Sun* are probably meant. We therefore take to ourselves a part of the good advice about "grammar" that recently appeared in the *Ithaca Republican*. Although we are willing to receive advice from those that are experienced in journalism, still we think that some of the statements of the *Republican*, concerning the kind of English used by the editors of this publication and by those of the *Sun*, were rather too strong. The above-mentioned newspaper says that the English used by the college press this year is more uniformly bad than ever before, and that all interested in the Cornell papers have observed this fact. This statement seems pretty general. The writer of the article must have examined the college papers for years with the especial object of comparing the kind of English used one year with that used another, and must have heard many opinions upon the matter in order to get the views of all interested; or else he is trying to make his criticism appear to express the sentiments of nearly all the readers of the college journals without having any

right to do so. We may sometimes use bad English, and are willing to be told of the fact when it is done. But when it is said that we are almost always in the *habit* of using bad grammar, we must, at least in behalf of this part of the college press, rise and object. The editors of this paper have never before had any experience in journalism, a fact that perhaps we do not need to state. However, we are willing to learn and hope to make manifest our improvement. We are certainly not yet up to the trick of the trade that enables an editor to publish at least three different articles twice verbatim in the same issue of his journal, no doubt for the purpose of filling up. For an example of the successful accomplishment of this trick, see the first page of the *Ithaca Republican* for Nov. 5. An occasional solecism in a journal is certainly preferable to such wholesale repetition.

BY the first snow storm and by the appearance of the schedule for term examinations, we are reminded that the term is rapidly drawing to a close. Those who have done and are doing faithful work find nothing in this fact to disturb the even tenor of their ways, but the faithless student is sore troubled and the way of his life is hard, for he finds no pleasure in study and day after day adds to his misery. Now the busiest part of the term is upon us. Students unused to study now feel it incumbent upon them to do something. Night is turned into day and the great process of "cramming" has commenced. The midnight-oil is burned and when, at length, the weary student lays his head upon the pillow and invites sweet sleep, there rises up before him a grim spectre which reminds him of wasted opportunities and the neglect of divers means for culture. His troubles lie heavy upon him and yet, at the last hour he buckles on his armor and goes into the fight determined to win. Of this process of "cramming" much may be said both *pro* and *con*, but experience generally inclines to favor it. Without doubt the student who has worked diligently, is greatly benefitted by thus obtaining a comprehensive view of his term's work. He gives the finishing touches to what

he has done and contemplates the whole with satisfaction. We can surely find nothing here to condemn, but, in the case of students who habitually neglect their work, we cannot say as much. These are the ones who abuse their privileges and resort to "cramming" to set them on their feet. The knowledge thus acquired often stands them in as good stead as though it were a permanent possession. They retain something while much escapes them. Herein exists the evil which is only partially an evil, for it is better to know little by losing much than to be entirely ignorant. We have here presented the limits of two possibilities in student life. There are many who take a middle course, but the tendency is to the one or the other of these extremes, neither of which is desirable, for to be a mere fossil possesses as few charms for the most of us as does it to be a dude.

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#### AMATAM IN ABSENTEM.

O beatum qui pedicis amoris  
Alligatus dulcibus est fideque,  
Solut et desiderio venustae  
Virginis ardet.

Arte Circae pagina nescioqua  
Saepe mutatur mihi semisomni  
In manus leves animae meae; nec  
Iam mihi curae

Socratis verba omnia. Rursus inter  
Asperas quercus simul ambulamus,  
Occidens cum sol rubefecit aequor  
Patris aquarum.

Rursus aspecto illecebrosa labra,  
Bucculas, crines, oculosque longe  
Pulchriores caerulea Cayuga  
Fronte sub alba.

Rursus ornatus lepidus ruboris,  
Risus, arsque omnis revenit pudica,  
Et diserte dicta, animi politi  
Signa, recordor.

Des mihi, obsecro, o Deus, esse dignum  
Virginis virtutibus atque amore,  
Et meam vitam vitio omni abesse,  
Dum datur aer. —X.

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Miss Alice Freeman, president of Wellesley, is a glorious example of what a woman may become. Small and slight and handsome, only twenty-nine years old, she has mastered several languages, is learned in all the sciences, and has won the right to stand beside the greatest, as president of a college.—*Denison Collegian*.

#### GREEK ART.

Greece, the land of poetry and of song, forms one of the three southern peninsulas of Europe. On account of her physical characteristics and geographical position, she has attained a much higher degree of civilization than her sisters. In literature, and art she stands far in advance of her neighbors and, indeed, is without a rival even in this advanced age. The deeds of her heroes have been sung by poets in all lands. The work of her poets, sculptors, and architects has been imitated in almost every clime. For design and workmanship these have never been equalled and that too, though many of her great master pieces of art have been destroyed by the ravages of time.

What were the causes that led to this unparalleled development on the part of the Greek people? Much of their power as poets, architects and sculptors was inherent in the very nature of the people themselves. They loved the beautiful and sublime in nature and sought by every means in their power to represent their thoughts. Sometimes this was done by poetry, sometimes by sculpture and less often by painting. The Greek saw beauty in everything. The mountains, valleys, rivers, trees, rocks and caves, all possessed for him a peculiar charm. Greece is remarkable for the beauty of its natural scenery, hence they had rare opportunities for cultivating their aesthetic nature.

Besides the physical characteristics of their country, to which their art owed much, yet its development depended in a large measure, upon their physical, domestic, political, social and commercial relations. Especially favorable to the growth of art was the political relations established among most of the States of Greece upon the ancient ruins of tyranny. In no country where the people are subject to the caprice of a despot can the highest culture be attained. So it was in Greece. Literature and art received a great impetus upon the establishment of free institutions and the consequent tendency towards national unity. No longer were the people fettered either in mind or body. They were free to form and fashion their ideas as best suited their inclination and ability. The result was the grandest works of art the world has ever produced.

Probably that to which Greek art owes most, was religion. This was peculiarly fitted for the development of the imagination. In fact the whole religion of the Greeks was one of imagination. They worshiped mythical gods, built elaborate temples and placed in them beautiful stone and marble representations of their gods. This faculty, the faculty of giving their ideas

bodily form, [the Greeks possessed in a remarkable degree. Says another, "Every thought of their minds, every feeling of their hearts was invested with a suitable form and into every form of what seems to us inanimate and soulless nature they breathed the breath of life and intelligence."

Taking all these things, their own nature, the nature of their country, their education, and, above all, their religion, into consideration, we say is it any wonder that art reached such a high development in their midst, and that they hold the "indisputable position of the first cultivated people in the world?"

### *PROSPECTS IN ATHLETICS.*

For the benefit of our readers who are interested in the matter we will state all that is thus far known about the prospects for getting a batting cage for the ball nine, and about the prospects of the nine and crew in general.

It is deemed advisable by those having the matter in hand to build no permanent building for the nine, but to have for this winter if possible, a temporary building, as has been the case for the past two years. One or two buildings are in view that will be suitable for batting-practice and probably one of them will be selected and fitted up for immediate use.

The reason for this step is a good one. In a year or two, very possibly next year, there will be an addition built to the south end of the present annex of the Gymnasium which, besides containing additional lockers and bath rooms for the use of students, will contain two large rooms for the exclusive use of the crew and ball nine respectively. From each of these rooms lockers and bath-rooms will be set off, and probably a closet in which may be kept balls, bats, gloves, masks, and whatever those training for the crew may need. The new annex will probably be about one hundred feet in length, and forty in width. The room that is to be given up to the exclusive use of the ball nine will probably be on the upper floor and will be so constructed as to be lighted by windows from above. The room containing lockers, bath-tubs, etc., will be set off from the end of the main room, leaving as a batting cage proper a room about seventy-five feet long. This will be of ample length for pitching and catching as well as for batting. With these advantages for training, future candidates for our crew and nine will have an opportunity to make themselves as proficient in their chosen sport as the members of any other college or university.

Of course, nothing is as yet certain about

the make up of either next year's crew or nine. Therefore it is impossible to tell what relative strength they will have. There are many strong men in the new class as well as in all the others, who might with faithful practice make good oarsmen. But whether we are to have a good crew or not is a different matter. It rests almost entirely in the hands of those students that might by hard training become capable of rowing as Cornell's oarsmen have very often in the past rowed—too fast for their opponents.

Many students are heard to express the fear that the nine next year will be much inferior to the one of last year. They have little reason for this opinion. The only probable reason why it can be weaker is the fact that we have lost Olin and Smith from the University. But is the fact that these two men are not to be with us proof positive that the team will be weaker? Good players are constantly leaving all colleges yet the relative strength of the nines of those colleges remains about the same. Our old players of last year will all no doubt be stronger and, with good practice, more skillful in the game than last year. Surely out of 800 students men enough can be found to fill the vacant places left in last year's team, and enough men besides to strengthen it at weak points. Besides it is extremely probable that one of the men who graduated last year will be here again next spring ready to "hit that leather" as hard as ever.

By a little consideration it will be seen that all fears concerning the relative strength of next year's nine and crew as compared with those of previous years are groundless. The only question is whether they will be strong enough to compete with the Eastern Colleges, and whether the Athletic Council will be rich enough to send them East. The student body is subscribing liberally to the athletic fund and it is to be hoped that enough money will be raised by spring to enable the above question to be answered in the affirmative.

Then we hope at last to have that desire which has long possessed us gratified, the desire to see Harvard, Yale, and Princeton vanquished by Cornell both upon the diamond and upon the water.

—At a meeting for the advancement of the foot-ball interests in the University, it was decided to appoint a committee of three to organize a foot-ball team. The following constitute the committee: W. H. Peck, '88, E. H. Bennett, Jr., '89, J. H. Sheldon, '90, E. D. Carnaghan, Chairman.

## THE MEETING OF THE H. P. S. A.

The History and Political Science association held its most successful meeting in the Botanical Lecture Room, on Wednesday evening. Owing to the bad weather the meeting was not a large one; it was however very interesting and those who attended felt well repaid for venturing out.

The Faculty was especially well represented. Ex-President White attended and was accompanied by his guests, Dr. Theodor Barth, member of the German Reichstag, and Colonel de Laussedat, head of the *Conservatoire des Arts et Mètièrs, Paris*.

The Association was called to order by President Adams. He announced that the subject for the evening's discussion was The Tenure of Office Act, and that the subject was divided into six topics, each topic to be discussed separately.

The first topic, When and how the tenure of office was limited, was discussed by Mr. Wilbur, '87.

Mr. O. L. Eliot, instructor, followed with the topic, Efforts that have been made to modify this law.

The other topics were as follows, The distinction between administrative and political officers, by Mr. Coley, '87.

Is there anything in our system of government incompatible with the tenure of office during good behavior? by Mr. Mott, '88.

The evils that have arisen under the present system, by Mr. Mills, P. G.

What evils, if any, are to be apprehended from a change? by Mr. Hull, '86.

The topics were all ably discussed and showed careful preparation on the part of those who treated them.

Professor Tyler was then called upon and he spoke for a few minutes on one of the above topics. He was followed by Professor Tuttle, who, though making but a short speech, emphasized and made clearer many points brought out in the preceding discussion. Ex-President White also spoke briefly on the subject.

Dr. Barth and Colonel de Laussedat being requested to address the Association consented to do so.

Dr. Barth spoke on the administration of the German government and on the present tendency of the government toward bureaucracy. He spoke in broken English, and then in German, and his remarks were interpreted by Mr. Burr.

Colonel de Laussedat then gave his views on tenure of office and as he spoke in French, President White kindly acted as interpreter.

This ended the program and it being late all

business to be brought before the society was postponed until the next meeting.

On suggestion of Dr. Tyler, that portion of the recent letter of J. G. Blaine which relates to the failure of the English Civil Service, was adopted as one of the subjects for the next meeting. This subject will be of great interest on account of the discussion which it caused in the press all over the country.

The meeting then adjourned to meet, Wednesday, Dec. 1.

## SUBJECTS FOR WOODFORD ORATIONS.

The following subjects are suggested for the Woodford prize in Oratory:

The Political Integrity of Gladstone.

Disraeli's Reform Bill of 1867.

Carlyle as a Historical Painter and Humorist.

Carlyle's Estimate of Mirabeau.

Victor Hugo as a Politician and Social Reformer.

Pym and Strafford as Statesmen.

The Foreign Policy of the Pitt Administration of 1756, '57.

The Conflict of Labor and Capital.

Trades-Unions.

The Immoral and Criminal Tendencies of American Extravagance.

The Causes which have kept the Reformation within its Original Geographical Limits in Europe.

The Influence of the Bible on National Freedom and Progress.

The Novel as an Organ of Dramatic Genius.

The Service rendered to Poetry by the Science and Philosophy of the Age.

Wordsworth's Political "Apostasy."

Matthew Arnold's Canons of Political Criticism.

"Funny" Literature as a Debaser of the Moral Currency.

Chaucer and Langley (or Langland), as Reflectors of their Age, and as Satirists.

The Social and Political Dangers of Immigration and of easy Conditions of Naturalization.

Students choosing other subjects, will please submit them to the Professor of Rhetoric before the 1st of December.

There are five or six candidates at Yale for the positions of both catcher and pitcher on next spring's base ball team. Dann, last year's catcher, is named as a candidate for both positions.

## STATISTICS.

Through the kindness of Professor Fuertes we are enabled to print the following statistics of the Cornell graduates in Civil Engineering at the end of the year 1885. To students in this course and also to others, they cannot fail to be interesting, as showing the work that has been done by the Department:

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| Contractors and Engineers on their own account, . . . . . | 41         |
| Assistant engineers on Railways, . . . . .                | 19         |
| Professors of engineering, . . . . .                      | 14         |
| Managers of Industrial Works, . . . . .                   | 13         |
| Bridge engineers, . . . . .                               | 10         |
| Engineers in government work, . . . . .                   | 10         |
| Chief engineers of Railways, . . . . .                    | 10         |
| Hydraulic engineers, . . . . .                            | 5          |
| Mining engineers, . . . . .                               | 5          |
| Engineers in government surveys, . . . . .                | 4          |
| City engineers, . . . . .                                 | 3          |
| Electrical engineers, . . . . .                           | 3          |
| Consulting engineers, . . . . .                           | 3          |
| Resident engineers in Railways, . . . . .                 | 3          |
| Division engineers, . . . . .                             | 2          |
| Fellows in Cornell University, . . . . .                  | 2          |
| Engineers and architects, . . . . .                       | 2          |
| <b>Total in professional practice,</b> . . . . .          | <b>149</b> |
| Attorneys and counselors at law, . . . . .                | 4          |
| Journalists, . . . . .                                    | 2          |
| Farmers . . . . .   | 2          |
| Bank cashier and actuary, . . . . .                       | 1          |
| Planter, . . . . .  | 1          |
| Merchant, . . . . .                                       | 1          |
| Druggist, . . . . .                                       | 1          |
| Insurance, . . . . .                                      | 1          |
| Theological student, . . . . .                            | 1          |
| Deceased, . . . . .                                       | 5          |
| <b>Total out of the profession,</b> . . . . .             | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>Grand total.</b> . . . . .                             | <b>168</b> |

### A RECEPTION TO EX-PRESIDENT AND MRS. WHITE.

Friday evening last was made the occasion of a very pleasant social event in the form of a reception given by the members of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, to Ex-President and Mrs. White. Ex-President White is a member of the fraternity and one of those most instrumental in founding a chapter at Cornell.

The occasion gave to many of his friends the first opportunity of greeting him since his return from abroad. Notwithstanding the disagreeable condition of the weather nearly two hundred guests were present. The reception hall was very tastefully decorated in the colors and symbols representative of the fraternity.

The reception committee consisted of Professor and Mrs. H. S. Williams, Professor and Mrs. Newbury, Professor and Mrs. Prentiss. Among those present the following were noted:

From the Faculty, President Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Wilder, Professor Hewett, Professor and Mrs. Schaeffer, Professor and Mrs. Babcock, Professor and Mrs. Crane, Professor and Mrs. Wait, Professor and Miss Oliver. Professor and Mrs. Comstock, Professor and Mrs. Schurman, Professor Anthony, Lieut. Van Ness and wife, Professor and Mrs. Roberts, Professor and Mrs. Hale, Professor and Mrs. Crandall, Professor Caldwell, Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Professor and Mrs. Tyler, Dr. and Mrs. Law, Professor and Mrs. Moler, Professor and Mrs. Griffin, Professors Dudley, James, Marx, Messrs. Leakey, McMahon, Hale, Lapham, Hodder, and Thurber.

Among those present from the town: Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick, Rev. and Mrs. Synott, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Halliday, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Blood, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller, Hon. and Mrs. C. M. Titus, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Humphrey, Mrs. Outwater, Mrs. Lapham, Mrs. S. W. Hewett, Judge F. M. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sage, Mr. S. B. Turner, Clarence Esty, Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Fiske, Major Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Leander King, Miss Healy, Miss McChain, Mrs. C. H. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. John Gauntlett, Mrs. J. T. Newman, Misses Finch, Eunice Cornell, Parker, Outwater, Whitney, Tyler, Williams, Carey, Gauntlett, Esty, Swan, Clark, White, King and Miss Standard of Chicago.

### SAGE CHAPEL.

Rev. C. H. Parkhurst, D. D., of New York, filled the Sage Chapel pulpit last Sunday. His sermons were listened to by a large and attentive audience. The new choir adds to the meetings an interest not hitherto felt, and doubtless draws many students to the hill on Sunday who have been in the habit of attending church in town.

Rev. Chas. H. Hall, D. D., (Episcopal,) of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the minister for next Sunday. As a powerful speaker and strong thinker Rev. Hall is well known. And as this is the last sermon of the term, he should be greeted by a full chapel.

### NOTICES.

All members of the Guitar and Banjo Club are earnestly requested to meet at the Zeta Psi House, Saturday afternoon, at 2 p. m. Bring instruments.

The Seabury Guild will meet next Sunday evening at half-past seven o'clock, in the rooms of the Christian Association. Professor Hewett will speak on the subject of Biblical manuscripts.

## AN EXPLANATION.

In regard to a statement made in an editorial of last week, the following which we received from the Library will speak for itself:

"The morning papers are always placed on file before six o'clock on the day they are published, excepting on Saturdays when the Library closes at five o'clock. The Saturday papers are invariably on file on Monday morning and usually the Sunday papers also. The *Evening Post* is usually on file the morning after it is published. The morning mail is sometimes late, and when this happens the *Post* does not appear until the next evening; when it happens on a Saturday, Friday's *Post* of course does not appear until the following Monday. If the mail is late on Monday morning the Sunday papers do not reach the Library until Monday evening. Any delay that may occur in this way is obviously beyond the control of the Library authorities, and the statement that Friday and Saturday's papers are not put out until the following Tuesday is in no case correct."

## CORNELLIANA.

—Where is the Sibley football team?

—Professor Hale did not meet his section in Plautus to-day.

—Professor Cleaves is giving to the freehand drawing classes, a number of lectures on Perspective.

—The C. U. C. A. unites with the town Y. M. C. A. in daily meetings in Library Hall during this week.

—The first banquet of the Mermaid Club was held Tuesday evening. A number of the Faculty were present.

—Professor Newbury has been unable to meet his classes for two or three days on account of sickness.

—Owing to the illness of Professor Newbury the entertainment of the Irving Literary Society has been postponed.

—At the last meeting of the Faculty, Professor H. S. Williams was elected Secretary in place of Professor Caldwell, resigned.

—Lacrosse and football are the coming sports at Cornell. A Lacrosse Club has been organized, with Mr. Crane, '87, as president.

—Mr. Crane, '87 is to be congratulated upon the success which he has brought to the Lacrosse Club. Although a new man in the University, he has been able to start with every promise of a prosperous future an athletic organization entirely new to Cornell.

—We have received a valuable contribution relative to the election of ERA editors. It was received, however, too late for publication in this issue. Look out for it!

—All persons desiring to try for the Glee Club who have not already done so, will please meet on Saturday evening, at 7.30 p. m., at the rooms of the Ithaca Quartette.

—A reward of \$100 is offered for the arrest of the student who while watching the water rush down under Cascadilla bridge yesterday was heard to say, "this is gorge-ous."

—A meeting of the Junior ball committee was appointed for Monday evening, but nothing was done, and the meeting was adjourned till Thursday evening at the D. K. E. house.

—Still the Gymnasium "Art Gallery" is growing. Among the latest additions are photographs of Hanlan, the professional oarsman, and of Cornell's famous "Shinkle" crew.

—At the meeting last Friday of the Banjo players, an organization was perfected. Mr. Ickelheimer, '88 was made the first president of this, the youngest of Cornell's "Clubs."

—Instead of the regular discussions and papers, the Mechanical Engineers' Association to-day listen to a lecture on a Standard Steam Boiler Trial, by Mr. John W. Hill, of Cincinnati, O.

—At a meeting of the Junior Ball committee last night, it was decided that the Ball be given on the night of the second Friday in February. The various sub-committees were also appointed.

—The Yale Football team saw the recent game between Princeton and Harvard. They left for home looking decidedly glum over their prospects for Thanksgiving Day. Princeton did not let Harvard score a point in the game.

—A very enjoyable reception was given by Professor and Mrs. Wait, to the members of the Zeta Psi fraternity last Wednesday evening, and it was an occasion long to be remembered. The gracious manners of the hostess and the charming young ladies present added much to the entertainment.

—Various committees have been appointed to arrange for the Thanksgiving banquet of the Presbyterian Union. The banquet will be held either Thursday or Friday evening of next week, and no trouble is to be spared to make it a pleasant occasion for the Presbyterian students of the University.

—The regular meeting of the History and Political Science Association was held in the Botanical Lecture Room Wednesday evening.

After reports by several students on the Tenure of Office Act, addresses were given in German, by Herr Barth of the German Parliament, and in French by Col. de Laussedat of Paris.

—Student enters a recitation room late. Instructor in French (translating).—"Have you ever seen such a lazy boy?" Recitation proceeds, interrupted occasionally by a gentle "ting" from a hidden chestnut-gong. This "ting," by the way, is somewhat of a "chestnut" itself, and might well be dispensed with.

—The collectors for the athletic fund are meeting with considerable success. But let this fact not prevent anyone from subscribing; for if every student does his duty, there will be none too much given. The prospect of a University eight for next season is good, and each should try to do his best to increase that prospect.

—The *Cornellian* board of '87, have met and divided the profits of their work. This distribution of spoils should be another encouragement to the present editors. Although the object of the publication is not money, if the editors determine to make a financial success, they will not fail to make a literary success of their production.

—For those of our readers who are not in Ithaca, we will say that the football game was not played last Saturday. The grounds on that day were under about ten inches of beautiful snow. The grounds are now again bare, and if the weather continue mild, the game may yet be played, if not, some other contest may be selected.

—The *Cornellian* board is busily at work. At present it is trying to decide upon the publishers to be chosen to get out the publication. A number of fine cuts have been handed in, and two or three persons are working on designs for the cover. The board will spare no expense to get out as good a book as has yet been submitted by any Junior class.

—A meeting of the Sophomore class was called for Wednesday at 1 o'clock to hear the report of the committee on the class hat. The committee presented two hats for the consideration of the class, but someone made a motion to adopt a hat different from either. This led to considerable discussion, after which the motion was lost by a tie vote. The meeting then adjourned.

—Professor Hale's Junior-Senior section will in three more lessons finish the *Trinummus*. After Thanksgiving, the Professor intends to read to the class in the Latin, with occasional translation, another play of Plautus, the *Cap-*

*tives*. This plan is received with delight by the class, who had begun to fear the "rapid reading" for which they were prepared during the past two years, had been indefinitely postponed.

—On Monday the examination schedule was published. It shows the arrangement of examinations for the whole year in most of the courses given in the University. Several of the elective courses are not provided for, but in these arrangements will be made to suit the students. On the whole, the schedule is an excellent one, and there is less than the usual amount of complaint by those who wish plenty of time for "cramming."

—Base ball players will have the privilege of hitting the air four times next year instead of three as formerly, and can also take first base on five called balls. This of course will tend to increase batting, and will prevent so many so-called pitchers' games. Perhaps if our nine should play Hobart, Hamilton, etc., next year under the new rules, the teams of those colleges might be able to make a hit occasionally and at least keep outfielders awake.

—At a meeting of the C. U. C. A. on Monday steps were taken toward preparing for the erection of an Association building. Committees were appointed to select a site and to make other preliminary arrangements. It is not intended to erect the building immediately, but only to make such preparations as may help to make the structure a reality in the future. Such a building is much needed by the Association; and would be an honor and a help to the University. It would help to remove the false idea that many good people hold in regard to Cornell. The Association has never before been in so prosperous a condition; and among college associations is surpassed in numbers by Yale alone.

#### PERSONALS.

G. W. STEPHENS, '88, has been called home by the serious illness of his father.

D. V. L. BENNETT, '87, has gone home and will not return to graduate this year.

C. M. VREELAND, '89, has been compelled to leave the University, on account of ill health.

E. HIPPELY, (Special), is at present engaged in the North Star Iron Works, Minneapolis, Minn.

COVILLE, '87, hurt his ankle severely in the "Gym." Wednesday, while practicing the running high jump.

PROFESSOR ROLFE, Instructor in Rhetoric at Cornell, '83 and '84, is Professor of Latin in Swathmore College, Pa.

JAS. McCALL, '85, is reading law with C. F. Kingsley, at Bath, N. Y. He thinks the ERA has made a decided advance in general excellence this year.

ASA A. ALLING, '83, has formed a law partnership with Dan'l W. Guernsey and Chas. H. Goodsell, the firm to be known as Guernsey, Goodsell and Alling. Office in Stewart building, 280 Broadway, N. Y.

THE REV. DR. WILLIAM D. WILSON, formerly professor in Hobart College, and for the last seventeen years, registrar and professor of moral philosophy in Cornell University, will hereafter reside in Syracuse, where he will fit young men for the Episcopal ministry under the direction of Bishop Huntington. Dr. Wilson is one of the most accomplished theological scholars in the country, as well as an authority in philosophy and general literature, and is thoroughly competent for the work he has undertaken. Candidates for the ministry, who have neither the means nor the inclination to study in a theological seminary, can certainly find no better instructor than Dr. Wilson, as they can certainly meet with no purer or more lovable man.—*Democrat and Chronicle*.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Monday is becoming popular as a holiday instead of Saturday.

Ten thousand public schools receive financial support from the government of Mexico.

Vassar College annually distributes about \$7,000 in gratuitous aid to poor students.

The University of Michigan has turned out twenty presidents and seventy-four professors.

There are sixty thousand volumes in the Boston State Library and not one novel among them.

Harvard has a course of lectures on socialism in addition to the instruction on free trade and protective tariff.

The German Government has ordered the establishment of chairs on Hygiene in all the universities of the Empire.

Harkens, of Holy Cross College recently threw the base ball 387 feet, 8 inches, beating the college record by 8 feet 1½ inches.

It is probable that Amherst will have an athletic trainer this year to have charge of training her track-athletic, foot ball, and base ball men.

Two hundred thousand dollars are said to have changed hands, during the final game of ball between Yale and Harvard at the close of the college year.

As a new feature the athletic association of Amherst will award gold and silver medals to

the contestants who break Inter-collegiate or Amherst records respectively.

We learn from authority, that in the United States every 200th man takes a college course; in Germany, every 213th; in England, every 500th, and in Scotland, every 615th.—*Ex.*

During a football game at Dickinson College recently, a member of one of the teams was thrown heavily, rupturing a blood vessel at the base of his brain. He died in a short time.

A new item of statistics at Amherst is the testing of the ears by Dr. Seelye. Two loud voiced watches have been presented for the purpose by the Waterbury Watch Company.

The six Harvard "University Preachers" are all graduates of the college, and all but one are Boston men. Two are Unitarians, two Orthodox, one Baptist, and one Episcopalian.

#### EXCHANGES.

We can but admire the enterprise of the Harvard *Daily Crimson* in giving to its readers full accounts of the anniversary exercises. The *Crimson* is a credit to the great institution it represents and is an honor to college journalism.

"On the Campus" of the Yale *Record* is a very interesting feature of the paper. Something new is afforded the reader that is not found in many college journals. The poetical effusions that appear in the *Record* are more abundant than in any other college paper and must be enjoyed by its readers generally. "Owlisms" are especially worthy of inspection as giving an idea of what literary talent exists at Yale.

The *Hamilton Lit.* fully sustains the high reputation it has always borne in college journalism and is justly entitled to the name of *literary*. Many of our monthly exchanges would do well to follow the *Lit.* as a model, for then the standard of average college journalism would be elevated to the position it should occupy.

The *Northwestern* contains a good article entitled "The Rock Springs Riot." It is clearly proved that strikes entail great expense upon corporations by the much needed care exercised to prevent their occurrence. The *Northwestern* comments upon the numerous typographical errors so frequent in college journals. Carelessness of this kind on the part of college editors is hardly excusable. A college paper above all other publications, should strive to excel in this respect.

The *Cap and Gown* is making a great effort to be a success as a literary paper. Its ambition is a good one, and we are frank to say it is well-nigh fulfilled.

The *Messenger* is at hand for November. This paper as we have remarked in a previous issue, is one of the best journals we have, and is a credit to southern institutions of learning. "The New South" was read with much interest. "The Literature of the Nineteenth Century" contains many suggestive thoughts. The "Scientific Notes" are a splendid feature of the *Messenger*, and one well worthy of being imitated. We can unite with the *Messenger* in saying, "our professors do not write for our columns, but we have their best wishes for our success."

The *Normal News* deserves praise for the improvement it is making. It is a very creditable publication in all its departments. It evidently receives thorough preparation at the hands of its editors.

The *Denison Collegian* is a well arranged paper. System in journalism is an important requisite to final success. The editorials are timely written, and discuss vital points in connection with the university.

The *Sibyl* from Elmira Female College is very interesting. Being such near neighbors, we naturally court their acquaintance, and are happy to see their journalistic efforts crowned with success. Come again, dear *Sibyl*.

The *University Gazette* savors somewhat of English ideas and notions. It is ably edited, and the minor parts of the paper are carefully attended to.

The *College Olio* is our latest exchange. Neat in appearance, it invites attention to its newsy columns, and when we have inspected it we can but say well done. "Results of the Peruvian Conquest" is a strongly written article, and merits the attention of the readers of the *Olio*.

#### CLIPPINGS.

—Compare cold. Cold, cough, coffin.—*Ex.*

—When a man loses his false teeth, could it be called a gum drop?—*Ex.*

—How Illinois a dog can make.—*Ex.* Sometimes it Texas a long while to see through such a pun.—*Denison Colledgean.*

—Bright student: "What animal is never broke?" Classmate: "Give it up." Bright Student: "The bull-frog, because he always has a green back."—*Ex.*

—A college graduate describes his course: "I took my first on a clear hit, reached second on the influence of my father; stole third on a lucky bunching of my electives; and came home because the Faculty got rattled on my fine playing."—*Ex.*

—Mr. Wienerchnitzel: "Shentlemen, I rise to nominate Adolph Gutenschweitzer for alderman."

Chairman: "Who is the gentleman? We don't know him."

Mr. W.: "He don't vas in America yet, but he comes over here next month already."—*Chicago Rambler.*

—A German went into a restaurant, and as he took his seat, an Irish waiter came up and bowed politely. "wie gehts?" said the German, also bowing politely. "Wheat cakes!" shouted the waiter, mistaking the salutation for an order. "Nein, nein!" said the German. "Nine!" said the waiter. "You'll be lucky if you get three."—*New York Sun.*

—A Vassar alumna and a Harvard student are engaged in earnest conversation when the Harvard student grows confidential.

H. S.: "Do you know you are the only Vassar girl I ever liked?"

V. A.: "Don't you like Vassar girls? Why not?"

H. S.: "Oh! they all know so much."—*Ex.*

#### AFTER THE WEDDING.

I loved her dearly years ago,  
And she—she loved me too, she said.  
We planned and promised, she and I,  
When we were older to be wed.

We planned and promised—happy time,  
All life was fair before us then.  
"When we were older," seemed far off,  
For she was eight and I was ten.

I chance to think about it now  
Because—I married her to-day.  
I think of how we pictured it  
In those old times, so far away.

'Twas all as we had planned—except  
The bridegroom was young Walter Fay,  
And I—I was the minister—  
And so I married her to-day.

—*Williams Fortnight.*

#### A KISS.

The fault was mine! Excuse is vain,  
Nor thought I pardon to obtain.  
Prompted by love or fate—who knows?  
I asked her for a blushing rose;  
" 'Tis thine," she sighed, in lightsome vein,

In kindness she did not disdain  
To pin it on my coat. Insane,  
I bent and kissed her on the lip—  
The fault was mine!

The crimson flushed her cheek again.  
What could I do? Oft and again  
I begged forgiveness for the slip  
Of kissing her upon the lip.  
She whispered, "Nay, 'tis very plain  
The fault was mine!" —*Advocate.*

## AMUSEMENTS.

## PAT'S WARDROBE.

The Providence *Morning Star* says of Pat Rooney's Star Comedy Company which is to appear at the Wilgus Opera House to-morrow (Saturday) evening:

"One of the funniest comedies that has been seen here for many a day, was given at Low's Grand Opera House last evening, by the well known Pat Rooney, assisted by Miss Katie Rosney, and an excellent company of comedians. The piece deals with the fortunes of a newly wedded pair who, having married without the paternal consent, are being thrown continually into trouble of various kinds. As usual, though everything was righted at last and everybody made happy. The play was in three acts and was brimful of fun, from the rise to the fall of the curtain, the dialogue many times being very indistinct, on account of the hearty laughter of the audience.

## "APHRODITE."

"Aphrodite" was thoroughly enjoyed by a good sized audience at the Opera House last evening. There is quite a plot to the piece, which hinges on the action of a barber who places his affianced's ring on a statue of Aphrodite, which causes it to come to life. The animated Aphrodite makes life miserable for the barber, who finds it impossible to get rid of her, until he recovers the ring by strategy, when the goddess returns to marble and slowly vanishes from view. Miss Lillian Bate was charming as Aphrodite, and both sang and danced herself into favor, as she always does. Whether inanimate or animate she most successfully fills the role. Charles Atkinson was the barber, and played the part well, while James Mackie scored a decided hit as the barber's apprentice. He is very agile and amusing in his movements, and his acrobatic feats are very clever and easily done.—*Naugatuck Sentinel*.

At Wilgus Opera House Tuesday evening Nov. 23.

## "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been thoroughly remodeled by Abbey's Company, and, as treated at the Opera House last night, afforded a degree of interest even for those who have seen the play regularly for the past twenty years. The audience was large and the performance pleasing.—*Glens Falls Morning Star*.

At Wilgus Opera House Thanksgiving evening and afternoon matinee.

Reserved Seats at Finch's Bookstore.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnott, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and 5 p. m.

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SOME time since there appeared in the *Sun* an editorial in regard to the securing of reduced railroad rates for students on their way to and from college. We wish not only to emphasize what was then said, but to say in addition as a matter of personal knowledge, that students in Ohio colleges as well as in those of Pa., have received and do receive reduced rates to nearly all points within these states. As a general rule students do not possess an over-abundance of filthy lucre, hence any saving in the way of traveling expenses would be a positive gain. We see no reason why Cornell students may not have the benefit

of reduced rates, provided the proper authorities take the matter in hand.

THE method lately adopted by the Military Department for the promotion of its officers, is a decided improvement over the old system. Under the old regime many officers were promoted to positions which they were really incapable of filling; but under the new system every officer or cadet will be required, before promotion, to pass a most rigid examination in the Military Tactics. This is certainly a very great improvement and will doubtless do away entirely with the spirit of favoritism. The cadets may congratulate themselves that those who hold offices hereafter will be men who know what is required, and who are thoroughly capable to command those whom they may have under them. The improvement that has been made in this Department in the last few years is indeed surprising. However, under the new management we are glad to see that still greater improvements are under way and that a brass band is one among the immediate possibilities.

YESTERDAY was a day of universal rejoicing on the part of the students. They doubtless have many things for which to be thankful, but probably that which was uppermost in their minds was the fact that their presence on the Hill would not be required nor indeed expected before Monday next. Accordingly they regaled themselves with a goodly share of the meat that perisheth and rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Three days of vacation is a boon which only tired students know how to appreciate;

"For college life is a toilsome life,  
And college life hath care  
And college life devoid of strife  
Is but 'castles in the air!'"

It is to be regretted that many are so unwise as to abuse their vacation privileges, and hence

return in a condition utterly unfit to resume their studies. On the other hand, however, by far the greater number are refreshed and invigorated and undoubtedly take up their work with renewed energy. The latter are they, the results of whose work demonstrate the wisdom of the present recess.

THERE seems to be quite a movement on foot towards the formation of a Dramatic Club. The idea is praiseworthy and under the present favorable conditions can certainly be carried out. It is true that dramatic entertainments have frequently been given by the students, and that too with great success; but whatever has been done in this direction has been done without any organization for this purpose. Some six or seven years ago Cornell could pride herself upon having a Dramatic Club and could count among its members many who are now Professors in the University. Under the auspices of this club several plays were presented to the public in the Cascadilla parlors which had been fitted up for the use of the Club through the kindness of Professor Goldwin Smith. These entertainments were always well attended and well received by the public. Taking these facts into consideration, we see no reason why a Dramatic Club might not now exist as successfully as in a former time. Cornell can now boast of twice the number of students which she had then, hence we may infer that better ability could be had. A Dramatic Club would be not only a source of amusement but also of profit to its members. It would afford them a training which is difficult to get in any other way. It would develop a grace which no public speaker can afford to be without. In many other colleges such organizations exist and they give entertainments not only at home but in the neighboring towns and cities. We certainly have the talent; then why not utilize it in the right direction? Surely Cornell need not be behind her sisters in this respect. Provided such an organization is effected we hope to see the young ladies of Sage College take an active part and lend their ability and influence

to make it a success. The Professor of Elocution will give his hearty support to such a venture and, with a manager who has made such training a profession, there could be no possibility of the organization becoming defunct through a lack of interest. We would suggest that a meeting be held to consider the matter and if possible to effect an organization. Let all interested come forward and give an impetus to what cannot fail to be beneficial to many.

WE to-day publish a communication that concerns the material interests of the ERA and should demand the thoughtful consideration of our readers. The necessity of some move to arouse a more general interest in our columns, impressed itself upon us soon after assuming the editorial duties and with each issue we have been more and more convinced of this necessity. As a board we have discussed various plans for securing contributions and arousing a more lively interest in the ERA, but as yet our plans have assumed no definite form. In the meantime it has been our effort to present the ERA to our readers in as readable a form and as free from errors as our limited experience would allow. How far short of perfection we have come none can realize better than we, and hence none are more willing to see a change instituted, provided that such a change would be conducive to improvement. Whether the plan, the outline of which is given in another column, would secure the end which the writer has in view or not, we are not prepared to say. However, now that the question is presented for discussion, we hope that it will receive the attention which it merits. One advantage of the proposed plan is, that it would tend to place men on the ERA staff who are disposed to work, without which disposition no person has any business to be on the staff of any paper much less that of the ERA. The sooner all college editors realize this fact the better it will be for their papers. One lazy and indifferent editor can do much to increase the work of his colleagues, and hence to detract from the general excellence of the paper.

## FOOTBALL.

For two or three weeks nothing has happened to break the monotony of our life on the hill. We have had little to do except to study and for these two or three weeks at least most of us have been true students. Last Saturday, something actually happened on the campus and the students were out in a body to see the fun. It was the day for '89 and '90 to again try conclusions at foot-ball.

By a happy arrangement of the balls (?) on the signal station pole, the weather was almost perfect. The ground was in excellent condition and, barring a chilly breeze from the north, all conditions were favorable for good playing.

It was not until 2.50 p. m. that the shivering spectators were enlivened by the call of play. '89 had choice of position and took the goal on the north. Webster kicked the ball off for '90 and it went far towards '89's goal, but soon came back. The Freshmen soon got the ball and with scarcely a break kept it during the first half. A scrimmage was played near the center of the field. Flack tossed the ball to Adams who, in the excitement of the moment, fumbled it; he soon recovered and started with the ball toward '89's goal. Balch however, was in his way and by a good tackle brought him down. The Freshmen were now fumbling badly and the ball gradually crept towards '90's goal. Adams once made a good run and gained some ground, but it was soon lost and more with it. Miller, '90's other half-back, who had thus far done little, now got the ball away from Clark very neatly and made a fair run, but was downed by '89's good tackling. The scale now began to turn and the Freshmen forced the fighting. Once Bennett punted the ball far among his opponents, but Miller brought it back and his fellow-players forced it uncomfortably near to the goal line of the Sophs. Finally a scrimmage was played slightly above and near '89's goal. The ball was in almost everyone's hands for an instant and was fumbled every time or else snatched away by an opponent. At last Schmidt got it and crowded his way far enough over '89's goal line to make a touch-down.

A shout of rejoicing went up from the Freshmen, which was increased when Miller kicked a goal, scoring six points in all for '90. The time was now more than two-thirds gone and although '89 "braced up" and forced the fighting, it was of no avail. Rackemann now did especially well and '90's halfbacks could hardly get hold of the ball before he had them down. Flack tried to toss the ball to Miller, but "Rack" got it instead and whirled to make

a touch-down. Miller was there, however, and saved the day.

Some Freshman kicked the ball high in the air and Crane caught it squarely, giving '89 a chance to kick for a goal. Fielder made the attempt, but the ball instead of soaring between the goal posts was just rolled from its position and was put down by a Freshman. A moment afterward Balch caught the ball and Bennett tried to kick a goal and failed, the ball striking one of '90's men. Again, just before the three-quarters of an hour was up, did the Sophomore captain try to kick a goal, this time from field, and the ball went fairly between the posts. But the referee said that some of '89's men were off side and the points did not count. After a little more work, time was called. Score 6 to 0 in favor of '90.

After the ten minutes breathing spell, hostilities again opened with '89 guarding the south goal. Bennett did not kick the ball off, but tossed it to Balch, who had gotten hardly three yards before he was brought down. '89 kept gaining ground and worked desperately to overcome '90's lead. It was not plain sailing for them however, for Adams got the ball and made a fine run and just afterward the longest punt of the game, putting the ball well into '89's territory. As '90 had "braced" in the preceding half, so did '89 now begin to show their mettle. By good kicks and a good run by Bennett the ball was brought near '90's goal. Adams got the ball and not starting quickly with it, was forced over the line and compelled to make a safety touch-down, scoring two for the Sophs.

'90 now began to gain ground. Good tackling was done by both sides and prospective long runs were quickly made short ones. Time was passing very fast for '89's men and they began to work hard. They forced the Freshmen back and despite good tackling gained ground steadily. Right in front of '90's goal there was a short struggle for the ball and soon it rose in the air just above the heads of the struggling men. Parker saw it first, caught it high above his head and before anyone could reach him, ran under '90's goal and made a touch-down. Now it was the odd year men's turn to shout and they flung their hats in air and gave '89's slogan with a will. The north wind was now chilly for even year men and they were scarcely comfortable with hats on. Bennett missed in his attempt to kick a goal and the score was tied.

For the rest of the time honors were about even. Once the Sophs. forced Adams over his own goal line and all thought it was a safety

touch-down. But the referee said no, and the score was left unaltered. The ball was now sent to the other end of the field and Upton, getting it from Bennett, tried to kick a goal and missed. Back and forth the ball went until Adams, following it and kicking it along, sent it over '89's goal line. All ears were strained to catch the referee's call of time, for if it should be postponed until the ball could be touched down, '90 would win. Just as it went over the line the call came, and the score was a tie.

Considering the time that has been spent in practice since last game, the playing was little better than before. The members of '89's team are undoubtedly stronger and more enduring than those of '90's team, but they made several blunders that, had any one of them been well-played, would have won a victory. The Freshman rush line showed great improvement and '90 excelled in tackling and in getting hold of the ball on the ground. For '89, Cobb, Balch, Parker, and Rackemann did good work, and among the Freshmen Adams, Dunn, Upton and Stranahan did well.

The referee, Mr. Aldrich of Stevens Grammar School, gave hardly as good satisfaction as the referee of the former game, although he probably had closer decisions to make than did Mr. Pierce.

There is some talk of playing another game and if it is done some conclusion will probably be reached.

The only changes from the teams of three weeks ago were as follows:—For the Sophs., Crane played half-back in Parker's place, and Parker and Treman played in the rush line instead of Bates and Morgan; for '90, Miller and Adams played half-back instead of Sheldon and Thayer, and Thayer and Stranahan took the places of Mitchell and Shapleigh in the rush line.

#### *THE NEW CHEMICAL LABORATORY.*

The latest addition to the many buildings on our campus, is, what is designed to be, when completed, the finest and most thoroughly equipped chemical laboratory in the United States.

It is just in the rear of the Physical and Chemical building. Its size is one hundred and two by fifty feet, and it is divided into two large laboratories, which take up more than half of the building, and five smaller rooms which open into the large laboratories.

The east room, which is fifty by twenty-two feet, is the Organic Laboratory. It is to be used for both elementary and advanced Inorganic Chemistry, and also for work in Pharmacy

and Applied Chemistry. There will be twenty-four places for students. The room will be thoroughly and completely furnished with the best appliances that can be had, and will be far superior to the laboratory for this work in any other college in the country. In view of the superior facilities which will thus be offered, a course in Pharmacy will probably be established this year.

Opening from this large room are two smaller ones. The first one is a room eleven by twenty feet, and is to be the balance and reading room. Here will be placed nearly all of the chemical works now in the library. The other small room is to be a private laboratory for the use of Professor Newbury, the professor of Organic Chemistry, and also the professor of Applied Chemistry.

The west room is the same size, as the east room, fifty by twenty-two feet. It will be used, this year, for an Assay Laboratory, and an Assay furnace has been built along the partition between this room and the east room. Next year this room will be used for assaying, and also for introductory chemical practice. Forty tables will be placed in it at once, and they can be so arranged as to accommodate eighty students. Arrangements have also been made by which the two small rooms, opening out from this large one, can be thrown into the large laboratory, making room for twenty-four more tables, and thus giving it a capacity, finally, for over one hundred and twenty beginners in Chemistry.

It is now thought that next year the class in Chemistry, which is even now too large for the lecture room, will be divided into two sections. The one section, to be made up of those who intend taking the two terms of lectures only, will be instructed by lectures and experiments just as at present, but the other section will not be required to take the lectures. Instead, it will be given instruction in the Elementary Laboratory. This is the usual method in other colleges but Cornell, owing to no fault of the professors of Chemistry, has been slow in adopting it.

Besides the two small rooms spoken of as the ones which could be thrown into the Elementary Laboratory, there is a store room which opens into both large laboratories. This room contains the boiler by which the building is heated.

The object has been to condense in this building all the work which involves any danger of fire as the building is practically fire proof. All the walls and partitions are brick and the floor is Asphalt laid on concrete.

Professor Newbury, who will have charge of

the Organic Department, has spent several years abroad in the study of this branch of Chemistry. He has labored for a long time under the disadvantage of not having a separate laboratory for organic work. The trustees having given a building and having made an appropriation of \$7000 for equipments have furnished the means for making it one of the best departments in the University, and under the charge of Professor Newbury it will doubtless soon become one of the best college laboratories in the United States.

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### ERASTUS BROOKS.

#### DEATH OF THE VENERABLE TRUSTEE AND PATRON OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The Hon. Erastus Brooks died at his residence in West New Brighton, S. I., at 8:40 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral will take place on Saturday, at 2 o'clock, p. m., from the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension. The interment will be at Moravian Cemetery at New Dorp. Mr. Brooks has been a Trustee of the University since its founding, and has never missed a meeting of the Board until last October, when he was prevented from attending by the illness which has since caused his death. He had the interests of the University at heart, and in addition to his valuable counsel, helped in many other ways to advance the University to its present position.

The following, taken from the *Elmira Advertiser*, is a short sketch of his eventful life:

"Erastus Brooks was born in Portland, Me., January 31, 1815. He was sent to Boston at the age of eight, where he was employed in a grocery store, and obtained the rudiments of learning at an evening school. He subsequently became a printer, and published a news paper called the *Yankee* at Wiscasset, Me. Afterward, having graduated at Brown University, he became the principal of a grammar school at Haverhill, Mass., and editor of the *Haverhill Gazette*. In 1836 he was engaged as Washington correspondent of the *New York Daily Advertiser* and of several New England journals, and soon afterward became with his brother joint editor and proprietor of the *New York Express*, which position he long retained. In 1843 he travelled extensively in Europe, and in 1853 and 1855 he was elected to the New York state senate. While in the senate he advocated a bill divesting the Roman catholic bishops of the title to church property in real estate, and became in consequence involved in a controversy with Archbishop Hughes, which

was published in a volume, 'Controversy on Church Property,' in 1855. In 1856 he was nominated for Governor of New York by the American party, but was not elected. He subsequently joined the democratic party. In 1872 he was appointed member of a commission to revise the state constitution. Of late years he has lived in comparative quiet."

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### FRESHY IN THE "GYM."

Blushing like a new blown rose, full of enthusiasm, he walks with the tread of a conqueror to the "Gym" door; but there his courage fails him. The thought of meeting so many Sophs. and the added pressure of his new suit overpower him, and having looked at the pictures of former victors he gradually edges to the other end of the hall. Presently he returns with a new supply of courage and walks in, trying desperately to wear an experienced air. He makes for the flying rings, clutches ring number one, and begins. The first two or three are all right, then he feels himself turning. He has lost the combination. He grabs frantically at space and gets a good handful of it. The ring flies serenely away, and he is left flopping in mid air. A series of gyrations, not graceful but pleasing to the audience, ensue, but the paroxysms become less and less frequent until he finally drops exhausted, upon the floor. With furtive glances he wanders around. He picks up a dumb-bell, drops it on his toe and starts off with a limp, as disconsolate as ever. He sees a fellow swinging clubs and wonders if he can do it too. Yes, he can. He can knock any one senseless that has the temerity to come within ten feet of him. He concludes that swinging clubs is not his forte, and after another series of aimless wanderings, crestfallen, he fetches up at the "Gym" door. He darts through and sees the spirometer. He starts for the innocent machine with blood in his eye. He knows he can blow and he is going to send that spirometer skyward. He takes a deep long breath. He puts up the mouth-piece and blows. Slowly the gauge rises 100, 150, 200. Then he reddens, his eyes bulge out and his ears form tangents with the sphere of his cranium; but the spirometer is there, record 275. This is the last straw. He skulks home and that night dreams of a massive spirometer standing on his chest, surrounded by a grinning row of imps, each neatly labelled P. W. F. H.

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Harvard defeated the University of Penn. yesterday at football. The game was played at Philadelphia and resulted in a score of 28 to 0 in favor of Harvard.

## COMMUNICATION.

[The Editors of the ERA do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments expressed in this column; however, the columns of the ERA are always open to students who wish to express their opinion on any subject.—EDS.]

*Editors of the Era:*

GENTLEMEN: As an ex-editor and well-wisher of the ERA, I beg leave to call the attention of your readers to a matter that concerns the usefulness and influence of that paper.

About three years ago a number of students reached the conclusion that it was desirable to make some change in the manner of selecting the editors of the ERA. It was believed that if a part of the editorial board could be selected on the basis of contributions,—considered as to both quantity and quality,—there would be more interest shown in college journalism by the students and more care exercised in the selection of editors. The matter was brought to the attention of the students at a mass meeting held in the fall of 1883, and an effort made so to change the ERA constitution as to leave the choice of a part of the incoming editors to the discretion of the retiring board. The suggestion was a new one, had been little discussed, and was consequently received with some suspicion and finally negated by a small majority.

I think that those who have watched the course of the ERA since that time have been convinced of the unwisdom of that decision. Every year the editors have complained that the undergraduates do not take interest enough in the ERA to offer it any material aid in the way of contributions. My experience as an editor, and my observation since, have confirmed me in the opinion that this complaint is well-grounded. Nor is it easy to see what inducement is offered to an undergraduate to spend valuable time in the preparation of contributions. At the end of a year of unrecognized apprenticeship he sees the editorial positions left to the chances of a class election and bestowed, it may be, upon men who have never offered a single contribution to the paper. The credit for the aspirant's work during the preceding year is given to the board then in charge, and the editorial honors for the next year pass to another board of which he is not a member.

If I may be permitted the suggestion, I would urge that the matter of a change in the method of elections be once more brought to the attention of your readers. If, after such discussion as may be provoked, it shall seem best to bring the subject formally before the students, I am

hopeful that some change for the better may be brought about. I do not desire to do more than outline a plan at this time, because the exact method of procedure ought to be determined only after a full consideration of the subject in all its bearings. It seems wise, however, to consider the selection of a part of the editors on the basis of previous contributions, the controlling feature of any plan that may be adopted. In this way it would be possible to secure desirable contributions outside of the editorial board and to awaken a live interest in the ERA and its work. An additional advantage would be the selection of a board of editors, a part of whom would have had some previous experience in the work of college journalism.

The subject is certainly one that is worth some consideration. It would be well to have it fully discussed before a mass meeting of the students is held as it may be deemed best to submit to them some definite plan at that time.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST W. HUFFCUT.

Cornell University,  
18 November, 1886.

*CORNELLIANA.*

—Vacation.

—Where are the boys?

—The campus appears deserted.

—The ERA is the only part of the University that is not taking a recess.

—Evans on Monday succeeded in getting a fairly good negative of the battalion.

—Still the football game is undecided. Surely the teams must be evenly matched.

—No more quizzes in Jun' or American History until the three-hour one on Dec. 11.

—Seniors in Constitutional History are reviewing their lectures under Professor Tyler.

—The Presbyterian Union held a Thanksgiving supper last night in Association Hall.

—It is safe to say that considerable hard work is at present being done by the students who are in Ithaca.

—It is a rather remarkable fact that each team on Saturday scored all its points while playing against the wind.

—'89 men say it's this way—"Rah! Rah! Rah! I-want-my-ma!" While Freshmen give it thus, "C-U-C-U-R-N-G."

—Remember that the reports in Professor Tyler's Junior American History must be handed in not later than next Wednesday.

—Candidates for next year's nine, crew and athletic team should join the special training class to be organized by Mr. Dole next term.

—The ERA is indebted to Professor Newbury for the facts in our account of the new chemical building. They are therefore perfectly correct.

—Most of the University exercises of Wednesday were but poorly attended; the vacation had already begun to affect many of the students.

—Lieut. Van Ness, Professor of Military Tactics, has moved into the corner house in Mr. Blood's new block at the corner of Mill and N. Tioga streets.

—The Yale-Princeton game was finally arranged for yesterday. By rather indirect means Princeton secured all she asked, the place of playing and the referee.

—Lieut. Van Ness called a meeting of the University band for Wednesday afternoon. As the Thanksgiving recess began at 1 o'clock the meeting was "requested."

—As a reward to the faithful few who attended Political Economy at the last hour before the recess, Professor Hodder dismissed his class at half past twelve on Wednesday.

—The treasurer of the Sophomore class, Mr. Baright will be glad to receive the tax levied at the recent meeting of '89. He may be seen immediately after the lecture in Physics.

—The scheme proposed in our columns this week for electing ERA editors should be carefully considered, and if deemed an improvement over the present method some means should be taken toward its adoption.

—The D. K. E. fraternity had a Thanksgiving dinner yesterday at the Cascadilla dining rooms. Song united with good things of an edible and potable kind to make a pleasant afternoon for those who did not go home for the recess.

—Some one has been kind enough to tear a number of notices from the bulletin board and doors in the Gym. annex. Practical jokes are often both amusing and harmless, but this act shows more "freshness" than wit in its perpetrator.

—The Mock Congress like the ERA does not stop for a short recess, but will hold its regular meeting at the Congressional Hall on Saturday evening. The bill to abolish the Electoral College will be debated. All are invited to be present.

—Since the last football game, '89 has been anxious to play again, but the Freshmen say

that they have played enough. The Sophs. postponed the second game to suit their own convenience and '90 proposes to take the same privilege now.

—Several promotions in the battalion were made Monday. Besides several non-commissioned officers second Lieut. Spencer was made first Lieutenant, and L. Stern was made second Lieut. Mr. Stern was the successful candidate in the recent competitive examination.

—At last the momentous question of class hats is settled. Upper classmen are to wear the Oxford, Seniors with black, and Juniors with royal purple tassels. Under classmen are to have the indescribable Russian cap, Sophomores with a red, and Freshmen with a green tassel.

—Professor Leakey recently complimented the Junior sections in Elocution on the regularity of their attendance. He said that so far only four Simon-pure cuts had been taken this term. This bare fact says much in favor of a moderate amount of pleasantries in the recitation room.

—We would humbly suggest to the professor who has a section in the south end of White Hall, 3rd floor, on Mondays at 10, that he exercise a little restraint over his students. Several times of late the stamping of feet in his room has been so loud as seriously to disturb the recitations in room 56.

—The weather was such as to make the intended run of the Hare and Hounds Club on Tuesday impossible. Accordingly the men who met proceeded to complete the permanent organization of the Club. Mr. Webster, '88 was chosen President, and applications for admission to the Club may be handed to him.

—The Richardson Club will give a lantern show to the students in Architecture Wednesday Dec. 8, provided the pipes for conducting gas to the Architectural rooms are laid by that time. Various public and private buildings will be shown. A further announcement will be made before the evening appointed.

—The Sophomores met on Monday at 1 o'clock to select their class hat. A tax of 50 cents *per capita* was voted to pay the expenses of the football games. The matter of a class hat which was left in rather an unsettled condition at the last meeting was finally decided in favor of a sort of Russian cap. The cap it is safe to say is not exactly like anything before seen on the campus, but it is neat and comfortable.

—After the football game Saturday, there was much merry-making among the students. The be-tasseled head-gear of the untamable "Heggie" seemed to be the object of especial attention, and he was showered with insults and snowballs. "Vainly, vainly, vainly would he slaughter" for his assailants were too agile and fleet of foot. There was, indeed, on that day, "snow on the favorite son of the Hoosier State."

—A meeting of the Freshman class was held on Tuesday at 1 o'clock in room K. The objects of the meeting were the discussion of the class hat and the decision as to the game of football with the Sophomores. The class decided to leave with Mr. Sheldon the power to treat with '89 in regard to football. After some discussion the class voted to allow a committee to act with a similar committee of '89 in selecting the undergraduate hat, but decided that the tassel should be green. Several of the ladies were present, and one of them made an effective speech.

—Although in general we are not desirous of bestowing unfavorable criticism upon our contemporary, the *Sun's* account of the last football game calls for some comment. The Sophomore who reported the game should have remembered that his article was to be read by the whole University and not by '89 alone. His playful remarks about the mortar-boards and tassels, and the patronizing of the Freshmen by the Juniors are perfectly harmless. But as it was further stated that Juniors tried to start a cane-rush, we wish to correct the false impression such a statement may cause. No such attempt was made either by Juniors or by any one else. At the close of the game a good-natured scramble was indulged in, but nearly all the students involved were Juniors and the only cane rushed for was a purple-tasseled mortar-board. A Senior, however covered himself with glory by confiscating the hat of one of the Freshman team and taking it to his own room. It is true that there was a little boyishness exhibited by all classes, but nothing occurred worthy of serious reproof.

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#### PERSONALS.

EPPS, '88, was visited by his paternal ancestor on Wednesday.

W. W. WHITE, '86, is located at Elmira in the Insurance "biz."

STERN, '89, has gone home to have his eyes treated, and may not return this term.

MR. KUYKENDALL, managing editor of the ERA is spending the recess out of town.

PSOTTA, '88, RUSSELL, '87, and TANSEY, '88, attended the Yale-Princeton football game at Princeton yesterday.

PROFESSOR HALE attended the Greek play, acted by the students of the University of Pa., at New York city on Friday night last.

S. S. HOLMAN, '85, and H. S. HOWLAND, '86, left Thursday morning by the White Star Line for Europe. Mr. Holman will locate permanently in Paris, while Mr. Howland goes abroad in quest of pleasure.

MR. CLARENCE E. DOOLITTLE, Cornell '85, a Washington boy, after spending a year with the Brush-Swan Electric Co. of Cleveland, has been sent by them to superintend the establishment at Asper, Colorado, of an arc and incandescent light plant. Skilled electricians speak highly of his success.—*Washington Critic.*

CARTER HARRISON, of Chicago, and ex-President WHITE, of Cornell University, discussed "Municipal Government" at the meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club here Tuesday night, Nov. 25th. The former bitterly antagonized civil service reform. Mr. White thought New York was the worst governed city in the world, and said Tweed had put back Republican government in Europe for years. He endorsed civil service reform.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

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#### MARRIED.

SACKETT—TITUS—H. W. Sackett, '75, to Miss Titus in the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday, the 17th inst.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

The Harvard Annex contains nearly 100 students.

The University of Virginia is to have a new telescope.

Ex-President Hayes' name is mentioned for the presidency of Adelbert College.

The number of students that entered St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., this year was 290.

The Yale Banjo and Glee Clubs will make a Christmas trip, giving concerts at nine different cities.

The faculty of Denison has made an earnest appeal to the students to abstain from the use of tobacco.

It is probable that Columbia will enter two tug-of-war teams in the Seventh Regiment games on Dec. 4.

The new catalogue of Columbia just out shows the total number of students to be 1514, a gain of 89 over last year.

The income of the Johns Hopkins University for last year exceeded the expenses by \$40,901.42. The University was eleven years old the 1st of Oct.

It is said that over a hundred past members of the Harvard Glee Club sang with the choir in the morning service at Appleton Chapel during the anniversary.

The Yale-Princeton football game was played at Princeton on the 25th inst., in a driving rain storm and resulted in a score of 4 for Yale to 0 for Princeton. On account of darkness the game was called before the required three-quarters of an hour were up, and this left the game a draw.

The principal of a great classical school, who is now in search of a woman teacher for Greek and Latin in his institution, states as his relative preferences among the colleges that graduate women, first, the Harvard Annex; next to this, Michigan University and Cornell, in almost equal degree, with a slight preference for Michigan; next, Smith College, Wellesley and Vassar. Of all the women's colleges (exclusively) after the Annex, Smith is his first preference as the college that turns out the most thorough students and incites the best spirit of professional zeal.—*Ex.*

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Amherst Lit.*, for November is out. It is filled with choice contributions from the Amherst students, which reflect credit upon the literary talent of the college. The "Sketch Book," which has become a regular feature of the magazine, is even better than ever, and the prospects for the *Lit.*, are bright indeed. "A Charming Cousin" is both well and cleverly written, and "Atlantis" contains many good thoughts.

The *Bowdoin Orient* is agitating the question of football among the Maine colleges. This suggestion should be carried out by the colleges interested, for much interest in athletics would certainly be awakened by it. We might transfer the same suggestion to New York State, and undertake to organize a N. Y. I. F. B. A. The addition of an exchange column in the *Orient* would make it more complete as a college paper.

The *Brunonian* takes occasion to deny in an editorial the numerous false reports that have appeared in various college papers concerning Brown University. We hope the words of the *Brunonian* will be heeded in respect to all other colleges, for the principle involved is a bad one and should at least be effaced from college papers. The *Brunonian* has sound views of

college life, as is evidenced by the tone of its editorials.

The exchange column of the *Colby Echo* is worthy of careful perusal by some of our exchange editors. Its criticisms are generally well taken, and the suggestions thrown out are very timely. It does not hesitate to find fault where it exists, and is prompt to recognize merit where ever found.

We would like to see the *Notre Dame Scholastic* adopt a more modern dress than it has at present. For a paper of such high standing, and with twelve hundred subscribers it should be improved upon in the above respect. A substantial cover is not only attractive, but adds to the convenience of readers.

We often find on our table, papers published by the students of high schools and college preparatory schools. We are glad to notice this evidence of prosperity, and wish such papers all success possible in their undertakings. The latest arrival of this class of papers is the *Academian*. Its motto, "Less than thorough will not do it," is quite appropriate, for the work on the paper shows careful editing.

Vol. I, No. 1, of the *Miami Journal* has just come to us. It is a very bright and newsy journal, and merits the hearty support of the students of Miami University. "The College World" department of the paper is both interesting and instructive.

The *University Voice* still maintains its standard of literary work. Several very good articles appear in the last number, which were read with satisfaction.

#### CLIPPINGS.

—Suspended animation—the girl in the hammock.—*Ex.*

—Who killed the greatest number of chickens? Hamlet's uncle did "murder most foul."—*Ex.*

—Marginal note in Professor's text-book: "Use joke No. 4 in connection with this paragraph."—*Ex.*

—Professor to Fresh.: "Can you tell of what race Napoleon came?" Fresh.: "Of corsican."—*Chronicle.*

—"What is an epistle?" asked a Sunday school teacher of her class. "The wife of an apostle," replied a young hopeful.—*Ex.*

—Professor: "Archimedes, you say, discovered specific gravity on getting into his bath. Why had the principle never before occurred to him?" Student.—"Probably this was the first time he ever took a bath."—*Ex.*

—"Pat, who is this Oleomargarine Bill that I have heard so much about of late?" "Sure, and I don't know, but I think he is a brother of Buffalo Bill."—*Ex.*

—"Ergo," remarked the professor to his class, after a long preamble. "Ergo"—then he stopped to take breath. "Well, let *ergo!*" sang out one of the students, and the conclusion was ruined.—*Ex.*

—"Oh, I do so dote on the sea," she gurgled. "If you only had a yacht, Augustus dear!" "I have no yacht, Wilhelmina," he sighed "but I can give you a little smack." And then it sounded as if a cork had blown out of a bottle.—*Ex.*

—First student (coming from examination and turning up his coat collar, to second ditto dismally): "Well, Jim, pretty cold day for us, isn't it?"

Second S. (transferring his "pony" from sleeve to pocket): "Ye-es, I feel a little hoarse myself.—*Hobart Herald.*

—When a Sophy meets a Proffy,  
Raising hat so fly,  
How that Soph devoutly hopes the  
Prof. will mark him high.  
Every Prof. is somewhat human,  
And to pass one by  
With impressive salutation  
Is good policy.—*Ex.*

## HIS LETTER.

*My Dear Father:*—

I am all out of money; please send me a check for fifty. Love to all the family.

Your aff. son,

JOHN JONES, Jr.

## THE ANSWER.

*My Dear Son:*—

Ting! ting!

Your aff. father,

JOHN JONES.

—*Yale Record*

## HOMEOPATHY.

Oh! do not grieve, my maiden fair  
'Twas but a kiss.  
The breezes kiss the tree-tops there,  
'Tis not a miss.  
But since you softly sigh, in truth,  
And this regret,  
I'll tell you how the kiss, forsooth,  
You may forget.  
Since "*like cures like,*" as wise men say,  
So with a kiss,  
To drive your sighs and tears away,  
Take that and—*this.*  
—*Williams Fortnight.*

## PROPOSAL.

O Fraulein with the form divine,  
As dear as gold, as sweet as wine,  
With sympathetic, laughing eyes  
As blue as bluest summer skies.  
O Fraulein, say, wilt thou be mine?

I love thy hair so soft and fine,  
Thy ripe, red lips' delicious line,  
Thy downy cheek: all these I prize,  
O Fraulein!

For but a single glance I pine,  
Do, pray, confess thou wilt be mine.  
Behold how low thy captive lies,  
Implores thee with his lovelorn cries.  
But speak; be mine. What! Nein?  
Oh, Fraulein!

—*Harvard Advocate.*

## FLOORED ON RUSSIAN.

He had studied every lexicon from ancient Mede to Mexican,

Knew Assyrian, Sanscrit, Greek;  
Knew the shape of sword and sandal of the Visigoth and Vandal  
And the old Etruscan features and physique.

He could write a song or sermon in old Celt or ancient German,  
And sing Italian songs and roundelays,  
Describe Tiglath-Pilezer, the herbivorous Neb'chadnezzar,  
And all the Kings and Queens of olden days.

He knew Nimrod, Noah, Cyrus, and the monarchs of Epirus,  
And gave scholarly descriptions of their deeds;  
He could lend an added splendor to the ancient witch of Endor,  
And describe the early monarchs of the Swedes.

But when he turned to Russian, he reeled with the concussion  
Of a word that parched and paralyzed and stung,  
For Ivan-Adamowski-Shanki-Ranoff-Peter-Squoshkie  
Completely tied and tangled up his tongue.

—*Tid-Bits.*

## AMUSEMENTS.

## THE TOURISTS.

Harrigan's Tourists will appear at the Opera House to-morrow (Saturday) evening. Of them the *Miner's Journal* says:

"Harrigan's Tourists drew one of the largest audiences of the season at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening, the dress circles and gallery being packed and the lower part of the house comfortably filled. The company comprises about as lively a lot of Irish comedians as are likely to be met with under one management. The bagpipe playing of Pat Toohey and John Hagan was a revelation to many who thought they had heard bagpipes before, while the reels and jigs of Hagan and Jerry Cohan were the poetry of motion and have never been eclipsed on our stage. The panoramic views of Irish cities and scenery afforded a pleasing variation amid the succession of comicalities, and the vociferous and incessant applause showed that the audience was thoroughly delighted with the entire entertainment."

**"KIT, THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER."**

"The People's Theatre was crowded last evening, with the admirers of Chanfrau, who appeared there in 'Kit, the Arkansas Traveler.' Mr. Chanfrau has appeared in this city before in the same play, and it is needless to say that his peculiar talents are displayed to the best advantage in 'Kit.' The drama itself is one of interest, which is more valuable than the over polish of the later schools of playwrights, in so far as concerns the popularity of such a production. 'Kit' is a manly, bluff, outspoken, and at the same time sensitive fellow, and such a part is one calculated to compel the admiration of the masses when it is acted as Mr. Chanfrau acts it. The play as above intimated is sure to hold an audience from start to finish. Aside entirely from the merits of the star and the time-honored play, the stage settings used by this company are admirable, and the company itself is one of almost uniform merit."—*Brooklyn Times.*

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THE ERA, in the language of a contemporary, is a *modest journal*; hence it does not delight in long speeches nor does it purpose now to make weary the hearts of its readers. Friends, classmates, Cornellians, the ERA wishes you one and all, successful examinations, a pleasant vacation and a safe return. If you have a "good time" who will blame you? Students, forget your books, or, if you must do something, write an article for the ERA and you will be rewarded by the consciousness of a duty done. Once more the ERA wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE advisability of opening the gymnasium for night work has been considered by the Faculty of Physical Culture and it has been determined that, if fifty or more students will agree to take regular evening work, the matter will be placed before the Trustees. In consideration of this fact quite a number of students have already signified their willingness to abide by the condition imposed and take regular systematic work. In addition to these there are doubtless many others who desire to see the experiment tried, but who are not willing to pledge themselves to be regular attendants. The additional expense incurred would not be great, and hence no great harm can come from giving the experiment a trial. It may be for a short time only, but then the success or failure of the venture would be established beyond a question and no one could possibly have any ground for objection.

THE average student is not usually the son of a Bonanza King. He is never burdened with too much of the "filthy lucre" that emblem of paternal affection by which he is enabled to come up to college where knowledge may be had for the getting and much money spent without any well-grounded conviction of value received. The student's exchequer is not always so full but that every dollar taken therefrom is one, the balance of which is one hundred cents of ten mills each, every mill representing a drop of sweat upon the brow of some laborer interested in that student's welfare, and who is giving of his hard earned dollars that the boy or girl may get an education. For how many of us are those at home making personal sacrifices that we may have the money with which to pay expenses at college? This is true in more cases than we are apt to admit at first thought. What property, therefore,

which the most of us possess, is representative of a necessity and is valued by us in proportion to the use which we make of it, and the sacrifices and labors incident to the getting of it, whether those sacrifices and labors are our own or those of another. This property ought to be respected by our fellow-students, many of whom are situated even as above described. Now what we regret to say is, that there are those in our very midst who have so far lost all sense of honor as to allow themselves to make off with that which does not belong to them. It is generally supposed that the halls and waiting rooms of the University buildings are safe places to leave books and wearing apparel during recitation hours, but in the light of revealed facts this has not been proved to be the case. To take an umbrella by mistake can find some excuse, but to search the pockets of overcoats left in the halls and to take gloves and mufflers therefrom, is, to say the least, disgraceful and even criminal. Such students do not deserve the name and should be treated with the contempt which their actions merit. They are a disgrace to any college and their presence could well be dispensed with. If found out they should be made to suffer to the full extent of the law.

ACCORDING to a custom established by long usage, there will be no ERA published next week. It is not our purpose to enter into encomium upon this custom, although by it we are relieved from duties which, while they are in a measure pleasant and profitable, are, moreover, of such a character that we could not perform them faithfully and at the same time acquit ourselves creditably in the eyes of the "educated gentlemen" on the Hill. However interesting it would be to travel backward through eighteen volumes of the ERA and to trace the origin and growth of this custom, yet we forbear, and shall content ourselves with saying a few things in regard to vacations in general and Christmas vacations in particular. The ostensible object of vacations is to provide

a means of rest for the weary student. The result is generally in harmony with the object, but it ought to be universally so. Most students plan their work for vacation with as much care as they do that of the term; but, "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-glee." This is eminently true of vacation work, for there is not one of us who ever accomplishes even in part that which we have planned for our vacation. When the vacation is over we sneak back to college much refreshed, but with the consciousness that our purpose has been defeated; hence there is more truth than fiction in the answers to the questions with which we are invariably met when we return: "Well, old fellow! what have you been doing? How have you put in your time?" "Oh, nothing! I read a little and had a general good time." Thus it is in hundreds of instances. Who of us has not planned to write at least one article during the winter vacation, but was it ever done? Some determine to read, but how much do they accomplish? Do these failures represent a corresponding weakness of the will power? We think not, for the mind requires rest and controls the will accordingly. Christmas vacation especially ought to relieve the monotony of student life. The time is short and at best furnishes but little opportunity to have a "good time." Any course of reading or study that would defeat the purpose of a vacation if pursued, and trouble the conscience if neglected, had better never been planned. On the other hand any course that combines in itself both recreation and profit, that is the course for the student during his winter vacation. Let something be read that will be a change from the ceaseless dig, dig of the college curriculum. Here fiction has its place, but a judicious selection must be made or the purpose will be defeated by the remedy. The best novels are those which are written in the best language and which portray the highest motives and purest characters. Let only such be read and the mind will be instructed and at the same time rested.

## THE STUDENT'S SOLILOQUY.

To bohn, or not to bohn,—that is the question :  
Whether it is better to suffer the disgrace of a condi-  
tion,

Or to take arms against such fears  
And by good cramming end them.

To cram,—to pass,—  
No more; and by that pass to end  
The headache and the thousand other ills  
That a poor Fresh. is heir to,—'tis a consummation  
Devoutly to be wished. To bohn,—to bum,—  
To bum, perchance to bust! ay there's the rub;  
For who would brave the anger of an outraged Prof.,  
The Faculty's displeasure, the "leave within three  
days,"

The loss of that respect which the "leg-puller" gets,  
And use a crib, when he would be much better off by  
calmly busting?

Who would bohn and sweat beneath the midnight  
lamp,

Save that the use of his well-fixed crib  
Is hindered by the ever watchful Prof.  
And that the dread of a hereafter, of that  
Vacation from which none return,  
Makes him rather keep the means he has,  
Than to use those whose success he knows not of.  
Thus necessity doth make students of us all,  
And the florid face of the bummer is sicklied o'er  
With the pale cast of thought,  
And at examination time, at least,  
The rogue must needs be honest.

—D.

## THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

The English language spoken in Europe and America, belongs to what has been called "The Indo-European Family." It is of Teutonic birth, belonging originally to the barbaric invaders, who, upon the breaking up of the Western Roman Empire in the fifth century, left the sand flats and marshes of their peninsular home in western Europe, and rolled in successive waves of invasion across the waters which separated them from Britain. After a protracted struggle the invaders overcame the native Britons, and obtained possession of the greater part of their province. Hither then they transfer their homes and are followed by their brethren. The settlement thus made became the foundation of what is now known as the kingdom of England, and the language spoken by those barbaric invaders is the source of the English language. It has furnished, though subject to revolutionary changes, the grammatical framework of our speech.

The invaders of Britain were of three sister tribes, viz: the Angles, Saxons and Jutes. They all spoke substantially the same language, yet there was a noticeable difference in their idioms. The name now given to their common language is Anglo-Saxon, a name which recognizes the claims of two of the tribes to a common language as relative. The Jutes were

an inferior tribe, and their claim seems to have been swallowed up by their more powerful sister tribes. The Anglo-Saxon then is the source of the English language, and at the period of which I write was pure and unmixed.

But language, like everything else subject to the moulding influence of man, is sure to change its form as the years roll on. The languages of the world have ever changed with the changing influences of civilization, and the Anglo-Saxon or English is not an exception to this general law.

When the Angles and Saxons came into Britain they were brought into contact with a Celtic speaking people, and their language became tainted slightly with Celtic words and idioms. The adoption of Celtic words, however, is so slight that it produced no material change. The language of the Angles and Saxons continues almost in its native purity until about the seventh century. At this time an effort was made by Latin Catholic missionaries to introduce Christianity into England. This effort was the cause of introducing the study of the Latin language, and hence influenced the adoption of Latin words. Shortly after this England was overrun and at last conquered by bands of Scandinavian pirates. They, too, had an influence in corrupting the general speech of the Anglo-Saxons. But the foreign tongue which was to have the greatest influence in producing change in this language was the Norman French. For a time it overlays and at length melts into and completely saturates the Anglo-Saxon. One writer has said that the Anglo-Saxon remained throughout the substance into which the Norman French as a color or quality was received; constituted the material shaped by the Norman into new forms and enlarged into new offices. The occasion which brought about this adoption of Norman words was what is known as the Norman Conquest of England in the middle of the eleventh century.

I have now traced briefly and in a general manner the history of the changes in the Anglo-Saxon language down to the beginning of the eleventh century. It has lost its purity as an unmixed language, yet it retains its peculiar characteristics. After the Norman Conquest, French became the language of the nobility and Anglo-Saxon was a mark of dependence, yet it was the popular tongue. It however has undergone changes which indicate grammatical decay, and with its foreign acquisitions is passing by degrees into English. The study of the language of this period reveals the fact, which I have intimated, that the conquering

Normans held themselves above the Anglo-Saxons, thus creating what may be termed a barrier to the rapid fusion of the two languages. The Normans were the nobility, and from them have descended the stater qualities of our language. Most of the present English words denoting dignity, state and honor are of Norman origin. On the other hand, however, the Saxons constituting the living, moving and supporting mass of the people, established a vocabulary of words which is destined to be taught by every English speaking mother to her children as the great foundation of a future English speech. The distinction between the two parties is kept up until the fourteenth century, when a common cause against the French across the water tends to unite them. Barriers in social, political and religious life are removed and a general intermingling of the two races follows. This state of affairs had its effect on the two languages and a fusion into a third follows.

Having followed the history of my subject up to the middle of the fourteenth century, it might be well to remark that never again is the growth of the English language interrupted or in any way changed or blighted by the conquering and subjecting influences of foreign power. The race is now a known and recognized power throughout the civilized world, and is destined to extend its territory and multiply its rule until it is the greatest of all races. The language now assumes a national character. Its vocabulary, made by the confluence of Anglo-Saxon and Norman-French words, becomes a mighty stream, which receives and commingles with itself as it rolls on through the ages, streams of words, some small, others large, some flowing down from antiquity, others from the mighty reservoir of the ancient Greek and Latin languages, some issuing from the dark caves and caverns of the middle ages, others from the mighty icebergs of past uncertainties, melted by the blazing sun of a modern civilization. This stream, thus augmented, widens and deepens its channel from year to year. It follows in its course wherever the English race may lead. To-day it is heard roaring amid the mountain gorges of one country, and to-morrow seen basking in the sunlight upon the prairies of another. To-day it is locked in the icy embrace of a frigid climate and its banks are clothed with the deep snows of an almost perpetual winter, and to-morrow in a country where an eternal summer reigns, its banks are clothed with a beautiful verdure and decked with sweet smelling flowers, and its waters are evaporated by a tropical sun, that they, stronger far than hosts that

march with battle flags unfurled, may go in refreshing showers of freedom, thought and truth to rouse and rule the world.

I shall now notice briefly a few of the inflowing streams of words. The period between 1350 and 1550 is especially marked by the inflowing of a stream which takes its rise really in the Latin language, but which must wind its way slowly through the French, a daughter of the Latin, at last to find an outlet through the Norman into the English. Its waters are marked for a time by what has been called the French element in our language. But as the waters of a muddy stream, flowing into a clear one of larger size, are after a time purified and made like as to the pure waters, so this French element after a time loses its peculiar characteristics and assimilates with the English.

The reservoir of the Latin and Greek languages is the great source of a constant stream of words which flows directly into the English. Its course was cut out by the advancing forces of learning, and its waters supply an essential element in the English.

There are a variety of other streams flowing from miscellaneous sources into the English. They have come in under varied circumstances and at times when the progressive character of the English civilization has brought it into contact with the civilization, either a past or present, of other nations and peoples.

Hence it is that upon an analysis of the waters of the English stream of to-day, we find them made up of a variety of elements so closely united that they appear even as one. The proportion of these elements is rather difficult to ascertain accurately. In the modern use of English the proportion of elements vary with different writers. No two use proportionally the same number of words of Anglo-Saxon or classic origin. An examination of several passages would perhaps give an approximate result as follows: 60 per cent. from Anglo-Saxon, 30 per cent. from Latin, 5 from Greek and 5 from all other sources combined. If, however, we take the dictionary of the language, we would find that the number of classic words would be almost two and a half times the Anglo-Saxon. The reason for this is obvious. The Anglo-Saxon words are more employed because of the repetition of conjunctions, prepositions, adverbs, auxiliaries, etc., all of which are of Anglo-Saxon origin.

The study of the English language is becoming more popular year by year. There are several reasons for this. The educators of the world have found out, some of them, that as much culture can be obtained from the study of

the English language as from that of any other, and further, since the English language is becoming eminently the most popular language spoken in the world, therefore a thorough knowledge of it is sure to win for its possessor a place of high honor, and its study is therefore more practical. A thorough knowledge of the English language not only is such a liberal education as constitutes its possessor a cultivated man, but no amount of other culture can quite make up for the lack of it. The literature of the English language is of a high character, and its study reveals much that is ennobling to the mind. It possesses what Bascom calls the three forms of value in literature, viz: intellectual, emotional and expressional. In the study of no other language is the mind educated to purer motives and higher resolves. The vocabulary of the English, taken as it is from so many sources, renders the possibilities of force, clearness and elegance more than doubly sure. The speaker or writer is not confined to a narrow sphere of selection. He is allowed full use of the immense vocabulary of the language. Surely this, if he is judicious in his choice of words, will give greater possibilities of a forcible, clear and elegant style. A sentence composed of words all Anglo-Saxon or all Latin would perhaps be neither forcible nor clear, but if the same sentence were written with part Latin and part Anglo-Saxon words, it would meet both requirements. It is true that Anglo-Saxon is forcible, and in many expressions even clear and elegant—indeed rhetoricians tell us that if we would be forcible and clear we must prefer Anglo-Saxon words. True as this is yet of itself it never would produce a good style, because it does not contain the essential requirements. Variety of expression is not prominent, and variety is a characteristic of good style. It is said that style is only the art of varying well. For varied expression, because of its composite vocabulary, the English has great resources, and hence I say its possibilities of style are great in proportion to the rich diversity of its vocabulary.

If there is a possibility of any language becoming a world language, then to that end is the English most apt to lead. It possesses the necessary requirements in a greater degree than does any other. They are chiefly the same as those which mark out for it such great possibilities of style. The vocabulary recruited from the speech of almost every people and literature of the world already has what might be called a universal element. Then, too, the English race is rapidly extending its influence and spreading its civilization. This will bring the

English language into more intimate relations with others, and it being stronger will eventually overcome. Its literature, possessing so much to cheer and bless mankind, will be sought after by all people. Then let it go forth, and

"Speed the time by good men prayed for long,  
When Christian states, grown just and wise, will scorn  
revenge and wrong;  
When earth's oppressed and savage tribes shall cease  
to pine and roam,  
All taught to prize the English words—Faith, Free-  
dom, Heaven and Home."

#### THE HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The last meeting of the H. & P. S. Association for this term was held in the Botanical Lecture Room last Wednesday evening. Owing doubtless to the unpleasant weather and the nearness of examinations, the attendance was smaller than usual.

President Adams, the President of the Association, in a few words prepared the audience for the chief article of the evening, a paper by Instructor E. E. Hale, Jr., upon the course of the American cruisers in European waters prior to the alliance between France and the Colonies. Mr. Hale, after showing the connection of his subject with Franklin, and stating that the source of his information was the Franklin papers in the American Philosophical Association of Philadelphia, took up as the first division of his article the career of Captain Lambert Wicks. The reader presented in a pleasant manner the story of this officer's daring achievements, and spoke of the questions of international law involved in the position in reference to him maintained by the French government. In the second part of his paper Mr. Hale treated in a similar way the course of Capt. Gustavus Cunningham, and then pointed out the close parallel between the conduct of France toward England and the Colonies and that of England toward the United States and the Confederacy, during the Civil War.

President Adams then called upon the other members for a further discussion of the subject but, no one responding, he took up the topic and spoke of the well known sympathy of France for the Colonies; of the secret aid which she sent to America and finally of the alliance which she made with America. He told how this alliance was long desired by France and that she only awaited some marked success by the Colonies to assist them openly and how, after the victory over Burgoyne, a message was sent to France by a special ship and the alliance followed.

The President next delivered a review of two books which have just been published. The first was "Methods of Historical Study" by Dr. Freeman; he spoke of this work as especially valuable to members of the H. P. S. A., and to persons intending to teach history. The work consists of eight lectures as delivered by Dr. Freeman to his classes at Oxford. The President praised particularly the third and fourth lectures.

The other book reviewed was the "Memoirs of J. Lewis Dimon" by Miss Charlotte Hazard. Professor Dimon was Professor of History at Brown University and while there received calls to act as Professor of History at Princeton, Harvard, and Johns Hopkins Universities, but he declined them all. A glowing tribute was paid the Professor by President Adams and he also praised the book very highly, saying it was so fascinating that after once beginning it, he finished it before laying it down.

The public meeting now adjourned and the Association went into a business session, but owing to the absence of the Secretary the business was postponed until the first meeting next term. The Association then adjourned to meet as early as possible next term.

#### THE NAVY.

The present outlook for our Navy is very bright; an unusually large number will go into training and out of this number a good crew can surely be chosen. Among others who will go into training are Keating, Balch, Parker, Metzgar, Stranahan, Upton, Barnum, G. L. Fielder, and Andrews. Olmstead, last year's stroke will probably be back and he and Psotta will be a good nucleus on which to build a crew.

A challenge is soon to be issued to the leading colleges for a race with four or eight oared shells and with a single. Whether to have a four or an eight has not yet been decided but the majority favor an eight as it has superseded the four in the principal colleges.

Prices have been secured on boats, both four and eight-oared, and if the collectors are as successful in the next two weeks as they have been in the last two, the boats will be ordered soon.

Commodore Psotta has received a notice that the old Intercollegiate Association, consisting of Brown, Bowdoin, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell, will hold a meeting in New York on Dec. 31st. He will represent Cornell there and try to have the Association reorganized so that the races will be rowed in eights in place of fours as formerly.

Harvard has graduated 11000 men and 2500 came back to her 250th anniversary.

#### CORNELL DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Cornell Dramatic Club was organized under very favorable circumstances last Tuesday afternoon. Notwithstanding the bad weather a goodly number, including ten young ladies from Sage, assembled in the elocution room. The meeting was called to order by Professor Corson, Mr. Horace White acting as secretary. The purpose of the meeting was clearly stated by Mr. Leakey, and his remarks were followed by the able advice and suggestions of Professor Corson. Mr. White stated the experiences of last year's Dramatic Club, and it was soon evident from his statement of expenses that it would be best to make a moderate start. Mr. Leakey then gave further hints as to the character of plays to be chosen and the preparation necessary. A motion to effect a permanent organization was made and carried. After several pertinent remarks and suggestions by Mr. Huffcut the following officers were elected unanimously: Professor Hiram Corson, President; Mr. Leakey, Dramatic Director; Mr. Huffcut, Business Manager.

It was decided that an executive committee of five should have the power to select and cast all plays; that the committee should be composed of the President, Dramatic Director, and Business Manager, and that the two remaining members of the committee should be appointed by the Dramatic Director. Mr. Leakey accordingly appointed Mr. Horace White, '87, and Miss Marx, '88. The appointments met with much favor and, to say the least, were deserved.

The name adopted for the organization was the Cornell Dramatic Club.

Mr. Huffcut from his position as Business Manager spoke in his usual happy manner of the financial matters concerning the new club. He was several times greeted with applause. On motion it was decided to charge an entrance fee of \$1.00 for membership in the club, and to invite all students in the University to join.

Professor Corson very generously offered the use of his parlors for the rehearsal and representation of the first plays. His offer was gladly accepted, and after tendering him a vote of thanks the club adjourned.

—Now does the hitherto listless student regularly consume the sort of oleaginous fluid commonly dubbed midnight oil; he rises at unseemly hours in the morning and "grinds" perpetually; he looks not at all upon the motto hanging over his door that reads "Eat, Drink and Be Merry," but "lives with his books." This unwonted behavior is a freak of his nature that comes but three times a year, and its beginning tells us that "cram week" is at hand.

NOTICES.

The Banjo and Guitar Club will meet at the Zeta Psi House to-morrow afternoon at 2 p. m. by order of the President, Mr. Ittner. Please bring instruments.

METHODIST ALLIANCE.—The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Alliance will be held in Association Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 4, 1886, at 7.30 p. m. Papers will be read on the Doctrines of Methodism, and on the Growth of the Baptist Church. All are invited.  
BY THE SECRETARY.

The Cornell Dramatic Club desires to extend to all officers, students, and friends of Cornell University, a cordial invitation to unite in the work for which it was organized. Any one wishing to join the Club can do so by making application to any member of the Executive Committee, and paying to the Business Manager a fee of one dollar. Members of the Club are entitled to admission to all representations given by the Club, and they may also have the privilege of inviting a limited number of friends.  
BY ORDER OF THE EX. COM.

The following is the programme of the exercises at the Unitarian Church, beginning Sunday evening next and continuing throughout the week.

SUNDAY, Dec. 5.—Preaching by Rev. Grindall Reynolds, Sec. of American Unitarian Association.

MONDAY at 7.30.—“The Place in the Christian Life of to-day of the Unitarian Church” by Rev. Grindall Reynolds; “An Ideal Sunday School” by Rev. S. R. Calthrop.

TUESDAY at 7.30.—“The Duty of the Church to the Poor and Suffering” by Rev. Geo. W. Cutter of Buffalo; “The Social and Intellectual Life Beneficial to a Church,” by Rev. N. M. Mann; Reception with refreshments to the public at the close of the meeting.

WEDNESDAY at 7.30.—Arthur May Knapp of Boston on “Temple and Cathedral” with stereopticon.

Friday and Saturday Fair.

CORNELLIANA.

- Good-by till next term.
- Go to Military Hop No. 2 to-night!
- “The melancholy days have come,  
The saddest of the year.”
- Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he falleth.
- There will be another quiz in Junior American History next Wednesday.

—The ERA hopes you may all get, not five, but 100 on the examinations.

—The youngest club is the Dramatic Club, which was organized Tuesday afternoon.

—An important meeting of the Agricultural Association was held last Tuesday evening.

—On Wednesday next the class in Geology will have a general review of the work of the term.

—Most of the Clubs, Societies, Associations, etc., hold their last meeting for the term this week.

—The coldest spot in New York is the campus from Morrill Hall to Professor Caldwell's house.

—Holders of University Scholarships may get their last check of the term at any time from now on.

—The last regular meeting of the Natural History Society was held last night in the Botanical Lecture Room.

—“Artistic B. Rich's at 48 E. State St.” At least that is what the new sign at the head of Buffalo St. proclaims.

—No ERA next week! Too much outside work to attend to! We are bothered in this way just the same as the rest of you.

—If you wish to win the eternal gratitude of seven of your fellow students, employ part of your vacation in writing some article for the ERA.

—A second class tax has been levied by the authorities in the Freshman class. Really this is not bad; two class taxes during the first term in college.

—A meeting of the library committee of the C. U. C. A., was held Wednesday, and measures were taken looking toward increasing the Association library.

—The laboring classes were once defined as those students who take advanced mathematics, but this definition must be extended at this time in the term.

—Do not forget to send in to the Registrar the card containing your list of studies for the term. By so doing your term marks may be most easily ascertained.

—Is it your settled determination to while away under the parental roof the brief period of rest from the arduous labors of your undergraduate sojourn in this vicinity?

—'90 men are soon to undergo their first great trial. We hope that they may all acquit themselves “creditably,”—yes, “honorably;” there are, however, some “conditions” that must be taken into consideration and their difficulties overcome before Freshmen or any one else can expect to come out even “passably.”

—A new vaulting-horse has been put up in the "Gym." Its body is covered with leather, and its legs are of iron and may be adjusted in length to suit the person using the steed.

—"Tom," the janitor of the "Gym" has one great weakness; he does like to smoke a good cigar, and the man that gives him one is sure to receive many favors from his hands.

—We are glad to learn that some steps are being taken toward the securing of reduced railway rates for Cornell University students. Let the matter be concluded before Christmas.

—The new bicycle trainer allows no one to monopolize its use. As soon as a quarter of a mile has been ridden, the machine warns its rider by a loud "Ting!" that it is some one else's turn.

—Probably everyone in Elocution has by this time found that that subject requires plenty of good earnest work; but at any rate it calls for no examination, and consequently no "cramming."

—Professor Corson on Thursday posted upon the bulletin board, an announcement of the hours at which essays are to be read by those whose first appointment fell within the Thanksgiving recess.

—Those that have a term standing of 80 per cent or better in Rhetoric are excused from the regular term examination in that subject. Would this scheme not work well in other branches of University work?

—Rubber boots have been worn by a large number of students this week. They may not be according to the regular schedule nor "English ye know," but they are very comfortable under the present circumstances.

—Ithaca will soon fall into its natural dull state and will remain so for three or four weeks. To the sorrow of boarding-house keepers, Christmas vacation is near at hand, and nearly all the students will spend it at home.

—The regular meeting of the Irving Literary Society will be held in the Association Hall, this evening at the usual hour. After the literary exercises of the evening, the election of officers for the next term will take place.

—One evening last week a young gentleman well known in University circles was ably assisted in making his exit from the office jointly occupied by the *Sun* and the *ERA*. For full particulars apply to the Sporting Editor of the *Sun*.

—The stereopticon entertainment of the Richardson Club will take place next Monday evening in the Architectural lecture room Morrill Hall. An admission fee of ten cents will be

required of all Architects who are not members of the club.

—At a meeting of the Presbyterian Union Tuesday evening considerable routine business was transacted. It was decided to hold meetings next term at intervals of three weeks, and the committee on programme for the winter term was chosen.

—We wish to anticipate Professor J. in giving some good advice to his sections in Geometry. He has in the past highly recommended a shampoo as preparation for mathematical examinations, and no one who has thus prepared himself has been "busted."

—It would be very appropriate to ring a "chestnut" bell at times on some members of the Faculty. Of course we must laugh at the jokes (?), you know; for it behooves us to be on the best of terms with the joker. But such mirth is often very painful.

—To accommodate those of his section in Faust whose other examinations are in the earlier part of the examination week, Professor Hewett will change the date of the Faust examination from the morning of Dec. 17 to the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 13.

—To the great sorrow (?) of the Sophomores there will be no more recitations in Mechanics and Heat. The sorrowing ones should comfort themselves with the fact that Professor Anthony will have his text-book on Electricity and Magnetism ready for the winter term.

—The Banjo and Guitar Club recently organized is getting along finely, and several of its members are becoming very creditable performers upon one or the other instrument. Why not hold a concert for the benefit of the Athletic Association? It certainly would be well attended.

—It is rumored that the Junior class is to receive several new members from other colleges at the beginning of the next term. The reputation of Cornell among her sisters is partly shown by the fact that she has already received into the three higher classes twenty-nine students this year.

—At a meeting of professors and students in room K on Wednesday, a new constitution for the Students' Guild was adopted. The officers for the next year were chosen, and other matters of minor importance decided. Subscriptions from students will soon be received at the Business Office.

—The December review of two weeks, particularly designed for those who wish to review rapidly subjects for the January entrance examinations, and for those desiring to accomplish special objects, will begin at 3 p. m. on Satur-

day, December 18, 1886, at Professor Wait's Cascadilla School.

—In another column may be found a contributed poem. Although in this, the last issue for the term, our space is in great demand, we were led to publish the verses by two considerations: firstly, the universal interest felt in the subject, and secondly and chiefly, the hope of encouraging other contributors.

—The class in Political Economy will not be called upon in the final examination for the references to Mill, Jevons, Walker, etc., given during the term. Although these references help much to a clear understanding of the various topics, Professor Hodder will hold the class responsible only for the Marshall.

—The bulletin board in Morrill Hall was adorned by a mysterious notice on Wednesday and Thursday. On a large sheet of paper was drawn a skull and cross-bones, and below this ghastly picture certain mystic symbols jumbled together with English words, conveyed some message in cipher. Above the whole were the letters T. N. E.

—All students taking Senior or Junior Themes who did not hand Professor Corson a list of their open hours, and who consequently were given no hour to read their Essays, will meet the Professor to-morrow between 9 and 10 o'clock in his lecture room in White Hall. At the same time and place an opportunity to read will be given those whose appointed hours fell within the recess.

—Professor Tuttle on Wednesday delivered before his class in Systematic Politics, an exceedingly interesting lecture on the probable future of the British government as indicated by the policy of the present administration. The lecture was a most scholarly one, and was highly enjoyed by the students and the visitors who were so fortunate as to be present.

—Probably no decisive foot-ball game will be played this fall. The natural conclusion, therefore, is that Freshmen will not know whether they may carry canes or not. They will say that '89 has not earned a right to prevent such a thing, while Sophomores will say that Freshmen have not proven their right to sport sticks. The general custom at Cornell is that Freshmen are allowed to carry canes after Thanksgiving whatever has been the outcome of their contest with the Sophs.

#### PERSONALS.

H. R. ICKELHEIMER, '88, was called home to New York on Wednesday, by the death of his grandfather.

HUMPHRIES, Cornell '83, will manage the Rochester International League team next season. He will also do a part of the catching.

OLIN, '86, will probably play professional ball no more; if he should do so, he will doubtless play with the Rochester team.

H. L. WHITNEY, formerly '83, is practicing medicine in Scranton, Pa., and holds a very distinguished position in the profession. He is rated as one of the best informed and most earnest students among the young physicians of the County Association.

A. H. COWLES, a member of the famous '81 crew, has at Lockport, N. Y., probably the largest works for the production of aluminium in the world. He and his brother, E. H. Cowles, have invented a process by which aluminium is extracted from its oxide by electricity; this method has reduced the price of aluminium from \$12 per pound to \$2.92 per pound.

#### MARRIED.

TILTON—LARRABEE—On Saturday, Nov. 27th, at St. James Church, Chicago, by the Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Vibbert, John Neal Tilton, '80, and Emily Wood Larrabee, daughter of C. R. Larrabee, Esq. No cards.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Five professors of Andover are being tried for heresy.

At Harvard, the library is open from 1 to 5 p. m. on Sundays.

Troy Polytechnic has just completed a new "gym" at a cost of \$12,000.

Mr. Hewett, mayor-elect of New York, graduated from Columbia as valedictorian of his class.

At Dartmouth students are allowed to draw six books from the college library, to keep during vacation.

The trustees of Amherst College have recommended that the number of students be limited to three hundred.

Harvard is rich in buildings, libraries, museums, acres, and students, but is woefully poor in ready money.—*Boston Advertiser*.

Yale has three alumni in the United States Senate, Princeton and Hamilton two each, and Harvard, Bowdoin and Williams each one.

#### EXCHANGES.

A distinctive style should be the aim of all college journalists. Some of our exchanges seem to have been written by one person, since all departments read alike. This is decidedly monotonous to one who inspects college papers and should be avoided as much as possible. The *Occident* could be improved in this respect

very much. It is not live enough. We look for more vigorous writings from our hardy western brothers.

Athletics is a very proper thing at colleges and deserves attention by the college papers, but too much space devoted to the subject in the college press, inclines one to the belief that athletics takes up too much of the students' time. A recent issue of the *Amherst Student* abounds with accounts of football and base ball and other athletic news and the same superabundance of athletics appears in other papers of high standing.

The Columbia *Spectator* gives a review of Columbia's Alumni in Politics. Many eminent men in public life look upon Columbia as their Alma Mater and the *Spectator* has occasion to feel proud of them.

The Vassar *Miscellany* for November is a very interesting number. The tone of the articles is very good, while there is no evidence of girlishness to be found in the magazine. The editorials are very sensibly written and show a thorough knowledge of college journalism. The "Exchange Notes" should be more extensive however and more carefully prepared.

The *Northwestern* is steadily improving. Each issue shows careful preparation and able editing and its future is indeed bright. The "Exchanges" are not inspected very thoroughly and more attention paid to this department would add to the value of the paper.

The last number of the Bowdoin *Orient* is rather a curious publication. Four of the six editorials are discussions of one kind or another with the Colby *Echo*. We cannot understand why so much valuable space is given up to these discussions which are purely the outcome of jealousy. No good can follow from pursuing such a course of action on the part of any college paper and the sooner this trifling controversy is ended the better it will be for those concerned and college journalism in general.

#### LITERARY.

We have before us from Chas. Scribner's Sons, a sermon, Catholicity—True and False, preached before the National Congregational Council, at Chicago, Oct. 13, 1886, by Rev. Geo. P. Fisher, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Yale University. It is published in pamphlet form and is well worthy the careful perusal of all those who are interested in the claims made for Christianity. We regret that our space forbids a more extensive notice.

No. XX of the Economic Tracts, published by the Society for Political Education, 31 Park

Row, New York, is a splendid treatise on Labor Differences and their Settlement, and sets forth a well-argued Plea for Arbitration and Conciliation. The pamphlet is written by Joseph D. Weeks, and hence carries with it the recommendation of at least being reliable authority. It cannot fail to be interesting to those who care to be students of the political questions of the United States.

"The Proceedings of the Modern Language Association of America," is the title of a neat pamphlet which turned up on our table to-day. On opening it almost the first thing which attracted our attention was a report on "Modern Languages in American Colleges" by Professor W. T. Hewett, chairman of the committee appointed the preceding year to collect the material and report at the next meeting of the Association. The other members of the committee seem to have been inactive since, say the proceedings, "The collection of this large material was due exclusively to the untiring industry of Professor Hewett." The pamphlet contains many other digests of reports made at this meeting and that too by the most eminent Modern Language educators of America. A more critical examination of the Proceedings is forbidden owing to the very short time at our disposal for the purpose.

The Aims and Methods of Collegiate Instruction in Modern Language is the title of a pamphlet by Professor Hewett, which is reprinted from the transactions of the Modern Language Association of America. The Professor shows the increasing importance of the study of French and German, and points out how he believes the best results may be obtained from such study. By the requirement of French and German for admission to college, time for more advanced work may be secured. But as at present under the most favorable conditions the time must be all too short, it is best to make the chief aim of the college course the attainment of ability to enjoy and appreciate the literature of these languages. Yet as a means of mental discipline the importance of modern language cannot be overlooked. The instruction then must be extended and systematized. The increased time obtained by the exclusion of elementary instruction from the college course may more profitably and worthily be employed in pursuing a broader range of studies. With more advanced students a method resembling that followed in scientific laboratory study, produces the best results, and brings professors and students into closer relations.

**THE BELLS.**

Hear the tinkling of the bells,  
Chestnut bells.

What a world of bitter meaning their "ting-a-ling"  
foretells!

How they tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,  
Morning, noon, and stilly night;  
While the ancient Rip Van Winkle,  
Played-out jokes that F. F.'s\* sprinkle,  
Straight are stricken with a blight;  
Keeping time, time, time,  
In a sort of chestnut rhyme,

To the "ting"-abomination, incessantly that wells,  
From the bells, bells, bells.

From the latest, greatest, nuisance, "chestnut bells."

Hear the tolling of the bells,  
Fun'ral bells.

What a solemn gloom of sorrow their intonation tells!

In the pealing of the toll,  
Gloatingly the echoes roll

Through the spreading ch-s-n-t branches over-head;  
For the chestnut fiend is dead.

He had no brains, and ditto soul,  
Dogs have days, and (let them toll)  
Same with puppies, so 'tis said.  
Keeping time, time, time,  
In the same old chestnut rhyme

To the weary, rusty, "busted" chestnut bells.

\*Ask Prof. W. —Contributed.

**SPECIAL SALE.**

It will pay students to attend Bool's great auction sale of Holiday Goods, consisting of Plated Ware, Japanese Ware, Swiss goods, plush and leather goods, Christmas cards, pocket cutlery, gold pens, etc. Sale to commence Saturday, Dec. 4th, at 2 and 7 o'clock, p. m., in the Culver Block.

**CHURCH NOTICES.**

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnot, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

University Chapel. Services at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. during the fall and spring term. Discourses delivered by clergymen of the various Christian denominations.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, at Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Sts. Pastor, R. D. Munger. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sabbath School at 12:15 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 10 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m., Sunday Prayer Meeting at 6 p. m. Teachers' Meetings, Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m. Regular Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

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*Plane Geometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8 P. M.*  
*Higher Algebra, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
*Arithmetic, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
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EVERY Cornellian rejoices in the prospects for the crew and base ball nine. The men to compete for positions on the nine will soon be engaged in their winter practice and the crew ought also to be at work. Probably there will be greater trials of skill and strength next spring than heretofore and greater spoils, in the way of reputation and glory, will belong to the victors. Never before was so much interest centered in athletics and it is to be hoped that the results may not prove unsatisfactory. Of this we have no fear, for there is nothing to prevent the best men from being chosen for the various positions both on the crew and the nine.

ONCE more the ERA suffers loss by the resignation of Mr. McCargo who has labored faithfully in furtherance of her interests. We regret the necessity that seems to compel Mr. McCargo's action and wish him success in whatever direction he may turn his energies. As our relations together have been pleasant, so we think others will find in him qualities that will recommend him to their friendship. To whomsoever his successor may be, we would say, accept not the position unless you are willing to work. Your fellow workers will have enough to do in hoeing their own row without assisting another. Therefore, think twice before accepting the position; count on no one's efforts but your own and you will add strength to what you would otherwise weaken.

AGAIN quill-driving has commenced and, in justice to ourselves, we are bound to say that the pleasure of resuming our task is not unmixed with what men are pleased to call sadness. We had expected that our cup would be full even to the running over thereof, but, alas! alas! we have found, as others before us, that it is the common lot of mankind to meet with disappointments which serve to increase what is already a load of care. Although we have, time and again, faithfully exhorted our fellow-students to contribute to the columns of the ERA, as yet our exhortations have been in vain and that which we have hoped for is yet to be realized. What, in this case, should be the work of the many, is the work of the few. Has the literary spirit of Cornell University reached such a low ebb that work in this direction is almost a thing of the past? With eight hundred students and boasted facilities for improvement in every department we ought not to be able to say that the fountains are dry from which once flowed refreshing showers of thought. Are there no poets and is the writer of fiction dead? To the former we answer no,

to the latter, yes, and our answers may be proved by axioms. Many of our exchanges are made up almost entirely of contributed articles of greater or less merit and we are starving for just such nourishment. Now we are dazzled, now overshadowed by the genius of men whose fame stops not with the ocean, and yet they hearken not when we call for their support in the way of contributions.

**D**URING the present term there will be no out-door sports to engage our attention and, indeed, whatever pleasure comes to any one of us will depend almost entirely upon our own efforts and capacity to enjoy. There will doubtless be provided lectures and entertainments that will not only instruct but amuse; as yet our Dramatic Club is in a formative state, but from this source alone we are promised that which will be enjoyed only by members and a limited number of friends. But besides these things, there are the Junior Ball, the social event of the term, and the Winter Meeting in the "Gym." Whatever of athletic interest the term possesses, usually clusters around this event. This event is not only interesting but it is absolutely necessary to tide the students safely over the long interval between the fall and the spring terms. Those who have subscribed liberally to the athletic fund, are anxious to see whether faithful work is being done by the athletes and whether as great things, or greater, may be expected of them as in years that are past. In the light of present events we would say, that the meeting this winter promises to be unusually interesting. A number have already signified their intention of entering the lists, and from this fact alone it may be augured that the contests will be sharper than those of last year and hence more interesting to the spectators. We are anxious to see our athletes do their best, and so would urge them to use system in their training, for nothing short of this will accomplish their purpose. Every one who excels in any one event ought to direct his energies in that direction, so that two or three men need not appear in

every contest in order to have in any degree a successful meeting.

**T**HE work of another term has fairly begun; Christmas vacation of '86 and '87 is now reckoned among the things that were and are not; the first days of greeting are past and there rests upon the face of every student, a look which we dare not say forebodes evil nor yet must we say that good, pure and simple, is to be expected. Although every term has its difficulties and those, too, which often seem not to be overcome, yet the winter term is emphatically the term of work. There are fewer side issues to attract the student's attention and by much study and diligent search after knowledge as for hid treasures, he may be able to redeem his lost reputation and do that which will help him materially in those "tests of knowledge" which will hereafter be provided by those who are in charge of the nurture of his mind. Then, too, the winter term is the time when the newborn resolutions by being kept, give force to character, and by being broken make prisoners of us all. A conscience that has come off the hero of a hundred battles and is ever to be found in the front ranks of truth, freedom and honor, is the most valuable possession possible for man, but he whose conscience is weak and suffers defeat on every hand, is as a rudderless ship tossed hither and thither by the angry billows. As sure as such a ship will meet with destruction just so sure will the student who is not actuated by the high motives of a strict conscience, be defeated and his purpose will wither as the cropped flower at mid-day. We doubt not that many are the resolves that have been made at the opening of the present year. Think not that these will bring success. They demand determined work and vigilant watching on the part of those who made them. Success comes not for the asking and only the man who is willing to work and make haste slowly can make it his own. Success comes not without failure, hence the few who achieve it. It is not our resolves but how we stick to them that makes us rise

higher than the mere mediocre. Students should be men in the highest sense of the word, for they are the ones who are to mould the future. Educated men and true are always the motors of an advancing civilization; hence, as the multitudes multiply, there is pressing need that there be more men to lead and give direction to what would otherwise end in confusion. In view of these things, it is the heartfelt wish of the ERA that, when the bells shall toll the knell of 1887, the number of defeated purposes may be fewer than those of former years.

### FOUNDER'S DAY.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES.—THE RECEPTION AND HOP IN THE EVENING.

For many years Founder's Day has not been observed with appropriate exercises. This year, however, it was the wise decision of the Faculty to suspend the routine of University work and to commemorate the services of the man, by whose munificence the foundations of Cornell University were made firm as the everlasting rocks imbedded in the earth beneath. To this end and according to a prearranged programme, the classes assembled in goodly numbers and thereby showed their respect for the memory of him whose name the University bears. The long procession headed by the Trustees and Faculty, moved slowly forward as the clock in the tower pealed the hour of eleven. Through the doors of Memorial Chapel it passed and beheld the tomb where whatever of Ezra Cornell that is mortal, now rests. In passing, there were placed on the tomb, evergreen wreaths emblematical of the continuous esteem in which his memory is held. When the gymnasium was reached, the Faculty took seats on the platform and the students and friends of the University were seated so as to face the platform. President Adams announced the exercises, which were as follows:

Singing, "Integer Vitæ," . . . . . Ithaca Quartette  
Prayer, . . . . . Rev. Dr. Synnott  
Founder's Hymn, . . . . . Ithaca Quartette  
Address on the Life and Services of Ezra Cornell, by  
the Hon. Francis M. Finch, Judge of the Court  
of Appeals.

Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," . . . . . Ithaca Quartette  
Benediction, . . . . . Rev. Dr. Synnott

The address of Hon. Francis M. Finch was particularly appropriate and beautiful. He spoke as follows:

I have come among you to-day from a sense of duty which I found it impossible to resist. Since it was my fortune to be one of those who watched at the

cradle of the University,—sometimes when the nights were dark, and enemies gathered and danger approached in the shadows,—and to stand by the side of the founder, giving such help as occasion permitted or anxiety prompted, it seems appropriate that those memories of his life which I may have unconsciously stored away, whether familiar to the many or known only to the few, should have the repetition of this memorial occasion, or the preservation of such record as it is yet possible to make.

At that commemoration which, in the beginning of the last November, gathered about Cambridge loving sons and admiring friends to look back upon two hundred and fifty years of educational life, the thoughtful and polished orator of the festival could do no more for the memory of John Harvard than to speak of him in a passing sentence as "the gentle and godly youth from whom we took our name,—himself scarce more than a name." For us, there is not yet the excuse of long and blinding years, and a memory faded till its colors are lost in the gray of a mist; and something more than a name was our dead founder's gift. Surely, before the added years build other barriers between us and him, the solid strength and merit of his life should be remembered and recalled; and to that purpose and that alone, I devote the memento allotted me to-day.

However vain the wish, one cannot repress a longing that events might have been so ordained as to have given to his open and observant eyes a view of what has already been accomplished in the upbuilding of this University whose completion and success became the dominant purpose of his life. Doubtless, some such wish was often his. Once at least I traced its presence in an expression of momentary regret. I remember riding with him over these hills when but a single building was slowly rising, and our way led through tangled grass, over uneven ground, amid the stone and timbers of construction, and when, after some moments of silence, with a patient and far off look in his eyes, he said that I was more fortunate than he, since I might reasonably expect to see how the scene would look after the changes of twenty-five years, while for him there was no such hope. Less than that quarter century has gone and I can see the change; but I am sure that he saw it then. In that moment of thoughtful silence every building took its appointed place, and he counted them already by the score, and voices and footsteps broke the stillness of the fields. One may even imagine that in that vision of the future he saw the white helmets designed for the drill of the afternoon, and heard the sound of bells as yet uncast, from a tower not even planned. Far more than any man I knew he took the future into his confidence and thoughts, and studied its far perspective while tracing the foreground of his immediate work. One can almost see the hope and the purpose shining out of his young eyes as he stood upon this very hill, after a long day's walk from the parental roof, and looked down upon the village that was to be his future home. One can see it again in his weary journeys through the south, and patient efforts among the farms of Maine. But it developed most rapidly when he became one of the pioneers in telegraph construction and staked his fortune upon the result.

I have heard him tell the story, modestly, but with some pride in the triumph of his judgment, and when he thought the listeners needed the stimulus of the lesson; how capital shrank from the enterprise and

cautiously refused its aid; how mistakes and imperfections discouraged those who believed; how the heavy pressure of debt brought with it the destructive energy of the law; how learned scientists warned off his wires from the house-tops as bringing danger of fire; how he slept on the floor by his batteries and lived upon a crust; how sickness came to the help of disaster, when health and strength were supremely needed; but how all the time he felt sure that the energy of the lightning would be tamed to steady and useful work, and the world had need of its marvelous power, and so persisted through doubt and despair darkening all about him until the results unfolded in success and brought him a fortune beyond his hopes and needs.

What he had done with the telegraph in his vigorous youth he thought could be repeated with railways in his ripening age. Two such enterprises, necessary as he believed for easy and convenient access to the University he had founded, were struggling for lack of means, and in danger of failure and complete dissolution. With his old-time courage and faith in the future, he took their burdens upon his shoulders, and put in peril the fortune he had so hardily won. When some of us were frightened and ventured to remonstrate, with unmoved serenity and amazed wonder at our timidity and want of foresight, he answered with confident predictions, reasoning difficult to be resisted and a faith that would have moved mountains. The roads were built. The bulk of his fortune was buried in the earth with their ties and spiked to the railways with their rails. If I greeted one of them with a solid and resolute hatred whose embers are yet, perhaps, a little warm in the ashes; because it invaded the college grounds, destroying their peace with its screaming whistles, breaking every promise of neatness and adornment, and threatening the native forests that none but a vandal would disturb; because I saw how its multitudinous wants, like the arms of a devil-fish were fastening upon every square inch of the Founder's confidence and trust; because I feared the coming of the wreckers with their syndicates and foreclosures and battered life-boats presaging disaster; at least I was not blind to the patient courage with which he faced the danger, or the marvelous faith that calmly awaited the ultimate results. As he saw the flood tide of his fortune climb the sands to his feet and lift above all dangerous bars and rocks without excitement, or wonder, or pulses jubilant and throbbing, so he beheld the ebb stripping bare the sands and gliding out to the sea of cut and embankment and culvert and bridge, without terror, without complaint and looked forward with cheerful courage and unyielding faith to a successful and fortunate end.

Even the approaching steps of Death faltered and hesitated before the firmness of that courage and the serenity of that faith. I shall not soon forget an occasion when, on the banks of the Hudson he made his appearance at the closing of a litigation in which the interests of the University were largely involved. He came pale, haggard, and weak, with an incipient and painful cough, in a storm of wind and rain that lent damp and chill to the air, and declining to rest upon a lounge, sat severely upright through the work of the day, marking every word, but repressing every emotion, and giving no sign of the thoughts within. Some one, not meaning to be overheard, spoke of him in a low and sympathetic tone as a dying man. I thought the words did not reach him. The firm head did not stir; no muscle moved; the eyes looked out

fearless; no added pallor spread over his face. But some hours after, when we were alone together he suddenly looked up and said: "They need not think me a dying man. I shall live long enough yet to ward off all danger and earn another million of dollars to give to the University at home." It matters little to the wonder of his courage that the firm purpose failed and death interposed a final barrier, for out of the aching head of his sure and sagacious plans was yet to spring, as the Greek goddess came, more than the million that death would not let him earn.

Such was the brave nature, the prophetic intelligence, the unflinching faith that built itself into the foundations of your University. One would expect to see something of the characteristics of the founder in the work of his hands; but in two directions his far-reaching courage and foresight were developed to even greater degree than in his personal and business enterprises. Hold up to the light and study that calm statement of his: "I would found an institution in which any person may find instruction in any study." The words are simple as was the Quaker way of his inheritance but have a directness peculiarly his own, and a deliberate force in their wide and confident sweep.

"Any person"—the rich perhaps, but the youth of humbler homes and narrower means assuredly and without fail; those training for the learned professions if they should choose, but at all events the workers of the world, the men of the compass and the sledge, of the engine and the plow; not merely the earnest and ambitious boy, but the girl as well in whose face the doors of equal education had long been scornfully shut. I am little likely to forget how those doors were opened and there entered with startling promptness what is now commonly called co-education. When everything was new and order had scarcely tamed confusion; when for young men we had scarcely room, and for young women none, there came one day a quiet girl, modest, but—dreadfully firm—bringing with her the formal certificate of her school commissioner entitling her to a state scholarship, and asking admission to the student ranks. We were face to face with the grave problem, suddenly, and unwarned. I was asked to study the law and see if the application could be rejected. Study the law? There on our very seal was graven the mandate of the founder, there, in the statute itself was the broad authority admitting of no exception; and there stood the representative of her sex calmly putting our principles on trial. I was obliged to say that the right was hers, that the law gave it, and we could not refuse without some scorn of the founder's purpose, and the peril of a statute violated and annulled. Yet it was sadly true that we had no place, no room for the girl who stood the champion of her sex, and dreaded thus and at once to settle the policy of the institution; and so we met this emergency with the bland persuasions of one to whom nobody ever said "no" when "yes" was a possible answer; whom I am glad to see safe returned from his German gutturals and the growlings of the sea—the first president of the university—who met the lady with a frank admission of her right and a suave request, clothed in the richest morocco binding of his tones, that she would wait till better preparation and fitter welcome could be given. Of course he conquered and she for the time withdrew; but the question came again and again, and "would not down" and we still pleaded absolute inability and want of adequate means, until one day

there came another man, tall like the founder and as firm and crisp as he, who quietly laid upon our table almost a quarter of a million of dollars saying, "I am tired of hearing that excuse; have you any other?" Reflection failed to substitute another, and so the doors stood open wide;—the doors of the University, swinging at its main entrance and guarding its front, not merely those of some timid and tentative "Annex,"—and "any person" had liberty to pass their portals.

"In any study." There lay the foundation of what the founder meant this institution to be; a university in the broadest and fullest sense of the term. Be sure that he did not underrate the meaning of the word, or imagine that he could build in his life time what could only grow with the sturdy slowness of an oak; but the seed that he planted was mother of an oak, not germ of a sunflower. The magnitude of the building may not exceed the scope and strength of the foundations, but he laid them such, that the outlying towers of distant centuries will find a solid masonry to uphold their walls. His own native tastes were toward agriculture and the mechanic arts. He loved his farm and the spread of its wide fields, the fragrance of the clover and the gold of the ripening grain, the heavy fleeces of his sheep, and the sedate walk of his cattle, the silence that was busy with growth and stealing on to blossom and fruit. Equally he loved all useful and ingenious mechanism, himself a natural mechanic and full of waiting resources. He could frame a house when a boy, or build a mill when a man; tunnel the rocks for a flume, or open the highways for a wire; invent a relay, or plan an insulator. A college of agriculture and the mechanic arts would have come naturally from his hand, and he gave them liberal place with the aid of one who never yet has found the bottom of purse or plan; but the Founder meant more than that; meant a university that should gather in all art and science, all letters and learning, the whole wide range of human knowledge and attainments. And he meant it, not as a dream or a hope, but in that downright earnestness which contemplated years of steady growth and a full development to be reached long after his brain and hand could plan and toil no more.

It is surely your duty and is likely to be your fate to lead the advance in securing to education a greater breadth of opportunity, a wider freedom of attainment, and an impartial expansion of its range and usefulness; to be imitated at a respectful distance; and then perhaps ignored by some whose patrician blood has been warmed into courage by your success. You need not grieve. The experience is not uncommon. In many ways, and on many lines of action your Founder felt the cold scorn of those who fancied themselves his superiors, and the chilling doubt of others who thought him unpractical and visionary; but he never suffered either scorn or doubt to turn him from duty or impede his progress, and lived long enough at least to demonstrate the power of an intelligent faith backed by the courage of conviction.

Observe, too, how these qualities were developed in the agencies he employed. The remark has been often made that it was itself a marvelous display of courage and faith which in the heat of the civil war, when the life of the nation was at stake, could inspire its chosen representatives to devote to the use of the states for the purposes of education a liberal share of the public domain. To our own state was allotted the right to nearly one million of acres representing at the

moment a market value of less than one million of dollars and that steadily decreasing with relentless certainty and speed. In the judgment of the Founder an immediate sale was a terrible waste and the location of the scrip and its sturdy holding full of tempting possibilities. He looked forward as was his way. He saw the fever of war making room for the industry of peace; the tide of immigration penetrating anew the solitudes of the prairie and the forest; the ores gleaming at the base of pines and the rivers running logs instead of billows, and wealth awaiting him who himself could dare to wait. Full of trust in the future he foresaw, he made with the state that courageous and almost dramatic contract by which he bound himself to purchase the entire right of the commonwealth, to select and locate the lands it represented to pay the taxes, guard against trespasses, defend from fires, and in the end sell when values had strengthened, and then pay into the coffers of the state for the use of the University, the entire net proceeds of the enterprise. For himself he reserved—the return of his own money with the interest upon it. Nothing for his toil, nothing for his risk, nothing for his burden, nothing for his marvelous energy and thrift! This man who at the outset could give twenty-five thousand dollars for the precious privilege of giving away half a million more, puts himself under bonds to the state to work for the state and ask no compensation! It was not wonderful that the load grew heavy as the slow years dragged on with no signs of reward; no wonder that when a moderate, but as the times were, a just and fair price was offered for a portion of the lands, those of us who were nearest to him begged his acceptance of the offer as a measure of prudence and safety; but it was wonderful how the iron grain of his courage and faith resisted far into the night the pleadings and anxious fears of those whom he loved and trusted, grimly smiling at our weak hearts and frightened nerves, and insisting that he could carry the burden to the end.

I have sketched one side of our founder's character. If I left it here you would see him imperfectly, as many saw him in his life,—a tall strong man with a grand stern face, reticent and almost cold in his manner, looking at you with eyes of deliberate blue, steady beneath a brow unfurrowed, and framed in by the gathering gray of hair as determined as his will. To a stranger, sometimes he seemed hard and repellent, likely to be proud, or to deal out rebuke with savage force. That was not in the least the man. No kinder heart than his ever beat, and it made him tender to distress and generous beyond measure; not merely on a large scale and in the public eye, but silently and in the shadow of his daily and private life. To relieve suffering, to lighten the burdens of poverty, to open the way to despairing effort, to instinctively find the need that pride concealed, to fill his days full of kindness and charity was as natural to him as for the flower to bloom or the corn to ripen. There are those now living, moving in the prime of life to assured success, to whose hopeless youth he opened the doors of hope and paved and smoothed the road from the fortune he had gained. There are those now living, in the afternoon of life and awaiting the sunset, who owe to his tireless bounty the peace and comfort of their days. There were those who have gone before us whose last hours were cheered by his care, and who sleep, some within cannon range of the Potomac forts, and some on the hillside within the shadow of his new dwelling which shelters now

surviving wife and children, but never covered as a home his own tired head. It was rare that any one but the recipients knew of his bounty at the time, but occasionally some necessity or convenience exposed it to my observation; and once I recall his quaint remark as he took his pen in his fingers, at a time when he could ill spare what he was about to give and might justly have withheld it, that it was easy enough. While writing these words an incident, unknown to me before, has been communicated by one whom many in this assemblage will remember with an esteem and regard as lasting as my own, the Rev. Dr. Torrey, who in the early days of the University was resident here as pastor of the First Presbyterian church. He had been preaching to his congregation, among whom the Founder was an attentive listener, upon duty of aiding young men of slender means who desired to enter the ministry to secure the necessary and adequate education, and quoted the remark which happened to linger in his memory that "these were poverty's jewels, taken in the rough and polished for the crown of Christ." At the close of the sermon a collection was had for the benefit of the board of education of the church, and among the gifts of money large and small was found a little card upon which and over his initials was pencilled in the founder's hand: "Select for me one of poverty's jewels that it may be wrought out—the diamond for the crown of Christ." When, after the selection was made, he was told the name of his jewel and the expense to be borne for seven years while its purity and light were being slowly developed, he simply said in his brief, terse way, "Right; I agree to that," and steadily and silently fulfilled the promise till the need of it was ended. For any young man struggling to obtain an education his heart beat warmly and his help was never withheld. No man was firmer in his friendships. His confidence once given was never withdrawn until hopelessly betrayed. Long after selfishness and greed had grown visible to other eyes they were unseen by him or softened by charitable interpretation, and he resented a suspicion of his friends as a personal injury to himself. If sometimes this firm and faithful trust took on the proportions of a fault, it was but a virtue carried to excess, reminding one of that other brave and self-reliant nature which led our armies to victory, and never could be made to see a vice or error in a friend.

But among the founder's traits, what to me was the strangest of all in so strong and earnest a nature was his serene patience and forgiving temper under persistent and bitter falsehood, destructive and stinging slander, and a jealousy reckless of the truth. It seems almost impossible at this day and in the light of events that labors so unselfish and a life so stainless could have received for reward a storm of obloquy and abuse. I recall very clearly the occasion. It came with the solemnity of a formal accusation, upon the floor of the Legislature, from the lips of one of its members, and charged upon Ezra Cornell that his land enterprise was a gigantic fraud upon the State; planned and intended to win for him an enormous fortune and to plunder the institution he had founded. Let us be just. He who made the charge doubtless believed its truth, and deemed that he was doing his sworn duty. Yet at the time all of us flamed into anger and indignation. We gathered about the Founder with hot cheeks and eyes in a blaze and words stinging with rage and exasperation. His was the only quiet voice of all. I heard him say that what we so bitterly

resented and roundly execrated was not at all an evil fortune but rather the reverse; and then he calmly explained that the secret suspicion of a wrong and wicked purpose had long been mining beneath the surface and so was difficult to discover and refute, but when it came openly to the light and found a man bold enough to declare it and be its champion the danger was ended, for it furnished an opportunity by a formal investigation, which he should at once demand to turn the light on every step of his progress and convince the most doubtful of the simple truth. And this he said without anger or excitement, patiently confronting the wrong till the slander was laid in its grave. We who know that his fortune was lessened and perilled by the demands of the burden he assumed have little need at this day of speaking in his defense; and yet before my own lips are sealed and I follow him into the dark which I hope but borders the light, I desire to say one thing with all the force and weight which it is possible for me to command. Day by day and almost hour by hour I became familiar with all that he planned and all that he did in the management of his self-imposed trust. None of his accounts or of his correspondence with his chosen agents were withheld from my scrutiny, and if ever a man had a full and complete opportunity to find and know the uttermost truth, that opportunity was mine and I am glad to declare that never, in word or deed, in act or intention, did I discover the least faint trace of a selfish purpose, or the shadow of a personal benefit sought or gained. Thoroughly and absolutely pure and without alloy was the true gold of his nature and his life.

But a time came when the Founder's work was ended. How he bore up against the waste of disease I have already said. I saw him climb the narrow stairways in the business quarters of the metropolis, pausing many times from exhaustion, but with never a murmur of complaint. He who in his prime could walk forty miles a day and enjoy the effort, found himself scarcely able to endure an hour's fatigue. There came at last the hardest trial of all, to unloose his hold upon the helm, and commit the wheel to other hands. That he did it sadly, reluctantly, and with pain is most true, but he did it patiently and with unhesitating trust in his children and his friends. I recollect the shiver and the chill with which I became conscious of that first surrender. With one of his sons we were seeking safety from a menacing danger, and searching anxiously for a rift in the cloud or a light in the dense darkness, and he folding, his hands upon the table and laying his head upon them said only: "You must do the best that you can; I am not well!" The words were simple, but how much they cost him we shall never know. It meant the close of his work, and its close in the midst of clouds and gathering storm. From that time on, growing steadily weaker, yet his patience and placid resignation continued to the end. It was my privilege with the aid of the trustees, who generously lent their own means to the emergency, until the land securities could come into effective use, and with the first treasurer of the University, who yet remains among us, with declining years as fruitful as they have been cheerful, to place in the Founder's hands as he sat in his sick room, every bond he had given the state, every obligation it held against him, and assure him that all his promises were fully and exactly fulfilled. He went to his death with his benevolent and marvelous trust accomplished and complete.

And now, at last, you have placed his mortal remains where I know that he desired to sleep; on these hills where his youthful resolves were framed; on the fields of the farm that he loved as men love the air and leaves of home; in the midst of the University to which he literally gave his life. Generations of busy feet and throbbing hearts will flow like recurrent tides about his resting place, and changes most broad and unforeseen make all things but one grow unfamiliar. That one all change will reverence. Throughout the years his slumber shall have respect. Above his grave shall remain the marble, not more pure and not more firm than the purpose of his life, and from the stained windows through which the glory of the sunlight filters shall gravely look down the elder builders who pointed him the way; the form of one who worked and gave at his side; and the pure, face of the maiden, who wove a thread of romance in the sterner work of father and friend, and left us at least her love in the chimes she gave.

And there I must leave him; and here I must leave you to return to duties which are impatient of interruption. As I go permit me to add one final word. I have thought that the duty which I owed to this occasion was not at all an effort of logic or of learning, if such were within my power; not even a defense of the New Education or a study of your relations to it, however I might love to break a lance in the fray; but an effort to paint a picture of the Founder as I knew him in his life, in outlines accurate and true, and in colors as vivid as I could find surviving among the dull browns of daily toil, in order that you who knew him not, who have come later upon the scene, may interweave among your younger labors and fresher ambitions the face and step of the grave but kindly man who made your places and your purposes possible; and in the hope that the story of his life may be handed down from one to another and never for a day be forgotten. I trust that through all vicissitudes and changes, however the New may supercede the Old, and Time and Death blur or efface the Past, there may yet remain as the center of every aim and ambition, as the stimulus to every useful effort, as the atmosphere of the University the memory of Ezra Cornell.

The Reception and Ball in the evening were very enjoyable. The Armory presented a much more lively appearance than on former occasions of a like nature. In fact there was nothing to mar the pleasure of this, the first social event of the term and all came away feeling that the Ball was a fitting close to Founder's Day, a day which ought, as oft as its anniversary returns, to be celebrated with all the joyous rites of observance.

#### EX-PRESIDENT WHITE'S ADDRESS.

The following, owing to our lack of space, is a condensation of the address, delivered by ex-President White to students and Professors, assembled in the Armory on Jan. 8, 1887.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I appear before you this morning, as the President has stated, in obedience, first of all, to his command. Naturally I entertain a very high idea of the presidential prerogative on these grounds, and

when I attempted, at the last moment, to beg off, he alluded to the fact that a certain red letter edict, for which I had set the fashion in my day, had been posted upon the college door. After that nothing more was to be said.

But I am here not entirely in obedience to him, for now that I am before you I feel that I am here in obedience to my own feelings. It has been always a pleasure to me to meet the students—never more so, perhaps, than now. Since I last looked in the faces of a body of Cornell men, I have visited, or rather revisited, many of the universities of the old world. Very beautiful they are to me. There is upon them all a sort of glow, a light of other days, which is to me indistinguishably beautiful; but the light that streams in upon the towers of Oxford, Cambridge, and the Sorbonne, Leipsic, and Heidelberg, is the light of other days. You catch yourself listening in those great halls to the footsteps of the great men of ages gone by and it is with renewed pleasure that I come back to these halls, where we listen for the footfall, not of past men, but of the coming. The light that is to me most beautiful of all that streams in upon any university is the light of a great future, and that to me is what illuminates this University and all work done in it, whether by trustees, by professors, or by students. Whenever I come back to my own country,—and this is the sixth time of my coming back into it,—it grows more and more glorious to me, in spite of all its faults, in spite of all the great dangers that menace it. It grows before me more and more, and the rest of the world less and less, for here evidently is the future.

Now in regard to the preparation for that future, in regard to the great work that is to be done in that future, I am satisfied that the universities of this country, properly so-called, are to take a leading part, that they are to take such a part as they never took before. Of that I am convinced. Early in the history of this republic the first race of men who really moulded the affairs of this country were to a very large extent college bred men. They were such men as Hamilton, Jefferson, Jay, Webster, Calhoun, and a multitude of others of lesser light, all the way from the formation period down to the time of the great civil war. Then there came a period when the colleges seemed to lose their hold upon actual life in this country, when their influence was more and more diminished. Within the last fifteen or twenty years, but largely within the last ten years, have been growing out of the mass of colleges a certain number of universities, properly so-called. Unfettered by denominational trammels the larger colleges of the East have taken more and more that character. Those newly founded have gotten into it at once, and the great state universities of the West from which so much, as I firmly believe, is to be hoped are upon that basis. I firmly believe that the men who go from these universities are to do more by far to sway the destinies of this country in coming years than has been the case for many years past.

I will put the question to you as I have put it to various generations of your predecessors: Of what particular use are you here? A great many answers might be made, but there are very simple answers which I am always inclined to give. I should maintain that you are here in the first place as regards yourself and ultimately for the country which you will serve; that you are here for the development and for the discipline of all your powers, intellectual, moral, and physical; that unless you

rise to that conception of it, unless you come to realize that that is what you are here for, your work will be pretty much in vain, you will come far short of what you might otherwise attain to with the opportunities and the time that are here given.

Now, first, as to the development and the discipline in intellectual and moral matters. It is very hard to separate the two. Both go together. A man cannot do himself justice in his development intellectually without, at the same time developing his moral tone. Now in the old college where there was just one simple course, there was no occasion for any man to exercise any decision of character in regard to his studies. It was all fixed for him. He had simply to get into the line and follow it. In my time in college I remember that in four years we had but one option and that through one term. I rejoice that the system is so vastly improved; and the great improvement in university methods and results, which all now acknowledge, is the result very largely of the liberty of choice, in that the liberty of choice implies that if men are true to themselves they will work at something.

But there is this incidental disadvantage, that there being many courses, many branches of instruction, a young man, unless he is very careful, unless he will take good advice, unless he thinks the matter over very thoroughly, is likely to become undecided, to waver between several courses, and that state of wavering is a very unhappy state, a very unfortunate state. The student will accomplish far more, both as regards discipline and development, if he will take any one course and stick to it than he will by to-day thinking it is the best and to-morrow wavering and trying to bring all within his reach before he accomplishes his entire course. Then I would say, look over the courses in the best light you can get and fix upon your course as nearly as you can, and stick to it. Depend upon it, you will thank me for the advice I now give.

Then there is another matter that you will find involves the development and discipline, not only of your intellect, but of your moral character, and that is when you have once chosen a course to be *thorough* in it. More and more the leaders are the thoroughly trained men. Society grows more and more complex. Take the newspaper profession, for which some of you perhaps are in training, (I earnestly hope you are, I know of no better field for improvement than just that.) But men are not wanted to write pleasant literary articles. The fact that a man is slashed at by the newspapers, if he stands it pretty well, does not hurt him as much as used to be thought. But what is wanted, and what the country must have and feels the need of, is a class of writers who can discuss living questions, men so disciplined and developed by various courses of study and thought that they can discuss all these living questions; the question, if you please, of capital and labor, or anything that is vital. So that I would name next, make your work *thorough* in whatever course you take.

Then there comes in another quality:—*concentration*. Daniel Webster once said that of the men whom he had known those who succeeded were the men who were able at any given time to concentrate their minds on a given subject and keep them there until they had finished that subject. That is one of the powers to which your minds should be disciplined here. You can train yourself until it becomes a pleasure to do it. To fasten your mind upon that thing and keep it there till that is done is one of the

greatest steps toward success for yourself and usefulness to your country.

Still another thing which might perhaps be thought to come more under the development of moral qualities than of intellectual, and that is the training of your *will* power. It is an old saying which I have often quoted to students, and which will bear quoting for a hundred years to come, once a year—an old saying by Dr. Arnold, the most famous of all teachers in England, perhaps the man who has done most for teaching in the world, that in his experience the power of will was all-determining. Now some men of course are born with more will power than others. But there are those who are conscious of not having enough will power. In that case the very first thing to do is to develop it. For example, suppose you determine to exercise your will that for this coming term you will not smoke. That is one of the most elegant little ways to apply yourself to cultivate your will power that I can think of at this moment. At the same time it will cultivate certain other powers. Say that you will not, and then don't. Stand to it, no matter what comes of it. Even if you feel that your physical health is suffering, stand to it. A very good way to cultivate the will power, if a young man can do it, is to make good resolutions, and keep them, about getting up in the morning. A man who can do that can do anything.

Then there are some obstacles, some things that can be made obstacles and some things that can be made helps. I think one obstacle is getting the right order inverted. A young man enters college and he at once begins to train himself to become a Daniel Webster. He begins to think oratory the one great thing in the world. Or, he thinks literature the most beautiful thing in the world, and he begins in the freshman year. By the time he gets to the senior year his literature and oratory are generally pretty thin. You cannot draw anything out of a reservoir until you put something in. Your first years are far better devoted to your regular work. Let the literature and oratory come in the after years.

I have often been asked the question, What about college societies? Are they helps or are they hindrances? Now in regard to societies, I should simply say, exercise your good judgment. Look about, see the men who are in the societies, see whether they are the sort of men you would like to be with for four years. It is the men who are in the societies who determine the society. I have had the privilege of reading pretty much all the college society constitutions. They all have a pretty good purpose—culture in speaking and writing, and social culture, which is a very good thing. But the point is to whom you are to entrust yourself. All I have to say then is, exercise caution, and if any of you happen to find yourselves in a society which is not what it ought to be, either make it or break it. There is a very good chance to exercise some very healthful powers, moral and intellectual, if a man finds himself in such a society, in reforming it. I once took part in the bursting of a society, and I think it was one of the best things I ever did.

There are various other matters that could be dwelt upon. I have spoken especially of intellectual and moral development, but there is still another sort of development without which I am bound to say both the others are almost worthless, and that is *physical*. I am a great believer and have been from the first in ample provision for the physical develop-

ment of students. This hall and its appliances is one of the evidences of that fact. I would say, use all these appliances wisely in connection with your intellectual and moral development. You can apply your will power here just as well as in your classroom. Out of the pleasant walks, out of this gymnasium, out of the exercises on the lake, you can surely build up bodies fitted to do the work which your intellects enable you to do.

Let me say a word in closing in regard to your relations to the faculty and to your fellow students. I would say from much experience in three of the largest universities in the country, that there grows up inevitably between the student and professor a very warm and personal friendship, even when the students are not conscious of it. The teacher may sometimes speak sharply to the students he likes best. He may have a gruff manner, but after all if you wish to test it try the world hereafter. Come back after you have been out three or four years, and let me know if you did not find the professor a much more kindly being to deal with than after you got out and had to fight the battle, and asked a business man for any aid. Depend upon it, then you will discover that the natural feeling between teachers and taught in the university or college or school, is a feeling of kindness.

Now as to your relations to each other. The college friendships, the friendships that one makes in college, are almost the most precious things that a man does get in college. I would say of discussion in your college societies, social talks, talking and walking together, talking on suitable themes—there is no part of your education that will prove on the whole more fruitful than that. But let me suggest that when you do walk and talk with your associates, as a general rule you choose those subjects about which you know something.

I am not here to give you religious advice. That it is for others to do. But let me urge you, as I have urged your predecessors, to make a proper use of the advantages given you in your chapel. There has been in this country no such series of sermons as have been preached there. They have been preached by the foremost thinkers in all religious bodies. Even if there were no religious gain, no moral gain, there would be an intellectual gain making it well worth while for you to attend one hour or two hours on each Sabbath of two terms in the year. But a man is false to himself unless he brings himself into some relation with the higher powers of the universe, and I commend to you from a moral and religious point of view attendance upon what I consider one of the greatest privileges ever vouchsafed to any body of college students.

In conclusion, I wish you a hearty God speed, and trust that this year will be the most successful in your life, in developing and disciplining your will power, the power of concentration, the power of thoroughness, and in the accumulation of knowledge that will enable you to go forth as a blessing to yourself, to your country, and to mankind.

#### CORNELLIANA.

- Over 800 students this term.
- Have you tried the toboggan slide?
- Look out for the Junior Promenade.
- Les Miserables—the immortal thirty.

—The ERA for the rest of the year for \$1.50.  
—Isn't it about time for some one to blow up Willow Pond?

—Psychology is now one of the largest classes in the University.

—A large number of class hats were seen in the procession on Founder's Day.

—Students passing in or out of the Library should be careful to close the door.

—All Freshmen use the O. W. J. Algebra this term. Some Sophomores also use it.

—It is rumored that thirty-four of last term's Freshman class will not be back this term.

—The ball nine will begin practicing in the rink next Monday. No spectators allowed.

—Students are invited to call at Platt's drug store and receive free, a handsome calendar for 1887.

—The sections in Junior Elocution have taken up "The Famine" from where they left off last term.

—There has been considerable talk around town lately about building a toboggan slide and organizing a club.

—It is hoped that the action of the Faculty in reviving the custom of Founder's Day will be continued hereafter.

—Those intending to train for the crew must hand in their names at the "Gym" office not later than Monday next.

—Professor Anthony has issued a card for the benefit of those interested in Sophomore Physics. All such should see it.

—Professor Tyler has decided to use a textbook in Junior American History this term. The class anxiously awaits developments.

—Members of the Banjo Club who spent part of the vacation in Ithaca employed their time very profitably practicing new pieces.

—Coasting is as popular as ever this winter. Scores of students with their young lady friends may be seen engaging in the sport any fine evening on State St.

—The art gallery in the Gym. annex is still being enlarged. The latest additions are a large picture of '90's foot ball team and an excellent photo of the celebrated '87 crew.

—The ten o'clock section in Junior Elocution will meet hereafter in Room T. The change is made to accommodate one of Professor Corson's classes and is not exactly satisfactory to the elocution class.

—The following was the programme of the Electrical Engineers Association at the regular meeting, Friday afternoon: Mr. Ihler, Storage Cells; Mr. Jackson, Optional; Mr. Ryan, Electrical News. Officers were elected for the ensuing term.

—The class in Psychology is so large that instructor Johnson has divided it into three sections instead of two as originally intended. Section I will recite at 10 o'clock, and sec. II at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; sec. III at 11 o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

—At the lecture given in Library Hall Saturday night by Justin McCarthy, nearly one half the audience was made up of students. Ex-President White, President Adams, and Professors Tuttle and Tyler occupied seats on the platform. Mr. McCarthy was introduced by President Adams.

—James Russell Lowell, late United States Minister to Great Britain, has shown his interest in his former studies by accepting the Presidency of the Modern Language Association of America for the ensuing year. Professor Hewett is Vice-president for the same period.

—A very good change in lecture rooms has been made by Professor Schurman. His class in Philosophy now meet in the Geological Lecture Room which is far more convenient and more adequate than that previously occupied. The class in Ethics will occupy the same room for the present as they did last term.

—The Junior Promenade Committee met last Wednesday evening at the D. K. E. house and made final arrangements for the Promenade. It promises to be the finest social event ever held in Ithaca and the hearty support of the student body is due the committee for the elaborate preparations that have been made. The date fixed by the committee is Feb. 11.

—Every student that failed to attend the exercises on Founder's Day missed a rare intellectual treat. Laying aside all interest that should have been felt in honoring the memory of Cornell's founder, the fact that the Hon. Francis M. Finch was to be the orator of the day should have called every Cornelian in town to the Armory. Seldom is an opportunity offered for hearing an address so truly eloquent, yet so plain and direct. Read carefully the address as given in to-day's ERA.

—After a little delay the Ithaca rink has been secured as a batting cage for the use of the men to train for the Cornell nine. An appropriation has been kindly made by the Athletic Council to defray the necessary expenses, and work will be commenced immediately. The rink is to be open three or four days in the week. All men desiring to do good faithful work in practice, all men anxious to become, for the good of the team, the best players that practice can make them are requested to meet at the rink to-day

where all arrangements will probably be made and work be begun to-morrow. Nothing now remains to be done for the good of the nine but faithful work by the men to go into training. Upon them alone it depends whether our baseball team shall take an eastern trip next spring or not. If the team is strong enough, it goes; if not—well, it will be strong enough, if present indications are to be trusted in, or if hard work by those having the matter in hand can make it so. No doubt many students will be sufficiently interested in the training of the men to desire to see them at work in the rink. To such as may desire to stay in occasionally we would say, "be careful to say nothing to the men practicing; do not at any time go upon the floor of the rink where the men are working; and do not guy the players." The Athletic Association has to pay a good, round sum for the rental of the building, and it is necessary that the men should put in faithful work while there; so we will say to student visitors, "do not bother the men but watch them quietly, as we are confident you will." Other visitors not interested in the welfare of the nine will not be admitted.

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#### MARRIED.

ELLIOTT—BROWN.—Tuesday, December 28, at Marathon, N. Y., Orrin Leslie Elliott, '85, and Ellen Coit Brown, '82.

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#### NOTICES.

The Committee on New Buildings for the C. U. C. A. will make their report at Association Hall Monday night, Jan. 17, at 7 o'clock sharp. Each member should make special effort to be there.

A meeting of the Friuja Club will be held at the D. K. E. House next Tuesday evening at half past seven o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted and a full attendance is expected.  
BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

WANTED.—Two Cornell graduates in Civil Engineering. Apply to Geo. M. Jarvis, '78, Resident Engineer Missouri Pacific Railway Co. M. K. and T., Texas Division, Palestine, Texas, or to Professor Fuyertes, Ithaca, N. Y.

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#### EXCHANGES.

Christmas vacation has come and gone and another season of work has opened upon us. Our exchanges begin to roll in again with their old-time frequency and cause the exchange editor to mourn the fate that bids him review the huge pile before him. But there is some satisfaction in knowing that this cannot always last, so we begin once more our duty of

applauding deserved efforts and offering suggestions when they seem to us necessary.

The *Madisonensis* has an admirable scheme of choosing its editors. A systematic contest must be entered into by the competitors for journalistic honors and the results of their labors are placed in the hands of competent judges whose decision is final. This is fair to all concerned and insures the selection of capable, hard working editors. The style and character of the *Madisonensis* are living proofs, as it were, of the efficiency of this scheme.

The *Syracusan* has a very pertinent editorial upon the late troubles at Dickinson College and Chattanooga University concerning the admission of "gentlemen of color." We commend the article to the attention of our readers and the college world. Its position is well taken and the comments of many religious papers are shown to be founded upon very erroneous ideas, to say the least.

The *Cap and Gown* is a very creditable journal. The literary department is well sustained and approaches a high standard and its "Alumni Notes" are equally as good. Its article upon "Fraternalities at the University of the South" is a fair presentation of the subject and should be of interest to all college students.

The *Columbia Spectator* has some well drawn cuts in its last issue. The two-page cut "A Rapid Departure" is unique and its like is seldom seen in college publications. Each issue seems to make an improvement in some feature of the *Spectator*, and its future looks particularly bright.

The Christmas number of the *Yale Record* is a great success. Its colored type presents a very nice appearance while its cuts are excellent. Its literary department is better than ever and the paper as a whole may well be called a model one.

Here is the *Amherst Student* once more! Can you divine its contents? No, you are wrong for once. There is no dispute with Williams in this issue. Its editorials are upon well selected topics and are written very creditably.

The *Berkeleyan* is up to its former standard. It is undoubtedly the best college paper west of the Mississippi and compares favorably with our leading eastern exchanges. It is rather too large a size, however. Its leading article upon "Queen Elizabeth and Mary Queen of Scots" is very well written.

The *Bowdoin Orient* gives a good account of the forming of the New England Intercollegiate Athletic Association. This new organization has a bright future before it and is founded on solid principles.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Last evening Charles Atkinson's Comedy Company appeared at Whitney's Opera House before a large audience, presented for the first in this city Charles F. Pidgin's dramatization of the "Bad Boy," sketches which have from time to time appeared in Peck's *Sun*. The stage arrangement of the entertainment is in three acts or scenes—the grocery store, the Bad Boy's home, and picnic grounds. It is simply a living, moving reproduction, with clever effect of the ludicrous mishaps, tricks and climaxes so often seen in print, having no connected plot, but uproariously funny from beginning to end. Last evening the audience fairly laughed themselves hoarse. The characters of the Bad Boy's Pa, the Groceryman, the Doctor, the Policeman, "Jimmy Duffy," (Henry's chum), "Mrs. Peck," and Minnie, Henry's girl, were in capital hands, the performance moving quickly and to the best possible advantage.—*The Detroit Free Press*.

At Wilgus Opera House, Saturday, Jan. 15.

### THE BANKER'S DAUGHTER.

Notwithstanding the extremely warm weather, a magnificent house greeted Crossen's Banker's Daughter Company last night. A better performance we have seldom witnessed. Every theatre patron knows all about the play, and almost every one knows it is a play that one does not tire of after one presentation. So that when a really well-balanced company, giving an intelligent and meritorious performance, as Mr. Crossen's company does, comes along, it is like renewing an old and agreeable acquaintance; everything moves so smoothly and the characters are cast so admirably that it is really a pleasure to sit and see the play, notwithstanding the heat. When all so well merit praise, a word in general will suffice; and that is—the performance is an excellent one, the scenery and appointments are handsome and appropriate, and altogether the management of the Royal does itself credit in the entertainment it provides this week.—*Monireal Gazette*,

At Wilgus Opera House Tuesday evening. Jan 18. Admission 35 and 50 cents. Reserved seats at Finch's.

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*Plane Geometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8 P. M.*  
*Higher Algebra, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
*Arithmetic, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
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THE Seniors have handed in the subjects for their theses, and there is little doubt that the increased excellence of the productions will prove the wisdom of the Faculty in requiring the subjects thus early in the year. Something more than a mere essay is expected from each one. This is as it should be, for every student who has reached the Senior year, ought to be able to write a scholarly dissertation on a subject of his own choice. See the subjects in another column and judge the calibre of '87 by what her several members propose to write about.

ALTHOUGH a trifle late, yet perhaps we may be allowed our say in regard to '87's memorial. It is not from a motive to find fault with the work of the committee, that we say what follows, but from the fact that we think something more suitable than a grand stand might be found for a class memorial. No one can wish better things for the cause of athletics at Cornell than does the ERA, and yet we cannot see the wisdom of any class leaving its memorial upon the athletic field. The popular student enthusiasm will always provide enough means to carry on successfully the various athletic events of the year and, when necessity demands or occasion offers, even build a grand stand. A memorial, in the true sense, ought to be something permanent and something that would outlive the donors. This, a grand stand would not do, and besides, it would be a continual bill of expense either to those who follow after us or to the University. But a few years and no memorial of '87 would be on the Campus. We venture the assertion that there are a number in the class who would rather contribute liberally to have a grand stand erected and in addition, pay the tax for a memorial that would remain a memorial throughout all time. Therefore, let us leave something that will last and that the coming generations will see and seeing, will say, "She ('87) has done well."

HOW many students are there at Cornell who are shutting themselves out from their fellows and who are thus depriving themselves of an education for which no amount of knowledge can quite make up? We are sorry to say that hermits do exist in our midst and that they, probably unconsciously, are getting theories at the expense of practice. Place one of these in the world where active energetic men are always at a *premium* and in full demand, and

he will quickly drop below *par*, where he remains, under uneasy fluctuations, until some friend redeems him at *face value* and sets him to work in a coal office. Too many just such men leave college and know absolutely nothing about business or society. We are not here for the ultimate object of pleasure, but who will deny that association strengthens the weak points in character and lifts one up to the true dignity of his worth? Therefore, we would say, do not confine yourself too closely, for in after years you will be sure to feel the need of something which you have not. Knowledge in a weak body has a poor covering and will yield its possessor no protection. Take plenty of recreation and interest yourself in whatever is of real live concern to your fellow students and in three weeks you will look better, feel better, you will think more of others and others will think more of you. All our powers must be developed symmetrically or one will be weakened by another and the whole is thus subjected to a bad influence. Solitude and meditation have their place in the formation of character, but society and its privileges are by no means to be overlooked.

THAT the average student gives too little attention to his mother tongue, is a fact that we are bound to admit, however much we blush to own it. Not only is this the case in all departments, but it is especially the case with technical students. They are either blind to the immense value of being able to speak and write English correctly, or else they willfully neglect cultivation in this direction. The means of culture are many and varied, and yet no man, however broad his learning or multi-fold his powers, can be called cultivated until he is master of his native tongue. To say the least, there is a deficiency in his education which places him at a disadvantage by the side of his less worthy competitors. Every graduate of an American college ought to be able to pride himself on his use of English. What ought to be, is not. The fault is inexcusable and in most cases originates in the various col-

leges. The sooner our colleges provide thorough courses in English and the more students are made to feel the necessity of such training, the better will it be for generations yet to come. Students in the technical departments are apt to lose sight of their English in the desire to become skilled in the direction of their profession, while those in the literary courses, by the study of other languages related to the English in origin, are enabled to get a firmer grasp upon the vernacular, and thus there arises an inequality that ought not to exist. College graduates ought to stand on one level so far as their English is concerned. The style of the technical student may not become as polished as that of his friend in a literary course, but he ought, at least, to be able to write a straight English sentence and to talk coherently and correctly.

MAN is a wonderfully august and abstruse being, and when we undertake to analyze him we find ourselves involved in a mystery that cannot be completely unraveled. If we cannot explain man, hardly more is it possible for us to understand his work and his actions. When we behold his work, we are awed to silence by its greatness and sublimity. No less are we silenced by his actions when they are such as to merit our wonderment. All about us we see those who compel our admiration and esteem, but the good is not unmixed with evil; so in every community there are those whose thoughtlessness far exceeds their prudence. A college is a miniature community, and from its very make up ought to be in advance of what we generally understand by the term. Students are necessary to a college just as citizens are necessary to a state. In college as in the state, there are certain duties that we owe our fellows, the neglect of which, makes us liable to censure and opens the way to ridicule. As a general rule we place too light an estimate upon the convenience of others and hence make fewer friends than we otherwise would. The friendships that we form during these years are most enduring. Ought we not, then, to so guard our actions that others may

find in us no cause of complaint? If those who persist in talking in the Library, would only take a second thought, we are confident that they would stand convicted in their own eyes. Such conduct ought not to be tolerated and is sure to be frowned upon by those whose mothers have taught them the common rules of courtesy. Consciously or unconsciously every one exposes his character to the gaze of others and we know of no place where the student betrays himself to his fellows so much as in the University Library.

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TO ARISTIUS FUSCUS.

Horace, Book I, Ode xxii.

He who has blameless lived and pure in heart,  
Needs not the Moorish javelin nor the bow,  
Nor the well-laden quiver's poisoned dart,  
Fuscus, I trow,

Whether through billowy Syrtes he would roam,  
Whether for cheerless Caucasus he craves,  
Or for the banks that famed Hydaspes' stream  
So softly laves;

Once while I wandered in the Sabine wood  
Carelessly singing of my Lalage  
Far out of bounds, unarmed, a prowling wolf  
From me did flee.

A monster such that warlike Daunia  
Never in her broad forests reared a worse,  
Nor Juba's land brought forth, of lions' whelps  
The parchèd nurse.

Place me in idle fields where not a tree  
Is e'er refreshèd by the summer air,  
In a secluded spot where clouds and storm  
Brood everywhere,

Place me beneath the chariot of the sun,  
In lands that knew of homes ne'er for a day;  
I'll love my smiling, prattling Lalage,  
Love her for aye.

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A LEGEND OF THE RHINE.

The following beautiful legend has always been a great favorite with me. Long since, I translated it and placed it aside in my desk. It is but another one of those wondrous popular tales which have ever rendered the Rhine the land of enchanting romance. As firmly as the lonely Celt on the far cliffs of Wales awaits the "Coming of Arthur," just so firmly does the German peasant believe the old tales of folklore, and especially those which tell of Charlemagne and him of whom they sing,

Der alte Barbarossa,  
Der Kaiser Friederich,  
Im unterirdischen Schlosse,  
Hält wohl verborgen sich.

It is almost impossible for any one to appreciate the following until it is read in the original of Emanuel Geibel, the lyric poet of Luebeck.

Along the Rhine, the German Rhine,  
Now gently falls the night;  
And the hills of the juicy vine  
Gleam in the fair moonlight.

And on the verdant hilltops  
Passeth a mighty shade,  
With sword and purple mantle,  
And crown of pure gold made.

It is great Carl, the emperor,  
Who, with a mighty hand  
Many hundred years ago,  
Ruled in the German land.

For he has now arisen  
From his sepulchre so bare,  
To bless the purple vine-fruit  
And breath the fragrant air.

Upon the stream at Rudesheim,  
Fairly the moonbeams shine,  
And build a golden bridglet  
Over the German Rhine.

The Emperor passeth over,  
With stately step and slow,  
And blesseth all the verdant vines  
And hears the fair Rhine flow.

Then back he turns to the gloomy tomb  
To sleep so lonely there,  
Until again the growing vine  
Perfumes the waiting air.

But we will fill our goblets,  
And deeply quaff at length  
Old German hero wine  
And German hero strength. E.

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A MUNIFICENT GIFT TO CORNELL  
UNIVERSITY.

At a special meeting of the Trustees of the University, held on last Wednesday for the purpose of choosing the Faculty of the new Law School, the following letter which explains itself, was presented:

THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY,  
ITHACA, N. Y., 19 Jan. 1887.

Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees:

It is now some thirty-five years ago, while I was still a student at college, that I formed the purpose of collecting a historical library. From that time to this, at home and abroad, I have steadily kept this purpose in view, selecting the best works I could find, not only in history proper, but in the subsidiary fields of literature, political and social science, international law, and art (including especially architecture). I have particularly sought those throwing light upon the great events, periods and tendencies of human thought and action,—upon the de-

velopment of modern civilization,—upon the men who have bettered the condition of mankind.

As a result, I have accumulated a library of about thirty thousand volumes, besides some ten thousand valuable pamphlets, and not a few manuscripts. In almost all its departments, I may say without undue partiality, there are very many works, rare and valuable, in several the collection would doubtless be considered remarkable, and in one or two it is certainly unequaled in the United States. The bringing together of this library has been to me a labor of love. It consists to an unusual extent of primary sources and original material for historical study, and my thought has been not solely of myself but of the American scholars of the future. It has always been my intention to place it some day as a whole where it could be used to the best advantage by historical students. The cost of the collection, with its catalogues, has been in money, as nearly as I can now estimate, rather more than a hundred thousand dollars. Its present value, consisting as it does in great part of works scarce, long sought, and yearly appreciating in price, it would be hard to reckon in dollars and cents; but something of its practical worth I have had occasion to know by its use during my professorships at the University of Michigan and at Cornell University, and I hope that it may yet serve others even more fully than it has served me.

A part of this library, that bearing upon architecture, I gave to Cornell University upon the establishment of the Agricultural department; and the occasion of the establishment of a law school and the reorganization of the department of History and Political Science by the trustees of the university seems an appropriate time for me to make a fitting disposal of the remainder.

There are three places, in our country, in any of which it would gratify my feeling of local and personal attachment to bestow it as a gift. Foremost among these is the Cornell University; and in case there can be provided for the collection at some day not far distant, a suitable fire-proof room in any building which shall be erected for your general library, and proper provision made for its maintenance and usefulness, it will give me pleasure to place it permanently in your custody.

In case you shall view this proposal with favor, I shall be happy to meet any committee you may appoint to arrange the conditions on which the gift may be made and accepted. I remain gentlemen,  
Very respectfully yours,

ANDREW D. WHITE.

It is needless to say that a committee was appointed to confer with ex-President White and arrange all the details in regard to this magnificent gift. Though the attendance at the meeting was small, yet several important subjects were discussed and radical changes made in the conduct of the History and Political Science Department. These changes were thought to be necessary in order that this department might, in a measure, supplement the work in the Law School. Ex-President White is to be Dean of this Department which, owing to the complete rearrangement of all the details, is to be regarded as an addition to the large number of departments already existing at Cornell, and is to be known as the President White School of History and Political Science.

After passing resolutions of respect to the memory of Erastus Brooks, who so lately had been a member of their body, the Trustees adjourned without making public the names of those who are to have immediate charge of the instruction in the Law School. These names will not be known prior to Feb. 16.

The following is an official statement of the action of the Trustees in regard to the new department and in reference to ex-President White's gift:

*Resolved:* That the Board of Trustees hereby give to the consolidated department of History and Political Science in this University the name of the President White School of History and Political Science.

*Resolved:* That Andrew Dickson White, LL. D. be and he is hereby appointed Dean of such school and honorary lecturer on History and Political Science therein.

*Resolved:* That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to arrange with Doctor White the details and conditions on which his proposed munificent gift of his historical and political library shall be accepted by Cornell University.

In accordance with these resolutions the committee, consisting of Gen. Woodford, President Adams, Mr. Sage, ex-Gov. A. B. Cornell, and Mr. Lord, had a conference last evening with Doctor White and the terms named by the donor were heartily and unanimously agreed upon by the committee. The gift is practically an absolute one to the University, but it is the desire of the benefactor that in consideration therefore, a certain sum shall be set aside, the income from which shall be devoted to the purchase of new books to keep the collection for all time up to date, also for an assistant who under the Librarian of the general Library shall have charge of the White Library, including the

work of completing and publishing the catalogue of the collection. It is also the understanding of ex-President White and of the committee that in case the McGraw-Fiske Suit terminates favorably for the University, a sum approximating the value of the collection shall be devoted to the maintenance of a professorship and of such scholarships and fellowships in History and Political Science as may hereafter be agreed upon.

It is proposed to have the catalogue which is nearly ready for the publisher issued at as early a day as is practicable. It will be published in parts, the books relating to special subjects forming independent portions grouped into a volume when all shall be completed. It is probable that the catalogue of works on the French Revolution will be the finest issued. This part is perhaps the most remarkable as it consists of not less than about seven thousand titles. It is believed to be by far the most extensive collection on the subject in the country.

Other parts of the catalogue will follow as the work of the cataloguing force can be completed.

#### SUBJECTS OF SENIOR THESES.

The following are the thesis subjects already approved by the Faculty:

Boiler Trial.  
 Test of Turbines.  
 Office of Dynamo.  
 Storage Batteries.  
 Pym and Stafford.  
 The Jury System.  
 American Homes.  
 Steam Boiler Trial.  
 Continuous Brakes.  
 Pleura Pneumonia.  
 Automatic Engines.  
 Nicaraguan Woods.  
 Æsthetic Education.  
 The Mound Builders.  
 Byzantine Ornament.  
 A Study of Uncinula,  
 Plato's Use of Myths,  
 Ideal Commonwealths,  
 Test of Electric Motor,  
 The Teutonic Survival,  
 Future Steam Engines,  
 Efficiency of Dynamos,  
 The Fisheries Question,  
 Transmission of Power.  
 The Sewerage of Buffalo.  
 Electric Transfer of Power,  
 Victor Hugo and his Work.  
 National Aid to Education.  
 Bismark, Man and Minister.

Internal Friction of Engines.  
 The Geology of Natural Gas.  
 Monumental and Domestic Art.  
 Homer's Abode of Living Men.  
 Modern Methods of Tunnelling.  
 Count Cavour and Italian Unity.  
 The Revival of the Romanesque.  
 Extension of the E. C. & N. Ry.  
 The Hydraulic Pump in Engines.  
 Design for an Iron Railway Bridge.  
 The Stability of the French Republic.  
 The Foreign Policy of Marie Theresa.  
 Reclamation and Desiccation of Land.  
 The Future of American Architecture.  
 Electro-Chemical Equivalent of Silver.  
 Roads, their Location and Construction.  
 The Modern Claims of the Workingman.  
 Norman Remains in English Cathedrals.  
 The History and Development of Chucks.  
 American Diplomacy during the Revolution.  
 The Meibomian Glands in Domesticated Animals.  
 Effect of various Sands upon Cement and Mortar.  
 Extension of the E. C. & N. Ry., into Cayuga Inlet.  
 A Century of Architecture from 1050 to 1150 A. D.  
 Thomas Paine's Influence on the American Revolution.  
 The History of Fugitive Slave Legislation in America.  
 Design of a System of Sewers for the Village of Oneonta.  
 The Historic Experiment of the American Constitution.  
 Review of Tubular Bridge Across Rock Creek, D. C.  
 Design of a Highway Bridge near Grand Junction, Col.  
 The Applicability of the Romanesque to Modern Wants.  
 The Policy of England toward America and toward Ireland.  
 Study of the Relative Merits of English and American Railways.  
 Influence of Wm. Loyd Garrison upon the Abolition of Slavery.  
 The Cardiac Muscular fibers in Man and certain other Vertebrates.  
 The Constitutional Issues involved in the English Revolution of 1688.  
 A Design for the Sanitary Improvement of the Village of Cooperstown.  
 The Influence of the Revolution on the Industrial Interests of the States.  
 The Investigation of Terrestrial Magnetism in connection with Geodetic Surveys.

The Influence of the Roman Catholic Church upon English Politics from 1660 to 1760.

Review of a Wrought Iron Bridge on the Atkinson, Topeka, & Santa Fé Railway.

The Sinking of a Shaft through Quicksand for the Louisiana Sulphur Mining Company.

#### *MEETING OF THE C. A. A. OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY.*

In accordance with a resolution of the last meeting to hold a reunion on Founder's Day of each year, a goodly number of Cornellians assembled on the evening of Jan. 11th at the Café Finelli. President James M. Dodge took the lead in story telling during the hour's talk before going into supper, while R. C. Horr was a close second. The beginning of the association was recalled when Julius Chambers, '70, the managing editor of the *New York Herald*, was its first president. Of the new members of the association A. F. Matthews, '83, is filling an editorial position on the *Press* and F. A. Coles, '84, is a student in the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania. The evening's programme closed with a business meeting. Plans were suggested for bringing into the organization all Cornellians in this vicinity and any who are not members of the association should send their names to Secretary James L. Knapp *Philadelphia Record*, Phila. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Charles Barclay, '76; First Vice President, A. J. Loos, '77; Second Vice President, M. R. Conable, '76; Corresponding Secretary, James L. Knapp, '80; Recording Secretary, George B. Davidson, '84; Treasurer, James M. Dodge, '72; Executive Committee, M. M. Garver, '76, Dr. E. M. Howard, '73, Wm. C. Russell, Jr., '80, Wayland H. Smith, '87.

#### *PRIZES OFFERED BY THE NEW SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY OF LONDON.*

The New Shakespeare Society of London offers to students of Cornell University, through Professor Corson, who has been, for many year, a Vice-President of the Society, prizes for the best work done in Shakespearian and kindred studies. These prizes consist of several valuable publications of the Society.

A first and a second prize will be awarded this year (the requisite degree of excellence being reached), to the two students passing the best and the second best special examinations on the course of forty lectures on Shakespeare which Professor Corson will give during the Winter and Spring terms.

#### *IRVING LITERARY SOCIETY.*

The first meeting of the Irving took place on Friday evening last. The exercises opened with an address by the President, Mr. E. L. Elliott, on Recreation and Morality. This was followed by a paper by Miss J. A. Smith, in which she defended "free trade." The house was then requested to discuss the position taken by the writer, and some interesting points were made on both sides of the question. The literary part of the program closed with a "talk" by Mr. Greenawalt on the "Pennsylvania Dutch." Being thoroughly familiar with his subject, Mr. Greenawalt kept his hearers alive with interest and bubbling over with mirth. After a short recess some important business was done. It was decided to hold the regular meetings on Saturday evenings hereafter, instead of on Friday. It was also decided to vary the order of exercises somewhat. Instead of dividing the literary program into two parts, with a recess between, it was decided to divide the program into two parts, the first literary, as heretofore, and the second social. It is expected that the second part will be enlivened with music. The next meeting will be on Saturday evening. The first part of the program will consist of a "pronouncing match." It is hoped that a large number of members and visitors will be present, each armed with a list of words, and ready for the fray.

#### *FRUIJA CLUB.*

At a meeting held at the D. K. E. House last Tuesday evening the persons who are to compose the Fruija Club of this year were chosen by the members of last year's club. A meeting of the new club will soon be called for purposes of organization and to determine the time for holding the Annual Initiatory Banquet. The following men from '90 were the ones so lucky as to be elected: Messrs. Mack, Robinson, Hillebrand, Stebbins, Shearn, Monroe, Gregg, Trowbridge, Freeman, Young, Corlett, Sheldon, Fisher, Dutcher, Clisdell, Fisher, Dunn, McReynolds, Barber, Tousey, and Johnson. The election of further members is now in the hands of the newly elected club.

—All aspirants for athletic fame should remember that the time fixed for the Winter Meeting is drawing near and that now is the time to prepare for it. The various contests promise to be superior to those of former Winter Meetings and those who expect to play prominent parts must do a great deal of hard steady work.

## COMMUNICATION.

[The Editors of the ERA do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments expressed in this column; however, the columns of the ERA are always open to students who wish to express their opinion on any subject.—Eds.]

*Editors of the Era :*

GENTLEMEN :

In your issue of Nov. 26, 1886, I observed a communication suggesting that a portion of the ERA editors should be selected on the basis of contributions. It is needless for me to repeat the arguments which were there so clearly presented, and I only wish to dwell for a moment on one or two points which seem of importance. In the first place, let us consider what advantages an editor would derive from such a course of preparation. It is plainly evident that a man who has proved his ability for the position of editor, is more likely to fill that position satisfactorily than one who has no previous knowledge of the duties of the office. Moreover, the aspirant will be likely to put forth his best efforts on whatever work he undertakes in the line of contributions, as it is by the merit of this work that he will be judged. Whoever has had any experience in journalism knows that it has become a science in itself which requires thorough and careful preparation.

The day is rapidly passing when a person can discharge the duties of an editor unless he has gone through the training which shall fit him for that position. And I think that any person who feels sufficiently interested in the subject to spend valuable time in preparing contributions for a college paper should receive some recognition of such work, provided it shall be up to the required standard. In the second place let us consider the advantages which a college paper would derive from such an arrangement. The object of a paper is to supply news in which its patrons are interested. At present we have about 800 students here, who are interested in various lines of study. Some are interested in technical, others in literary or scientific courses. Besides these there are the alumni, who retain an interest in whatever concerns their *Alma Mater*. It certainly seems as though from so many different sources interesting and instructive articles might be contributed. Greater variety and a consequent increase of interest would thus be secured. Doubtless many would be led to contribute to the paper provided any encouragement was offered for the time and pains thus employed. Surely a college paper should be willing to offer some inducement to those who may contrib-

ute in advancing its interests. That a college paper would be benefitted by such a policy seems beyond a doubt. It would be brought into closer relations with the student body, a wider range of topics could be discussed, interest would be awakened in new lines of thought and the usefulness and influence of the paper would be proportionately advanced.

It seems time that some definite action be taken in this matter, as we are already in the second term of the college year, and nothing is likely to be gained by continued delay. In order to bring this matter into some definite shape, I would suggest that the editors of the ERA take upon themselves the calling of a mass meeting of the students to consider, whether or not, it is advisable to change the constitution so that a portion of the board of editors shall be selected on the basis of the quantity and quality of contributions.

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## NOTICES.

All who desire to compete for the prizes offered by the *Cornellian* Board are requested to send in their work at once. Any information desired will be furnished by any members of the board.

The students of Cornell University will be glad to learn that arrangements have been made for a reading by Mr. J. J. Hayes, formerly Instructor in Elocution at this University. Mr. Hayes while here gave several public readings, and on every occasion proved himself possessed of rare elocutionary and dramatic power. His reading of the *Midsummer Night's Dream* with orchestral accompaniment will be long remembered by all who had the good fortune to hear him. As a humorous and dialect reader Mr. Hayes stands almost unrivalled. Everywhere he has received the highest praise and has met with the most flattering success. Mr. Hayes will read at Library Hall on the evening of Feb. 4th. The chart for the sale of reserved seats will open at Finch's on Tuesday Feb. 1st, at two o'clock. The reading will be a miscellaneous one, including dramatic, narrative, and humorous selections. As a former "*Cornellian*" he ought to be met by a large audience of students and professors.

## CORNELLIANA.

- Coasting stock is way down.
- Are you going to the Junior Ball.
- Eighty-Eight's *Cornellian* will be bound in cloth.
- What has become of the once famous Euterpe Club?

—A large delegation of Seniors are taking Military Science.

—The examination in Political Economy will be held Feb. 14.

—Juniors are busy selecting orations for the coming '86 prize contest.

—Active preparations are being made to get the Register out in due time.

—The class in Philosophy is well pleased with the change made in the lecture room.

—Next rehearsal of the orchestra will be tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 in Sprague Block.

—The new text book in Political Economy has not arrived so the class is now using Jevous.

—A prominent Junior in one of the elocution sections criticised the rhetorical "poses" of one of the speakers.

—The students seem to have taken a poetical turn of mind. We hope this augurs well for an early spring.

—Quiz in American History last Wednesday and recitation on Friday. A new era has dawned upon the class.

—The Business Manager of the *Cornellian* was in Syracuse, Tuesday, arranging the contract with the printer.

—It appears there will be no optional military drill this winter. What has become of our future military leaders?

—Pay your athletic subscriptions. If you have not subscribed yet, do so at once and prove your loyalty to Cornell.

—Wanted—An ERA editor! He must be a man of leisure who can spend all his idle moments in working for the paper.

—Instructor Leahey has requested those who intend competing for the Junior prize to select their orations as early as possible.

—In no class in the University is the absence of co-eds more perceptible than in Military Science. There are no co-eds in the class.

—The weather for the past week has been a very strange combination of rain, snow, and wind with very varying thermometer.

—A great many good men are training for the crew. It looks as though old Cornell means to maintain her supremacy on the water.

—East Hill has a milkman, who plays "Get there just the same" on a tin horn. The students who room there are after his blood.

—The reduced fares proved a great success. The thanks of the students are due the President for this kind provision and great saving of expense.

—Visitors to Professor Schurman's classes in Philosophy and in Ethics always go away charmed with the admirable manner in which he presents his subjects.

—Several "freshies" prior to leaving for home for vacation paraded State St. with military jacket and Freshman class hat. Such Freshman acts should be "sat upon."

—A new phase in the Ithaca railway scheme. It is proposed to have electricity as the motive power. The students care more about the completion of the road than they do about the motive power.

—The Bulletin board is unusually filled with notices of various kinds, some appearing three or four times. We would suggest to those who desire to advertise so thoroughly that the advertising columns of the college press are open to them.

—There were six men at the Gym. one evening this week. This is not a very creditable showing when fifty men pledged themselves to attend the Gym. if opened during the evening. Brace up, petitioners, before the scheme falls to the ground.

—The reputation of several professors for giving high marks seems not to have been sustained by the result of last term's marking. The tendency indeed seems to be the other way, much dissatisfaction being felt in many cases and some seemingly with cause.

—Considerable complaint is being made about the absence of ice water from the assembly room. Since the lunch counter has been in operation this convenience seems to have been discontinued. The person having such matters in hand should attend to it at once.

—Our hearts have this week been rejoiced by more contributed articles than we have received during any previous week. Some of the contributions are of more than usual merit, and for them we extend our thanks. Owing to lack of space all cannot appear this week.

—The *Cornellian* Board are making splendid progress with the work before them. The book will be illustrated better than in former years and in all its departments it promises to excel any *Cornellian* yet published. The publishing is in the hands of Mason & Co. of Syracuse.

—The Junior Promenade this year will be the most brilliant one ever given at Cornell. The very best arrangements have been made by the committee to insure the success of the affair and the indications are that their efforts will be highly successful. '88 is bound to give the best ball on record. Bear this in mind.

—The first meeting of '87, under the administration of President Lovell was held Monday at 1 o'clock. Mr. Evans was selected as class photographer in accordance with the report of the minority of the photograph committee. The committee on class memorial reported progress. Their preference is for a grand stand on the new athletic grounds, and was approved by a vote of the class.

—The men who are working for positions on the 'Varsty crew went into training last Monday. Rarely has a better lot of men gone into training for the crew than is training now. The men are heavier than usual and as the extra weight is due to muscle the present weights will be reduced but little by training. The outlook is very promising and with proper support Cornell will no doubt take her former place at the front.

—A meeting of the Freshmen was held yesterday at 1 o'clock in Room K, Morrill Hall to make arrangements for their class banquet. Exactly a quorum were present. Nominations were made as follows: Toastmaster, Sheldon; Orator, Young; Historian, Ford; Poet, Crissey; Prophet, Chester. President Callan was authorized to name the banquet committee. Messrs Best and Burnett represented the Juniors and each made a short address. The committee on class colors presented a majority and a minority report; but neither was accepted by the class.

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#### PERSONALS.

E. H. BOSTWICK, '85, is attending Columbia Law School.

J. R. CALDER, '86, is attending Law School at Ann Arbor.

CASSEDY, '84, has been admitted to the bar at Newburg, N. Y.

WEBSTER, '78, was in town this week visiting his brother, Webster '90.

W. R. PERKINS, former professor in history, was in the city a few days ago.

SARGENT, '87, who is in the employ of the Government at Washington, was in town this week.

G. B. DAVIDSON, '84, is practicing law at Philadelphia, Pa. He furnished our account of the Philadelphia Alumni.

PHILIP BARNARD, '78, is engaged on the Cincinnati *Illustrated News*, as an Engraver. The Holiday number exhibits work in this line that speaks well for his ability.

MESSRS C. JONES, '89, J. F. Wilson, '87, Martin, '81, Knight, '73, Warner, '74, attended the D. K. E. Convention held at Washington,

the first week in January. Delegates from all chapters were present.

MESSRS S. J. LORBER, A. L. Soulé, R. H. Gorsline, J. S. Denis, F. A. Lorber, H. E. Baskerville, J. J. McComb, Jr., E. N. Sanderson, J. I. Glover, C. N. Eustis, H. M. Robinson, E. A. Rumsey, and E. E. Soulé attended the Convention of Zeta Psi Fraternity, held in New York city during the holidays.

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#### MARRIED.

MEAD—GOULD. Dan'l W. Mead to Miss Kate R. Gould, at Rockford, Ill., on Nov. 30, 1886.

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#### EXCHANGES.

Truly our exchanges must be forming a league of scoffers, and Cornell is the object of their first combined endeavors. First it is the *Yale News*, then the *Harvard Crimson*, and now the *Notre Dame Scholastic* turns against us. They all deride and distort our yell, these three, in almost every conceivable way; but on one point they are all agreed; there is in the yell the word "sheol" translated to rhyme with "Cornell." The *Scholastic* clips its remarks from the New York journal that "shines for all;" and by the clear light of the *Sun's* rays our cheer, our own ringing, inspiring slogan, "Cornell! I yell, yell, yell, Cornell!" is exhibited thus, "Cornell! Cornell! Cor-Cor-Cornell! I yell like—! Cornell!" O, ye people that have any fellow-feeling in your hearts, especially ye college men that have an Alma Mater to love, spare our feelings by ceasing to carelessly slight our cry, and thereby earn our everlasting gratitude. It is a case of "love us, love our yell" in this matter.

We should like to see no more in our exchanges the following bit of college news "Of the best American college records up to Oct. 1, Harvard holds, etc." As a "chestnut" this ranks as the oldest and the hardest.

The December number of the *Vassar Miscellany* reflects great credit upon its editors. Its literary matter is of a high order, but there is a sombreness in the appearance of the paper that might be relieved by more variety in its make up. Its criticism of the *Rochester Campus* for the use of too much slang in its local column is one that might well be carefully considered by many college journals. But, dear *Miscellany* why do you blame some of your students for whispering and giggling during lectures? Why try to hamper them by refusing them the coveted privilege of giggling, when you know that it is as natural and as gratifying to them as is the eating of ice cream in July?

The *Harvard Crimson* of Jan. 11, publishes an article clipped from the *Nation* on German vs. American university salaries." American universities, according to the *Nation*, pay larger salaries on the average, than do German universities. The author of the article also states that few American colleges pay their professors more than \$2000 or \$2200 per year. Cornell is happy to be one of the few; her professors who are heads of departments get \$3000 per year.

The *Yale Courant* is one of the most readable exchanges that reaches our table. The last number contains a very "philosophical" article entitled "Why the Coyote Smiles." The cuts accompanying the article look as if they had all been struck by a western blizzard. The *Courant's* illustrated calendar is an interesting cut.

The *Colby Echo* for Dec. 1886, is as interesting as ever. It is one of the most welcome visitors to our exchange table. We join with the *Echo* in discouraging the practice of making up a number of college publication, e. g. a late number of the *Lafayette*, almost entirely of matter relating to athletics.

We trust that all our exchanges are as honest as the *Musical Herald* which heads its column of clippings,

"Good-humored wit an honest man estranges:  
We credit all we clip from our exchanges."

#### AMUSEMENTS.

##### TOURISTS.

The presentation of the "Tourists" in a P. C. given at the Windsor Theatre last night caused considerable amusement to a very large audience. The company is a very strong one, and kept the audience in a good humor throughout the entire evening. Mr. Charles Kirke as Hookey John made an ideal Chinaman, and with his specialty and performance Louis, the Frenchman, which was a marked piece of character acting, proved himself an artist of considerable merit. Thomas Lord made an amusing porter. The Quartet singing and specialties, and the P. P. Car scene by day and by night were splendid features, and added realism to the performance. We should advise all who wish to have a hearty laugh go see the "Tourists" this week.—*New York Herald*.

At the Wilgus Opera House, to-morrow evening.

##### APHRODITE.

Atkinson's Aphrodite Co. will appear at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, Jan. 25. From the *New London Evening Day* we clip the following notice:

"Atkinson's Aphrodite Company presented their new musical comedy, 'Aphrodite,' at Lawrence Opera House, Saturday evening. It is a singular conceit, and though the public is familiar with the idea through repeated performances of Pygmalion and Galatea, yet the line pursued by the frisky goddess in the play is so entirely new that the audience is frequently surprised. There is something irresistibly funny in the antics of Aphrodite in the barber shop scene, and she preserves so much of her marble composure even when engaged in the perpetration of the most ridiculous tricks, that laughter bubbles up spontaneously from the audience. It is quite impossible to convey the sense of the ridiculous excited by Aphrodite, naturally a classic figure, in graceful robes, descending from the pedestal and joining the barber's apprentice in a jig which surprised the audience because of its excellence, as much as by the severe demeanor of the dancer, while her feet are doing their liveliest work. 'Aphrodite,' is pretty sure to take wherever it goes, judging from the reception of the initial performance in New London."

#### CLIPPINGS.

—The communion of soles—Kicking a young lady's foot under the table.

—There are a great many young men nowadays who charter a ten-dollar livery stable rig when they really cannot afford to have the nightmare.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

—The too-toest thing yet: "A London female æsthete remarks as to Mr. Irving's limbs: 'Mr. Irving's legs are limped and utter. Both are delicately intellectual, but his left leg is a poem.'"—*Ex*.

—*Musical Herald*: "How Can I Leave Thee?" serenaded the young man under the window. The family stood it as long as possible and then the old man turned the dog out to figure on the problem.

—"If an 's' and an 'i' and an 'o' and a 'u',  
With an 'x' at the end, spell 'su',  
And an 'e' and a 'y' and an 'e' spell 'i';  
Pray what is a speller to do?  
Then if also an 's' and an 'i' and a 'g',  
And an 'h-e-d' spell 'cide',  
There's nothing left for a speller to do,  
But to go and commit Siouxeysighed."—*Ex*.

—The following motto was found inscribed on the lock of a confederate rifle: "*Ignis, via et nunquam animus.*" The translation is quite appropriate and equal to that of the famous motto for a tea chest, "*Tu doces.*"—*Ex*.

N. B. Everyone sending a correct solution of this puzzle to the *ERA* will be considered by the editors as a phenomenon at puzzle solving.

## A FLUNK DEFINED.

A little nod—  
I was called up.  
A little sigh—  
I was balled up.

A little shake—  
He caught my thought.  
A little figure,  
'Twas a naught.

—He sat on a bicycle as straight as an icicle, and she on a tricycle rode by his side.

He talked like a jolly fop, and naught could his folly stop;

With all kinds of lollipop enlivening the ride.

At last incidentally, more instinctive than mentally, he

Grew sentimentally saccharine sweet,

And he told with intensity of love's strong propensity, its

Force and immensity, its fervor and heat.

Just then o'er some hummocks he sprawled out kerflummux,

And she thought what a lummux to tumble just then!

But he climbed to his station, while she said, with elation,

"Renew your narration, say it over again."—*Ex*

## CHURCH NOTICES.

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnott, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School, 9.30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

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Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, at Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12.30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7.30, p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

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*Plane Geometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8 P. M.*  
*Higher Algebra, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
*Arithmetic, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 7 P. M.*  
*Differential Calculus, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 P. M.*  
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“BLESSINGS never come single handed,” is an old and oft repeated saying. As a rule the American people place little confidence in the truth of such statements, although they sometimes seem to carry with them the weight of conviction. The tendency not to place faith in such things is right and every parent ought to encourage it in their children. The history of Cornell for the [past week will always form a most interesting chapter in her annals. It does seem as if some brooding angel had been watching over her welfare and had put it into the hearts of two men, already deeply impressed with the magnitude of her mission, to bestow of their substance that no check might be to her greatness. Hardly had arrangements been made for accepting the splendid gift of ex-President White’s historical library, consisting of over one hundred thousand volumes, when it was made known to University circles that Hon. Hiram Sibley had placed at the disposal of the University, a large sum of money to be used for enlarging and improving the college which bears his name, and which has already demonstrated the wisdom of its founder and benefactor by graduating men who are thoroughly trained for their profession. The immense good that will eventually accrue from these gifts can little be realized. The future of Cornell is indeed bright and the memory of such men as Cornell, White, Sage and Sibley, will always cast a rich halo about her progress, that time with all his changes cannot remove or even diminish its luster.

ALUMNI and friends of the University will be pleased to hear of the proposed building of the Cornell Christian Association. Already this Association can count its members by the hundreds and every year adds to the sphere of usefulness in which it works. An enemy of evil and vice, the Association advances the

cause of morality and does much to promote good fellowship among the students. The object and aims of the Association are only good, but at present the members are handicapped by not having a suitable place to hold their meetings. Realizing this fact, plans were put on foot looking towards the erection of a new building to be used exclusively by the Association. The work of raising the necessary money has already commenced and will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. No one need fear to offend by making a donation either small or great. The erection of this building and the large membership of the Association will go a great ways in removing from the minds of certain good people of the country, those erroneous ideas which picture Cornell as the seat of corruption and the majority of her professors as skeptics. To us this seems absurd, and yet there are men so bigoted that they cannot throw off the shackles which bind them to old forms of discipline and hence they regard every step, opposed to their views, as indicative of evil. These views are becoming less and less frequent and we believe that the future will see many colleges founded on the broad basis which Cornell first tried as an experiment and on which the foundations of her greatness rest.

THE new *Register* which will be issued sometime during the present term, will doubtless contain many new features and improvements. However, there is one thing which we think ought to have appeared there even before now. A number of our leading colleges practice it and in no case, so far as we know, has it been prolific of anything but good. We have reference to the holding of entrance examinations in the leading cities of the country. There is little doubt that in very many cases this would prove a great convenience to the persons examined and would entail but little expense upon the University. The tendency would be to increase the attendance and to attract those who are better prepared to begin their college course. Cornell is already a

dangerous rival of her more venerable contemporaries, and it seems reasonable to suppose that a plan which has proved beneficial to other colleges, would not be without a like result to Cornell. The growing popularity of the University would thus be spread abroad by the four winds and Cornell would be known even in the remotest districts. In addition there are other advantages of no less importance than those already mentioned. Of course the plan has its drawbacks, but is there any one thing to which objection cannot be made in one form or another? To us it seems that the trial of the plan would be to secure its adoption and use for all coming time. It is now generally conceded that whatever brings a college or university to the notice of the public, increases and widens its field of usefulness. May we not hope to see in the next *Register* the information that Cornell will hold entrance examinations in the chief cities of the country? This would be but in harmony with the great strides which she has recently made towards an ideal American university.

#### AN ACROSTICAL SONNET.

Alas! the fearful agony is oer,  
No more to harass my bewildered brain  
Till next fall term calls to my mind again  
How gloriously I failed the year before.  
O, Faculty most august, I implore,  
Never compel me twice to bear the pain  
Your awful work has caused; I'll be insane,  
Perhaps a driveling idiot evermore.  
"Harmonic motion!" 'Tis a pleasing phrase,  
Yet are its mystic laws so manifold,  
So complicated as to fairly daze  
In their entirety the Soph. so bold.  
Can I send home my marks? Yes, Yes, I must  
Send to my pa the tidings, "Physics—Bust!"

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#### GENESIS OF A CORNELL SONG.

In the volume of Cornell songs published a few years ago, the familiar song, consisting of a single stanza beginning "Far above Cayuga's Water's," is said to be by C. R. Urquhart. This statement seems to have passed unquestioned, and was repeated in the selection of Cornell songs printed for the Alumni Dinner in New York last spring. During one of the frequent intervals of inattention caused by the long-drawn-out speeches of that evening, an old Cornell graduate began idly to turn over the leaves of this selection; suddenly his list-

lessness vanished, and with considerable animation he called his neighbor's attention to the song, saying he had good reason to know that C. K. Urquhart was not the author, since he himself had no small share in writing it. After some conversation it was agreed that he should write an account of its composition setting forth the true authorship, which, being placed on record, might serve to correct the current error concerning it. This he has recently done and it is thought that the following letters possess sufficient interest for Cornell men, to find a place, with the correct text of the song in the *ERA* in which most of the Cornell songs made their first appearance in print.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18, 1887.

DEAR SIR:

I only the other day found in an old box of miscellaneous papers the original manuscript of the song "Cornell," and herewith enclose a copy. It was composed about 1870, under the following circumstances. Mr. W. M. Smith, '74, (now District Attorney of Suffolk Co.), and I roomed together in the Woodruff Block, on Tioga street. The blending of our voices, he, tenor, I, bass, pleased us exceedingly in the music of Annie Lisle. I proposed that we adapt a college song to the music, and suggested the first two lines of the first verse; he responded with the 3d and 4th, I with the 5th and 6th, and he with the 7th and 8th. The chorus was the result of mutual suggestion. These words were sung by us frequently, and when asked for the balance, we always excused ourselves upon the plea of forgetfulness. The next two verses (with some others which I do not think worth recopying) were shortly afterward composed by me, but were never sung as Smith didn't know them by heart. I am not sure that he ever knew that I wrote any more, as my connection and training with the college crews soon gave us no more leisure together.

Yours truly,

A. C. WEEKS, '72.

PATCHOGUE, Jan. 19, 1887.

DEAR SIR:

This statement of facts contained in the enclosed letter of Mr. A. C. Weeks is true.

Yours truly

W. M. SMITH.

CORNELL—AIR—Annie Lisle.

Far above Cayuga's waters,  
With its waves of blue,  
Stands our noble Alma Mater,  
Ever free and true.  
Far above the distant humming  
Of the busy town,  
Reared against the arch of Heaven  
Looks she proudly down.

[This article on "The Genesis of a Cornell Song" was written by Librarian George William Harris, as he himself informs me. He sat by Mr. Weeks at the New York alumni dinner, and requested him to write the letter above published. Geo. L. Burr, January, 1917.]

CHORUS—Ever rolling, surging onward  
 Glad her praises tell;  
 Hail to thee our Alma Mater  
 Hail to thee Cornell.

Trim upon the rugged hilltops  
 Stand her granite walls,  
 Firmer may her sons press onward,  
 Onward, through her halls,  
 When with moments swiftly flying  
 Ages roll between  
 Son as yet unborn shall hail thee  
 Alma Mater, Queen

CHORUS.

Hear the rippling of the waters  
 As they glide along;  
 Listen to the evening breezes  
 With their whispered song,  
 Heed the thrilling notes of gladness  
 Of the wakening morn:  
 All with joyful echoes murmur  
 That Cornell is born.

CHORUS.

### *MR. SIBLEY'S NOBLE GIFT.*

The founder of Sibley College has given still another indication of his interest in the school that bears his name. It was only last year that extensive improvements were made in our school of Mechanical Engineering, but the rapid increase of the number of students in that department has made the enlarged buildings inadequate. Every room has been crowded to overflowing, and the accommodation of the increasing classes had become a question of pressing importance.

This was the condition of affairs, when Dr. Thurston was invited by Mr. Sibley to come to Rochester. All who knew Mr. Sibley's generosity were satisfied as to the general significance of the invitation, but probably few expected so grand a gift. In effect Mr. Sibley's offer removes from the hearts of the Director and his co-laborers all anxiety in regard to the financial future of Sibley College. Additional buildings more extensive than all the present Sibley are to be erected as the needs of the department call for them.

The general plan of these buildings is already determined. Dr. Thurston has had prepared by students in architecture drawings of the entire Sibley College as it is expected to stand in the not very distant future. First will be constructed a two-story edifice extending east from the mechanical laboratory at the northeast corner of the present buildings. This extension is to be 160 x 40 ft. and into it will be removed the machinery of the laboratory, thus making the present laboratory rooms available for other work. The need for at least so much additional room is so pressing that ground will be brok-

en as soon as the weather permits. Probably this is all that will be built next season. If, however, the class of '91 so far surpasses the numerical estimates of the Sibley Faculty as did the present Freshman class, another large building will be put up beginning 60 ft. directly east of the main Sibley building, and exactly like it in external appearance.

After the completion of this building, the next demand for room is to be met by the erection of a large towered section to form the middle front of the whole system of buildings. The plans also provide for a three-story addition west of the present buildings, and a corresponding structure at the extreme east of the entire college. The ideal college toward which advances are to be made as rapidly as possible is to present to the eye a symmetrical front of over 400 ft., or three times the length of the main building as we see it to-day.

Among the noticeable features, will be a large lecture room in the centre of the front capable of seating 500 students. Of course many minor improvements are to be made. Nearly every department must eventually be extended or duplicated.

Although the money to cover the expense of these improvements has not been transferred to the University, the gift is none the less a real one. The promise from Mr. Sibley that he will provide for the carrying out of the above plans as the increased prosperity of the college requires is as good for us as the actual placing of the buildings upon our campus. The whole cost of the new buildings will bring the total of Mr. Sibley's gifts to the College of Mechanic Arts to the sum, \$250,000.

It is needless to say that the whole University rejoices with those directly affected. Not a person grudges the Sibley College the great prosperity that has come to it under the administration of its honored Director. Yet it may be permitted us to hope that other departments may find as generous and noble benefactors as Hiram Sibley.

### *THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.*

A large number of professors and students met Thursday afternoon to organize a classical association. Shortly after the appointed hour the meeting was organized by the selection of Mr. Russell, '87, as President. At the request of Mr. Russell President Adams addressed the meeting. He referred to the evident lack of a "classical atmosphere" at Cornell, assured those present of his hearty interest in the object of the meeting and predicted for the Association and for the cause of classical learn-

ing at Cornell a bright future. In closing he said "I have always believed the impression of centuries, that the classical course is the best course, to be the correct one."

Professor Hale was next asked to explain the aims of the association. This he did in a few words. He said he had always thought the first movement in such a matter as the one in hand should come from the students, and had therefore never proposed an organization. Now, however, that the proper beginning was made he was willing to give his support. He referred to the vast field of work that would come within the province of the association, and expressed his gratification at the promise of success.

Professor Wheeler mentioned some of the work that the members might expect to do. Discussions and reviews of current literature connected with classical subjects might be presented at the meetings. Articles might be written on discoveries in archæology and related matters. The relation of classical studies to other parts of the curriculum, methods of teaching, and many other matters could come up before the association, and lecturers of note could be brought from abroad.

A number of other professors, Tuttle, E. E. Hale, Langdon and Dr. White, spoke to encourage, or "smile upon" the work. In fact it was a great comfort for the Arts students to hear so great an interest declared by professors who are often pointed to as living arguments against classical education.

The disposition to talk now seemed to have passed away. Accordingly the organization of the association was continued. Mr. Millholen, '89, was made Secretary. The names, Cornell Classical Association, and Cornell Classical Club were suggested; but neither was adopted. A committee consisting of Professors Wheeler, and E. E. Hale, and Messrs. Grant, '87, Ruyter, '88, and Mashek, '89' was appointed to draw up articles of association, select a name and arrange a program to be presented at the next meeting. President Adams announced that he had secured Professor Rodolfo Lanciani to deliver a course of lectures on archæology sometime within the year, and that the lectures would probably be given as before the association. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the committee named above.

—The orchestra, recently organized among the students, will make its *debut* at the same time with the Dramatic Association, as it has been engaged to furnish the music at the presentation of "Engaged."

### TO THE MUMMY IN THE MUSEUM OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Oh, relic of the distant past, if thou  
Should'st ope those long closed lids, how  
Would this day light clear,  
Piercing thy sightless orbs, to thee appear?  
Where has that soul, 'twas once thy body's guest,  
Taken its winged flight? Where does it rest,  
If soul doth rest? Perchance within the gloom,  
The rayless night of an Egyptian tomb,  
Mourning, it seeks this body lying here,  
This withered frame, so tenantless and drear.  
I gaze on thee agast, thou mockery of life;  
Oh gruesome stranger, with what strife  
Thou might'st become acquainted, if but a breath  
Should part those sealed lips, thou mockery of death.  
I seem to hear thy voice, in frightful burst of glee,  
A very shred of sound, O awful raillery!  
Saying: "When thou who gazest, yea, and e'en the  
stone,  
Which marks the bound'ries of thy last, and narrow  
home,  
Into the dust have sunk, while ceaseless ages run,  
I, lying here, shall ever mock the years to come."

H. C. BENNETT.

ITHACA, 6th, July 1885.

### WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS.

DIOGENES.

Diogenes was very "rapid" in his youth and managed to squander more of his father's substance than properly fell unto him. But after he had squandered all his wealth in riotous living, and when he had nothing left, like many another prodigal son, he reformed, signed the temperance pledge, and ever afterwards lived a virtuous life. He at once entered upon the pleasures of a domestic life. However, as he did not approve of the boarding-house system, he began housekeeping in a large tub. One advantage of this arrangement was that the family washing could be done without sending it out of the house, and thus home industry was encouraged. Diogenes was very proud of his house keeping arrangements, and recommended them to his neighbors, but the boarding-house keepers formed a ring and by the introduction of a new form of duplex hash, they were able to defeat this reform.

Besides serving the purpose of a house, the tub also served the purpose of an observatory and Diogenes could observe the stars in their courses and lie in bed at the same time.

He was frequently annoyed, however, in these nightly vigils, by a number of felines, who held protracted meetings near by. Now, as hereinbefore mentioned, Diogenes happened to be financially embarrassed about this time, and he was on the lookout for any honorable employment. At last an idea occurred to him, and accordingly the next night he lay low, and

by an artful contrivance succeeded in ensnaring his nightly visitors. As soon as the first gray tint of morning appeared in the east, he carefully placed the felines, to the number of five, in a bag and wended his way to the Anatomical Lab. of the city, where he exchanged them for filthy lucre.

Thus, we see, that those philosophers, who affect to despise all earthly things, are yet at times obliged to descend from a contemplation of the heavenly bodies and seek those means of subsistence which Nature offers freely to all her children.

Diogenes being now able once more to do business on a sound financial basis, spent most of his time in trying to prove the invalidity of human knowledge; or, in other words, he tried to prove that no one knew anything—except himself. These teachings were not generally accepted however, and Diogenes soon betook himself to a more genial employment. The task, which he thus set for himself, was a search after an honest man. He knew before he started out, that there could be no honest man; for, he argued, according to his philosophy no one except himself could know anything, and since he knew that there was no honest man, therefore there could be no honest man. Although he knew his search would be fruitless yet it gave him a kind of fiendish pleasure to prove that all of his neighbors were dishonest. Having closed the house which consisted in turning the tub bottom upwards, Diogenes set out, carrying a lantern to light him on his wanderings. He first interviewed some Aldermen, but gave them only a mark of 3.8 on honesty. He then visited each class of citizens in turn, but could not find an honest man. At last he came to that class of philosophers known as the Sophists or Sophs, who bore such a bold, bad character, that he gave up his investigations and returned to his tub. It is needless for me to trace the analogy between the Sophs of Diogenes' day and those of the present time.

Diogenes remained quietly in his tub for some time after this undertaking. Alexander having arrived in the country in the meantime, determined to pay a visit to the celebrated cynic. Accordingly he sought out Diogenes, whom he found basking in the sun. "Good-morning, Diogenes," said Alexander. "How are you, Alex.?" returned Diogenes. Alexander was so delighted by this informal mode of address, that he hastened to ask the cynic how he could serve him. "By standing out of my sunshine," replied Diogenes, as he put his tooth-pick back in his vest pocket. Alexander

although paralyzed for a moment, quickly recovered himself, and said to his courtiers: "If I were not Alexander, I should like to be Diogenes, for he teaches me that in approaching a cynical nature it is necessary to keep on the off hand side." Diogenes then excused himself on the plea that he had to see a man, and the interview was over.

It is thus by a study of the classics, and a careful application of their teachings, that we gain a knowledge of those fundamental truths, which underlie all history.

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#### MEETING OF THE H. AND P. S. ASSOCIATION.

President Adams made an announcement at the close of the History and Political Science Association meeting last Wednesday night that infused a little hopefulness into some of the ordinary spectators, when he announced that Seth Low and others would address that body some time in the future. For an association of the character and possibilities of the History and Political Science Association, the meetings thus far have been woefully lacking in what would interest the average student of those subjects. Take last term for an example. At every meeting, with one single exception, we had the changes rung on Civil Service Reform, and this would not have been so tiresome nor so monotonous had there been some diversity of opinion on the subject. But this association has the remarkably unique feature of a preponderance of Mugwumpian sentiment, and the vicious spoils system went down without a struggle. When once a weak Jacksonian voice was heard, though it was ever so weak, it was stifled on the spot. The meeting last Wednesday evening was on a different topic, however, but the interest was none the less lacking. We listened to a long, dry, and tedious rehash of ancient and ecclesiastical history. Admitting the ingenuity of the device, and the skill with which the charts were made, there is no reason why they were not explained in twenty minutes, and no excuse for the explanation taking an hour or more.

Now, while we acknowledge the superior wisdom and judgment of those who choose the topics treated in the meetings, we do ask this: Why is it that you ignore subjects of historical, political and national interest, like Canadian Fisheries, The English Political Situation, Our Coast Defenses, Surplus Revenue, Silver Coinage and numbers of others, while harping so unceasingly upon such a weak topic as Civil Service Reform?

THE BROOKE HERFORD READING  
ROOM.

A sum of money has been generously contributed by Rev. Brooke Herford, of Boston, whom university people remember with so much pleasure, for the establishment of a free reading-room in Ithaca, to be open on Sunday afternoon and evening. The matter was placed in the hands of his friend, Rev. Mr. Goodenough, of Ithaca, who, aided by contributions from other sources, vigorously pushed the project, so that the room was opened two weeks ago and will continue open during the coming year, from three till nine o'clock p. m. on Sundays. The rooms in the basement of the Unitarian church are used for the purpose. These rooms were tastefully refitted last year under the direction of Mr. Miller, the architect, have an open fireplace, are abundantly heated in other ways, and well lighted in the evening; and altogether it is as pleasant a place as one could wish for a few hours reading. On the tables are the leading American magazines, such as the Atlantic, The Century, Harper's, The New Scribner's, Lippincott's, St. Nicholas and others, with The Nation, Springfield Republican, Science, The Christian Union, The Independent, The Christian Register, all of the Ithaca papers (contributed by their publishers), and other periodical publications, sufficient in amount for the limited time the room is open each week. The reading matter provided is sound and healthful in every way; and the opening of this to the public is designed to fill a gap in the week left vacant by the very excellent reading-room at the Cornell Library building. Students and all the members of the University will of course welcome this effort to make good reading available; and knowing as they do something of the principal donor, will understand that they cannot better show their appreciation than by making the freest use of his generous gift. Furthermore, everyone is asked to cooperate with the donors, by making this place known to any who may be too busy during the week, to take the time for two or three hours reading before Sunday comes round. It would gratify every one if that class could be made to feel at home in this really attractive little reading-room.

—The rehearsals of the Glee Club are held regularly and the club is making commendable improvement. When ready to appear before the public they will give an entertainment well worthy of any college Glee Club in the country.

COMMUNICATIONS.

[The Editors of the ERA do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments expressed in this column; however, the columns of the ERA are always open to students who wish to express their opinion on any subject.—EDS.]

Editors of the Era :

A current rumor says that ex-President White is to be nominated as successor of Mr. Warner, the outgoing trustee. We do not credit the report for several reasons. Mr. White is not an alumnus, he has already declined a life trusteeship, and the recent choice of Mr. Hiram B. Sibley in the place of the late Erasmus Brooks sufficiently shows that Mr. White's mind is still unchanged. Still the nomination is possible, since any ten alumni, by indicating their choice to the treasurer, can place a candidate in the field. In Mr. White's case the affection in which he is held by the entire body of graduates is assurance that such a nomination would be equivalent to an election. But it is for this very reason that we hope Mr. White will not consent to the use of his name. Past experience has shown that, even though nothing were further from the nominator's intentions, still some of the alumni might interpret the nomination as an attempt by the "Ithaca clique" to secure the election as alumni trustee of a gentleman who would more naturally enter the board in another way. Therefore we hope that Mr. White will not allow any ten or any hundred alumni to involve him in a contest disagreeable while in progress and barren of good results. He now enjoys the united esteem of all factions of graduates, and it would be a sorrowful thing if he were to incur the scurrilous enmity of any faction, however small, for the sake of a position which he has at least once refused, and which still lies practically open to him whenever his health, impaired by twenty devoted years, shall permit him to add his experience and wisdom to the councils of the University. AN ALUMNUS.

Editors Era :

In Monday's issue of the *Sun* was an editorial suggesting that before doing anything to unsettle the foundations of the grand stand for a memorial, it would be more logical to offer something better. With your permission, Messrs. Editors, I would like to submit to the class the following suggestions: That the memorial of the class of '87 be a biennial prize, offered to the odd classes, to be awarded to the student who shall have the best average standing in those subjects which are required of all students at entrance. That the prize be (\$87)

eighty-seven dollars. This will require a fund of \$870 at 5 per cent., or \$725 at 6 per cent. It is probable that the Trustees will guarantee the latter.

This will come before every student twice during his course, will be of actual benefit to some meritorious student, will help to accomplish an end which the Faculty very much desire, namely: to induce more students to take the preliminary examinations, and so be actually ready for the work they are expected to undertake. It will be just as good for the class of 1897 as for the class of 1891, and this not even the most sanguine grand stand supporter can claim for his cause.

Do not understand me as opposing a grand stand. I am in favor of one and will give toward it, but I am opposed to having it as our class memorial. Whether the one I have suggested is better, I will leave for you, my classmates of '87, to judge.

SENIOR.

NOTICES.

The Bench and Board will meet at the D. K. E. house this evening at 7.30.

There will be a meeting of the Christian Association next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Botanical Lecture Room. Every member should try to be at this meeting.

The Mock Congress meets Saturday night as usual in the Library building. The discussion on the tariff bill will be resumed, and new committees will be announced by the speaker.

There will be a meeting of the Senior Memorial Committee at the ERA office on Monday evening, Jan. 31. As there is some objection to the partial report made by the committee, it is earnestly desired that all who can will make their suggestions to the committee in order that they may be considered at the meeting.

CORNELLIANA.

- The
- Base ball
- Boys are busy
- At work in the rink.
- Tickets for the Junior Ball are on sale.
- The price of spectators' tickets to the Junior Ball is fifty cents.
- It is rumored that a new fraternity will shortly be established here.
- Students, take notice! Neither talking nor whispering is permitted in the library.
- Junior Prize Speakers are beginning to loom up. An exciting contest is very probable.

—Professor Corson was unable to meet his classes on Wednesday owing to a severe cold.

—Mr. C. W. Curtis has been elected leader and Mr. Baright librarian of the Cornell Orchestra.

—Several new jokes are out by favorite professors. It is claimed last year's list has been abolished.

—We are told there is a certain restaurant in town which is said to possess a special attraction for the students.

—A very pleasant reception was given by Mrs. Derkheim to the young ladies at Sage, last Friday evening.

—The Hare and Hounds Club will soon adopt its constitution and rules which we hope to present to our readers.

—Iota Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta will hold a reception this evening. A delightful time will doubtless be had.

—The 11 o'clock section in Elocution was favored last Wednesday by selections by Good-kind and White, both of '87.

—The following notice taken from the Bulletin Board explains itself. "For sale, an O. W. J. algebra, but two weeks old."

—Two very interesting lectures on Consciousness have been given by Mr. Johnson in place of the regular recitations of the class.

—The president of the Sophomore class announces the following men as a banquet committee: Shinaman, Adler, G. L. Fielder, Brewer.

—A few jolly Sophomores chaperoned by a couple of stately Juniors, went to a dance given at Enfield last week, and report a highly enjoyable evening.

—Program of the Irving Literary Society for Saturday evening. Part I: An Exercise in Parliamentary Practice, will be conducted by Mr. Lee; A Paper by Mr. F. M. Whyte; Recitation by Miss Tupper. Part II: Social and Music.

—The Banjo Club is in regular practice and is steadily improving. It would be a good scheme to unite with some other club as the "Piano Quartette," or the famous "Ithaca Quartette" and give a concert for the benefit of athletics.

—The New York State Intercollegiate Base Ball Association meets at Syracuse to-day. Harry Taylor, '88 and L. F. Psotta, '89 represent Cornell. The ERA will have a special reporter there and a full account of the proceedings will be given next week.

—The only thing in athletics in which Cornell formerly excelled, and in which her records are yet to be beaten, is boating. This should be remembered and all the help and encouragement which can be given to those now training for the crew should be cheerfully given.

—At the meeting of the New York State Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association at Syracuse to-day, Cornell will be represented by F. V. Coville, '87 and A. C. Balch, '89. The admission of Columbia into the Association will be discussed and she will probably be admitted.

—Members of last year's Fruija have formed the Undine Club. Messrs. Eustis, Morgan, Battershall, Gorsline, Denis, Nichols, Rumsey, Balch, Baldwin, Williams, Bennett, Stern, Beecher, Baskervill, Jones, Rackemann, Brewer, Moitinio, Thistlethwaite, Parker, Geo. Fielder, Clark, Mashek and Scott are the present members.

—The Gym. presents a very busy appearance every afternoon. The class in gymnastics, the P. W.'s, and the crew manage to make things interesting. The crew are doing very good work and attend to their business very regularly. At present they are using chest weights and do considerable running. It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm manifested will not be abated.

—Mr. John J. Hayes of Harvard, formerly an instructor at Cornell, will give a reading in Library Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 2. To those who heard Mr. Hayes last winter in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," it is unnecessary to say anything in praise of Mr. Hayes but to those who have not heard him we say if you miss hearing him you will regret it. Tickets will be placed on sale at D. F. Finch's Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Reserved seats 50 cents.

—A meeting of the Freshmen was held at 1 o'clock Monday in room K. Another desperate attempt was made to select class colors, and it was so far successful that the colors were chosen. They are light blue and an unnamed shade of red, or brown, and it only remains to name the new shade. The banquet officers were elected as follows: Toastmaster, Sheldon; Poet, Crissey; Orator, Young; Historian, Ford; Prophet, Chester. President Callan appointed a committee to determine as nearly as possible how many will attend the banquet.

—The contest for speakership took place at the last meeting of the Cornell Mock Congress. It was very exciting and showed that the members of the Congress have been keeping posted on the recent senatorial contests in the several states. The nominations were as follows:

O'Toole, greenbacker, Jones, rep., and Washburn, rep. Jones in order to give Washburn a united vote withdrew, but the democrats supported O'Toole, and he was elected. The result of the second ballot was O'Toole 21, Washburn 19. By motion of Washburn the election was made unanimous. Speaker Hopkinson appointed a committee to conduct Mr. O'Toole to the chair. After a speech by the new speaker thanking the house for the honor, the Congress adjourned.

—Probably every man that desires a position on next year's nine has made his desires known by appearing at the rink on "practice days," and the list of competitors is therefore now complete. The men have settled down to earnest work and improvement has already begun to show itself. Everyone is becoming accustomed to the light in the building, the timidity at first felt when facing swift pitching is passing away, and the windows and sides of the rink are beginning to show the evidences of good batting. Already the best men are beginning to show themselves, and it seems advisable to begin culling out the men that will be of no use to the team for next season. By so doing the "regulars" will have all the more time for practice, and, in order to make the nine the strongest possible, it is the "regulars" that need the work. One of the best indications of the worth of Cornell's next nine is the fact that in practice all the men do their best work without indulging in any "fooling" or "guying." Depend upon it, it is at least one sign of a good team, and the men are all to be complimented for their good sense in this particular. About Feb. 10, sixteen or seventeen men will be picked out to continue work, and later the number will be still more cut down. So the men showing most improvement and promise will have the best chance of being one of "the lucky number."

—It is with much pleasure that we announce to our readers that Mr. F. L. Chrisman, '87 has at last consented, after much urging by his friends, to deliver a lecture on his recent trip to Europe. The lecture will be under the auspices and for the benefit of the Athletic Council. The entertainment, which will be called "An Evening in Europe," will consist of an exhibition of over one hundred views of places and persons of world renown. The views will be prepared and exhibited by Mr. Elliott, '87 from photographs collected by Mr. Chrisman. Mr. Chrisman will speak about each view as it is presented, and they will be presented in the order in which a person would visit the localities were he to take such a tour as was taken by the lec-

turer last summer. The trip will start at Glasgow, from there to Edinburg, then to Stratford on the Avon and then to London. Here the lecturer will relate some anecdotes connected with Gladstone's greatest speech in the House of Commons. The lecturer will then go from London to Cologne, up the Rhine, to Heidelberg, Strausburg and across to Switzerland and then to Paris. The last views shown will be photographs of Paris and the lecture will conclude with a description of life in Paris. The lecture will be given some time in February, probably soon after the Junior Ball. Each student should attend for, aside from assisting the Athletic Council, he will have an enjoyable and profitable time as can be vouched for by those personally acquainted with Mr. Chrisman. We desire further to say that Messrs. Chrisman and Elliott have refused to accept any part of the proceeds of the lecture and that their effort is purely a benevolent one to assist athletics.

#### PERSONALS.

DENNIS, '87, has gone to Columbia.

PROFESSOR CORSON has been confined to his house for several days by a severe cold.

MCDOWELL, '89, on account of sickness, has left the University and gone to Denver, Col.

C. D. GREGG, '90, who has been suffering with eye troubles has returned to the University, and rejoined his class.

BARNARD, '78, is general manager of the Cincinnati *Illustrated News*, and not engraver, as stated in last week's issue of the ERA.

W. D. HOLMES, '81, writes us from Cincinnati, enclosing a check for the payment of his subscription. Would that others would follow his example.

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Tech* is one of the best papers that reaches our table. Its editorial and literary departments are well managed, and, as a whole, it is gotten up neatly in every way. We find folded between the leaves of the last number a fine cut of the Univ. of Tech. football team. We congratulate the *Tech.* on its enterprise in making so acceptable a present to its subscribers.

We thank the *Vassar Miscellany* for the deserved praise it tenders to our Professor Schurman.

The *Univ. Gazette* of McGill College, Montreal, is an attractive, newsy periodical. Its poem, "The Football Match," is an exceedingly vivid characterization of at least one feature of the game.

The University of Cal. *Occident*, though small, is bright and interesting. It objects to being called diminutive, and claims to pay for more ems per issue than any weekly that reaches its own exchange table. This claim seems to substantiate the *Occident's* somewhat conceited statement that it is "little, but oh my!"

The Wesleyan *Argus* and the Williams *Fortnight* have been indulging in a little sarcasm concerning the relative merits of the Wesleyan football team, the tail-ender of the "big" league, and the Williams team, the head of the "pony" league. These papers should be able to fill up space in a way better than by being witty at the expense of a sister college.

The *Chironian* is tastefully gotten up, but it contains too many prescriptions and editorials filled with medical terms to interest the average college student.

The *Univ. Student* has come to life after a period of non-existence, and starts out, as it asserts, to uphold the literary banner of the Little Rock Univ. The *Student* consists of six leaves *in toto*, and adorns its tinted cover with the enticing motto, "*Haec olim meminisse juvabit.*"

The *Occident* of the University of Cal. gives an account of a class base ball game lately played there. It gives us a cold chill to think of getting out to watch a ball game in the East at this time of year.

The Ann Arbor *Chronicle* of Jan. 15 contains a lively article on the "Trials of a Junior Plug." A Junior has hid himself to a store and purchased a shining tile; when night comes on he dons it and goes to see his charmer. While the pair are in the parlor wrapped in each other's thoughts (?), the infantile members of the family take down the plug and slit a large hole in its side. When the Junior at last departs as the milkman tunefully sounds the dawn, he must needs in his desperation tell his "dearest" how he has lately fought a duel and how his tile has been damaged therefrom. He meets the oft-fabled guardian of the front yard at the gate, and the animal gets off a lay which, with the *Chronicle's* permission, we will dub "The Bull Dog's Soliloquy,"—

"To bite or not to bite, that is the question;  
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer  
This base intrusion on my nightly rest,  
Or by opposing end it.  
At any rate I'll taste him."

At last the Junior reaches home and harrows his ma's heart by a tale of attempted midnight assassination, of his being mistaken for the Russian Czar by a Nihilists' band. The article is well worth reading.

**CHURCH NOTICES.**

Divine service is held in the First Congregational Church, Rev. Charles M. Tyler, Pastor, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Geneva and Seneca streets.

St. John's Episcopal Church, corner Buffalo and Cayuga streets. Rev. S. H. Synnot, Rector. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, University Chapel (east door), Prof. Chas. Babcock, Rector. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Park Baptist, east side DeWitt Park, Rev. Robert T. Jones, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Sundays. Sabbath School at 12:30. Weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Unitarian, East Buffalo St. Pastor, Rev. A. E. Goodnough, residence 152 E. Seneca St. Morning service at 11. Prof. Oliver's class in ethics at noon. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, north side DeWitt Park, Rev. A. S. Fiske, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School directly after morning service. General Prayer Meeting at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Aurora Street M. E. Church, corner of North Aurora and Mill streets. Pastor, J. F. Clymer. Services, at Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12:30 p. m. Regular Prayer Meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Class Meetings, Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.

State Street M. E. Church, corner of State and Albany Sts. Pastor, T. F. Clark. Services, Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., Sabbath School at 12:15 p. m., Sunday Class Meetings at 10 a. m. and 12:30 p. m. and 6 p. m., Sunday Prayer Meeting at 6 p. m. Teachers' Meetings, Tuesday and Friday, at 7:30 p. m. Regular Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.

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crying beef, beef, and at last we are able to afford relief by answering this pathetic appeal. Verily our hearts have been sore within us, but now there is a rift in the clouds and we are already affected by the advance rays of what promises to be a steady and bright burning light. Do not think that we have need for no other contributors than those already pledged to us by plight of faith. Our capacity is not yet overtaxed. Let others follow the good example already set and the gratitude of the ERA will be with you even to the blowing of the last trump.

THE gymnasium is a place of recreation and amusement, and the work that is done there, if pursued rightly, sends the blood bounding through the veins, strengthens the body and rests the mind. Judging from the number of pale, haggard looking students, we are forced to acknowledge that the gymnasium at Cornell is not appreciated as it should be. How many are there in our very midst who either regard gymnasium work as useless, or else are too lazy to spend the necessary tissue in rounding out and developing that body which, at best, is but a poor abode for the mind within. Such students we can count by the score and the height of their ambition is to appear well, but there is no more grace in their movements than there is in those of an elephant. Some there are who make occasional and spasmodic efforts, but they defeat their purpose at the very outset, for nothing short of regular and systematic work will lead to physical culture any more than a lack of application will lead to mental culture. Again there are those who frequent the gymnasium and who seem to have not the least idea of what they are there for. They wander listlessly from one place to another, now trying this apparatus, now that, and exercising no care as to its use. It matters nothing to them whether the weights are above the floor or not, when they loosen their hold on the pulleys. There is a right way and a wrong way of doing everything and this is even more perceptible in the

gymnasium than in other places. Hence, we say, use the apparatus with care and make a proper use of the advantages there offered you and you cannot fail to get back your own with usury.

THAT there is something wrong in the section of Senior Elocution is perfectly evident to all concerned. Whether the fault or difficulty rests wholly with the instructor or with the members of the class, we are not prepared to state. That there is, however, a general lack of interest, all will admit. Now, while such is the condition of affairs, it is positively impossible to attain to the best results. Perhaps our eyes are blinded or our understanding rendered obtuse, but it really seems that the improvement made by the class has not reached that degree of perfection which was to be expected. Whether a man intends to become a public speaker or not, to be able to read and speak well is a very important factor in his education, and in fact his education cannot be said to be complete until he is able to face an audience with something akin to grace in his movements and the full and complete control of his voice. For any one to attain this, requires work on his own part and good instruction on the part of another. To whatever the lack of interest manifested in Senior Elocution is due, it cannot be argued that there is perfection in any one particular. It is to be hoped that a change for the better will soon show itself and that in the weeks to come there may be steady and visible progress towards what an intelligent audience expects from one who appears before them.

AT last Cornell can boast of a Classical Association and we doubt not that the enthusiasm already manifested will increase and spread, and finally do much towards creating a true classical spirit at Cornell. While the tendency in many colleges is to look upon the classics with less favor than formerly, yet Cornell still maintains a course in Arts that is inferior to that of no other college. The new Association is intended to keep aglow the interests of classi-

cal students and, in a measure, to supplement the work of the class-room. The purpose of the Association is good, but it seems to us that the originators of the scheme are attempting to bring too much within the province of the Association. To our mind the membership ought to be limited to students in the Arts course, for without this limitation the work done can possess little or no interest for students of Greek, and hence they are practically forbidden the benefits of special study in their own line of work. Again, whatever be the name chosen for the Association, it cannot strictly be called classical unless those who have had no Greek are excluded from membership. In the usual acceptance of the word classics, both Latin and Greek are included and what, therefore, aims to be a classical association cannot properly give more attention to Latin than to Greek, or *vice versa*, nor consistently admit to membership those who have not at least some interest in both languages. Heartily in sympathy with a movement which has for its object the promotion of classical learning to a position becoming its usefulness, we can but wish this, the youngest of Cornell's numerous associations, the success which its object merits.

#### ORATORICAL TRAINING.

The (Harvard) *Daily Crimson* of December 20th, reprints from the Boston *Transcript*, an article on the neglect of oratorical training at Harvard. Some of the charges advanced, may be exaggerated, as every form of fault-finding, through the public press, generally is, in these days; but, in the main, the article, no doubt, fairly represents how the art of speaking has *not* been taught at Harvard, for many years, if it ever was. "Harvard College," says the article, "(and its eminency in this misbehavior is only aggravated by its eminency in other scholastic virtues) undertakes not to make orators and succeeds to the dot."

It should be said here that no reflection is meant to be cast, in the article, on the present efficient teaching of elocution, by Mr. Hayes—efficient, that is, as far as circumstances allow it to be efficient. His work, since he entered upon it, last September, has received unqualified commendation. But the subject of Elocution had fallen into contempt, at Harvard, when he took charge of it; and he must first

raise it into respect, before he can secure the best results which he has the ability to secure.

In every large body of students, there are always some who speak well, not by reason of what their Institution has done for them, but in spite of what it has *not* done. On important public occasions these come to the front—on such occasions as contests for prizes in oratory, Commencement Days, etc.; and the Institutions with which they are connected, virtually, if not actually, say, "Behold, Ladies and Gentlemen, what we have done for these dear young men! They are now ready to go forth into the world, and to express themselves before public audiences with an elegant effectiveness. Their cultivated vocal organs and their graceful limbs will impart a vitality, a power, and an impressiveness, to the social, political, moral and religious principles with which they have been imbued within our walls!"

It is thus that many great institutions of learning practically impose upon the public. To avoid such imposition, their Presidents should say, "Ladies and Gentlemen, the students who will appear before you, on the present occasion, are the best speakers we have to show; and they were selected, not by reason of their having most profited by the training afforded by the Institution (for we have no training, worth mentioning, in the art of speaking), but by reason of their *natural aptitude*."

Some such speech the Presidents of our Colleges and Universities ought to make, in justice to some of the young men who are brought forward on public occasions. For is it not undeniably true, that the young men who acquit themselves best on such occasions, who hold up what little oratorical reputation their fostering mothers enjoy, owe those fostering mothers nothing, for any power of speech they may possess? In that respect, those fostering mothers have been to them little better than indifferent, even unkind, stepmothers.

Where fostering mothers endeavor to do something for their dear children, in the way of improving their oratorical delivery, they do it on such an economical (?) plan, by employing, at small pay, some unworthy disciples of Thespis, with a very slim intellectual outfit, and with emotional natures only *in posse*, that bad is often, if not generally, made worse—and a worse which it is afterwards hard to remedy. In the matter of oratorical training,

"Facilis est descensus Averni,"

*how* facilis, is shown by the "studied improprieties of speech" and action which are sure to result when that training is unintelligent and shallow.

"Sed revocare gradum, . . .  
Hic labor, hoc opus est."

The verses in which the elocution of the Irish tragedian, Mossop, of the last century, is characterized, are quite applicable to the elocution of many unfortunate college students who have been trained on the economical plan above mentioned.

"Mossop, attached to military plan,  
Still kept his eye fixed on his right hand man :  
Whilst the mouth measures words with seeming skill,  
The right hand labors and the left lies still.\*  
For he resolved on Scripture grounds to go,  
What the right doth the left hand shall not know.  
With studied impropriety of speech,  
He soars beyond the hackney critics' reach ;  
To epithets allots emphatic state,  
Whilst principals ungraced, like lackeys, wait ;  
In ways first trodden by himself excels,  
And stands alone in indeclinables ;  
Conjunction, preposition, adverb join  
To stamp new vigor in the nervous line ;  
In monosyllables his thunders roll,  
He, she, it, and we, ye, they affright the soul."

But whether the teacher be master or not, of his subject, he is often obliged, generally obliged, to work under such unconquerable disadvantages, that no good results can be reasonably expected. In the first place, when students come under his instruction, they bring the evil results of years of neglected speech—results which to counteract would require as many more years of the most careful and judicious training ; and in the second place, there is no true estimate among the leaders, in the educational world, of what vocal culture, worthy of the name, costs ; and the kind of encouragement which it receives from them is in keeping with their estimate. Vocal culture should begin very early, the earlier the better. It should be one of the first things attended to in primary schools, and should be continued through all grades of instruction up to the University. A system of vocal training might be instituted in the lower schools which would give pupils complete command of the muscles of articulation, extend the compass of the voice, and render it smooth, powerful, and melodious. If half the time devoted in the lower schools to the study of modern English grammar (which is of little or no value as a grammatical discipline), were devoted to a careful cultivation of the voice, there would be more valuable results.

The speaking voice demands at least as much cultivation as the singing voice. Perhaps, in most cases, a five years' judicious training of the singing voice would result in

greater excellence than a five years' equally judicious training of the speaking voice. But what a ridiculous contrast is presented by the methods usually employed, for the training of the speaking voice, and those employed for the training of the singing voice ! Dr. James Rush, in his great work on 'The Philosophy of the Human Voice,' after characterizing the absurdities of the former, says: "Then visit a Conservatorio of music ; observe there, the elementary outset, the orderly task, the masterly discipline, the unwearied superintendence, and the incessant toil to reach the utmost accomplishment in the Singing-Voice ; and afterwards do not be surprised that the pulpit, the senate, the bar, and the chair of medical professorship, are filled with such abominable drawlers, mouthers, mumblers, clutterers, squeakers, chanters, and mongers in monotony ! Nor that the Schools of Singing are constantly sending abroad those great instances of vocal wonder, who triumph along the crowded resorts of the world ; who contribute to the halls of fashion and wealth, their most refined source of gratification ; who sometimes quell the pride of rank by a momentary sensation of envy ; and who draw forth the admiration, and receive the crowning applause of the Prince and the Sage."

(To be continued.)

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. Y. S. I. A. A. AND THE N. Y. S. I. B. B. A.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of N. Y. State was held last Friday, Jan. 28th, at the Globe Hotel, Syracuse. After the reading and approval of the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the preceding season, the following officers were elected for next year : President J. S. Bovingdon, Syracuse ; Sec. and Treas., F. J. Holzworth, Syracuse ; Vice-pres., W. B. Weaver, Rochester. Cornell then presented a petition for the admission of Columbia into the Association, and, after argument against the petition by Syracuse and Hobart delegates, Columbia was voted in. Syracuse was then chosen as the place for holding the Spring Meeting, and May 25 as the date. Several amendments to the regulations and by-laws governing the Association were proposed by F. V. Coville, Cornell, and accepted ; the most noteworthy resolution being one to limit the tug-of-war teams to 600 lbs weight, to make the time limit of the tug five minutes, and to compel the tug to be pulled on cleats. When miscellaneous business came in order, Bridge, of Union, arose and read a paper petitioning the Association to award the

\*He received the nickname of the "teapot actor," from his favorite attitude with one arm on his hip and the other extended.

medal, won last spring in the 100 yds. dash by Horr, Cornell, and now in his possession, to Turnbull of Union. After a prolonged discussion over the matter, Toomer of Hobart moved that Turnbull be awarded the medal. Both delegates from Cornell objected strenuously to the motion and cited the rules of the Association covering the disputed point, clearly proving that the first heat run was unfair and illegal. Notwithstanding all this, however, the principle of "anything to down Cornell" held the delegates of Union, Hamilton, Hobart and Syracuse solidly together and the motion was carried. This action on the part of the "pony" colleges seems childish, to say the least, as it makes no difference at all with either Union's or Cornell's relative standing in the games last spring. Its only effect is to present Mr. Turnbull with ten dollars worth of medal, and to take from Mr. Horr's numerous collection of prizes one that was fairly earned by him. Mr. Turnbull should cherish this token and guard it carefully for we can assure him that his first prize won at the spring meetings will always be exceedingly solitary.

The Intercollegiate Base Ball Association then went into session. After the customary preliminary business was gone through with, H. H. Hawkins, Syracuse, was elected President of the Association for the ensuing year; F. E. Clayes, Hobart, Vice Pres.; and E. R. Serven, Hamilton, Sec. and Treas.

Cornell was awarded the pennant as having won the championship by winning eight games and losing none. Hobart was given the pennant awarded by A. G. Spaulding to the winner of second place. Rochester was then admitted to the league.

The only other important business transacted was a discussion regarding the advisability of Cornell's withdrawing from the league. Toomer of Hobart opened the discussion by an argument against monopoly and in particular against Cornell's monopoly in the pennant-winning line. He allowed that sixty-six students could not scrape up as good a ball nine from among their number as could 800, and advised Cornell to withdraw. Syracuse and Union thought that as long as Cornell was in, it was a hopeless case. Hamilton thought that it would even up things by prohibiting professional players from playing on any college nine in the league. The matter was finally left to the executive committee.

The meeting was both well attended and successful. The following are to be the events contested for at the spring athletic meeting: the 100, 200, and 440 yds. dashes, half-mile and

mile runs, hurdles, mile walk, two-mile bicycle race, running high and running broad jumps, pole-vault, putting shot, throwing hammer, tennis and tug-of-war. The delegates from the various colleges were: Cornell, F. V. Coville, '87, A. C. Balch, '89, and H. L. Taylor, '88; Hobart, W. M. Toomer and F. E. Clayes; Syracuse, J. S. Bovingdon, F. J. Holzworth, H. H. Hawkins and G. W. Kennedy; Hamilton, E. R. Serven, and C. H. Timmerman; Rochester, W. S. Bigelow and W. B. Weaver; Union, C. F. Bridge, C. A. Marvin and G. L. DeForest.

#### MOCK CONGRESS COMMITTEES.

Speaker O'Toole of the Cornell Mock Congress has announced the following committees—the first named gentlemen of the committee to be chairman: Ways and Means—H. B. Crissey, D., H. C. Stanclift, D., S. Sage, R., J. R. Chamberlain, R., H. Mack, D. Banking and Currency—J. Ford, N., K. F. Rupert, N., B. W. Holt, I., F. E. Wade, R., T. E. Clark, R. Public Lands, Railways and Canals—F. A. Abbott, D., H. W. Coley, D., E. J. Kelsey, R., G. F. Seymour, R., F. V. Bardol, D. Appropriations—H. V. Pratt, D., W. G. FitzGerals, D., F. L. Freeman, R., J. A. West, R., W. N. Smith, I. Education and Labor—J. Brasser, D., W. L. Cooling, D., C. W. Hopkinson, R., J. B. Allen, E. M. Griffin, R. Foreign and Indian Affairs—L. C. Ehle, D., M. M. Wilner, R., G. R. Wicker, R. Military and Naval Affairs—E. A. Ballou, D., F. L. Freeman, R., A. E. Metzger, I. Manufacturing and Mining—E. S. Potter, I., W. C. Shapleigh, R., H. W. Stevenson, R. Pensions and Claims—E. S. Peet, D., P. D. Ives, J. Cruikshank, I., H. B. Prather, I., H. A. Ferguson, — Commerce, Rivers and Harbors—C. Price, D., J. C. Ramage, D., F. W. Hargreaves, R. Judiciary—W. H. Jones, I., W. F. Clark, R., C. B. Gilchrist, R. Sumptuary Legislation—N. L. Mulvy, D., C. A. Rosegrat, D., H. M. Eaton, P. Agriculture and Forestry—J. H. VanDusen, R., W. H. Sawyer, R., J. A. Williams, D. Resolution—C. W. Hopkinson, R., A. H. Washburn, R., J. E. Rice, R. Arrangements—C. E. Shinaman, R., A. E. Metzger, I. Membership—R. G. Day, D., G. S. Tarbell, R., G. B. Hepp, I. Rules—K. F. Rupert, N., J. VanDusen, R., F. L. Frost, R.

—The electric lights in the library went out last Monday evening, and for fifteen minutes the students had to read by the "light of their intelligence."

## CECILIA CLUB CONCERT.

We would call the attention of our readers to the concert to be given this evening by the Cecilia Club of Syracuse University. This club is an organization of twelve young ladies under the management of Miss Stark the Professor of Vocal Music. Miss Stark is already known in Ithaca, having sung here in Sage Chapel, two years ago, by invitation of President White. Miss Stark will take part in the concert.

The Cecilia Club have received very flattering notices from the press wherever they have appeared and we expect the concert to-night to be something exceptionally fine. The Ithaca Quartet will also take part.

The following is the program :

## PART I.

1. Trios— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ Where Deepest Shadows Hover, . . . . .} \\ b. \text{ Wanderer's Greeting, . . . . .} \end{array} \right.$  Abt.
2. Vocal Solo— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Arditi} \\ \text{(Violin Obligato, Miss Webster.)} \end{array} \right.$
3. Piano Solo—Concert Waltz . . . . . Wienianski  
Miss Ruth E. Guibault.
4. Vocal Duo—"Trust Her Not" . . . . . Balfe  
Misses Cushing and Crawford,
5. Violin Solo—Rhapsodie Hongroise . . . . . Hauser  
Miss Alice Webster.
6. Vocal Solos— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ My Pretty Bird} \\ b. \text{ Silent Love, . . . . .} \\ c. \text{ I Hardly Know,} \end{array} \right.$  Kjerulf  
Miss Carrie Crawford.
7. Vocal Duo—The Fishers . . . . . Gabussi  
Misses Baldwin and Packard.
8. Quartets— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ Peasants' Wedding March} \\ b. \text{ Whirl and Twirl} \end{array} \right.$   
Cecilia Club.

## PART II.

1. Piano Duet—Cuban Danse . . . . . Hoffman  
Misses Guibault and Weller.
2. Vocal Solo—Spring Song . . . . . Becker  
Miss Abby Baldwin.
3. Quartets— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ In Absence . . . . .} \\ b. \text{ The Drum March, . . . . .} \end{array} \right.$  Dudley Buck  
Ithaca Quartet. Krugh
4. Vocal Solo—Serenade . . . . . Braga  
Miss Kate Cushing.  
(Violin obligato, Miss Webster.)
5. Trios,— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ Fay's Song . . . . .} \\ b. \text{ Distant Bells . . . . .} \end{array} \right.$  Smart  
Cecilia Club. Mackenzie
6. Piano Solo—Invitation to the Dance . . . . . Weber  
Miss Emilie Pughe.
7. Vocal Solos— $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a. \text{ In questa tomba} \\ b. \text{ The Children's Kingdom} \end{array} \right.$   
Prof. Kate E. Stark.
8. Solo and Chorus—Pilgrims of the Night . . . . . Westbook  
Miss Baldwin and the Cecilia Club.

Tickets for reserved seats at Andrus & Church's, and general admission tickets at the door.

—The new alphabetical list is out. Are you 'put down' all right?

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It is also understood that if any person fails to sit, by reason of his or her own negligence, before the 1st of May, he or she shall not demand the same degree of care which would otherwise be the case.

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## NOTICES.

NOTICE—The Banjo and Guitar Club will please meet at Zeta Psi House to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Important business will be transacted. Bring instruments for rehearsal.

The Harvard Quartet, assisted by some singers of note, will give an entertainment in Library Hall to-morrow evening. The Quartet has an enviable reputation and those who attend will doubtless enjoy some excellent singing and fine piano playing. A large delegation should be present.

The C. U. C. A. will hold a business meeting next Monday night at 7 o'clock sharp. It will be short but important. The Utica Convention delegation will be chosen; the new Building Committee will report progress and plans of action; and the various departments of the Association will make one minute reports.

## CORNELLIANA.

—Buy

—A ticket to

—The Junior Ball.

—Sophomore Essay V is due Feb. 22.

—What's the matter with the hill for coasting?

—The Sophs. will banquet on the night of the 25th.

—The Cornell gun club practice almost every afternoon.

—There will be no wine at the Freshman Class Supper.

—What is it that attracts Freshmen to Andrus & Church's window?

—The orchestra will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 for rehearsal.

—A special examination in Physics, for Seniors, was held last Tuesday.

—The *Sun* publishes lists of those persons, whose subscriptions to athletics are due.

—The January thaw is over and winter has set in again with more than its accustomed vigor.

—Bad weather this week has prevented the Hare and Hounds from taking their usual run.

—The photos of the Cecilia Glee Club of Syracuse can be seen in the window of Andrus & Church's.

—Work in the rink is progressing finely. Three or four window-lights are broken every practice day.

—Mr. Curtis has sent for the music to be used by the orchestra at the coming presentation of "Engaged."

—Professor Hewett has adopted the very instructive plan of teaching his classes to write German from dictation.

—The director of the gymnasium will not keep it open in the evening after this week, unless more students use it.

—Mr. Hayes and Instructors Leakey, Hale, Hodder and Huffcut were entertained by the Mermaid on Wednesday evening.

—The clock hanging on the wall of the rink is *non est*. Its features were spoiled and its vitals sadly jumbled by a hot liner.

—The next week's ERA will not be out until Saturday morning in order that it may contain a full account of the Junior Ball.

—The Senior committee on photographs deserve praise for the promptness and efficiency with which it has performed its work.

—The name of Chas. G. Psotta was unintentionally omitted from the list of members of the Undine, published in last week's issue.

—The men, who are training for the crew, are progressing finely. The floor of the Gym. is kept clear for them during their daily run.

—The Richardson Club of the agricultural department is flourishing. The meetings are well attended and are of much benefit to the members.

—The Juniors in Elocution have at last passed through the "Famine" and next week will take up "Matches and Overmatches" by Daniel Webster.

—A large number of young ladies from Auburn will attend the Junior Ball. This will be welcome news to those students who have purchased tickets.

—The Bench and Board will meet at the D. K. E. House this evening at 7.30. All members should be present as there will be an election of officers.

—On Monday, Feb. 14 the class in Political Economy will have fifteen minutes for lunch and this will be followed by an intellectual feast lasting from 12.15 to 3.

—The challenge of our tug-of-war team to that of the Ithaca Fire Department, is a splendid idea. It must have originated in a very fertile brain and it is to be hoped that the challenge will be accepted.

—The Christian Association are pushing the canvass for a new building. Within ten days fifty-four members of the Association have pledged \$100 each. Besides this, two students, not members, have each pledged \$100.

—The standing committees of the Mock Congress, appointed by Speaker O'Tool, are very good. All the more important chairmanships are now held by Democrats. This seems to be in keeping with the spirit of the times.

—Every Junior should make it a point to attend the ball. The class can have but one opportunity to give the best ball ever given in Ithaca and now the time has come. Men of '88 now is a chance to show your loyal class spirit.

—Now that Columbia is a member of the Athletic Association, our own athletes will have to work hard to win the trophy next year. We wonder how many first or second prizes will be won by colleges other than Columbia and Cornell?

—Those training for the nine at the rink are doing commendable work and much improvement has been made in individual cases. Our base-ballists recognize the truth of the old saying that there's "no excellence without great labor."

—A new joke especially for Sophs. One of the mathematical faculty announced to his sections, that the reason for some red covers on the O. W. J. algebra was for the sympathy of "busted" Sophomores. The Freshmen "came down" in old-time fashion.

—The Christian Association has met with great success in their canvass for funds for their new building. The committee has been at work less than a week and they have already nearly fifty-five hundred dollars subscribed. And thus the good work goes on.

—President Adams visited the rink last Tuesday. He expressed his satisfaction with the work of the men and also seemed pleased to see them so well situated for practice. Had he visited the rink on Thursday or Saturday, he would have found a full attendance.

—The various class social clubs which are now a distinctive feature of Cornell, are in a flourishing condition. They are the direct means of bringing the members of the several classes into closer relations, and fill a long felt want among those students sociably inclined.

—The Mermaid Club is showing unusual activity this term. The past symposiums have been so successful that the club will probably meet every two weeks. It is also proposed to have a united symposium with the Bench and Board, as soon as arrangements can be made.

—It is rumored that the Banjo Club will play at the performance of "Engaged." It would indeed be a very pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment, for those who have heard the club are hearty in praise of their execution and perfect time. Let's hear the Banjo Club.

—Now that Columbia has been admitted to the N. Y. I. A. A., it behooves every Cornellian to do his level best to aid in sending a strictly first class team to represent us at the annual Field Day. Those who have been waiting for developments had now better get to hard work. The athletic fame of Cornell is just what you choose to make it.

—The success of the nine is assured! We have found it! Eureka! A certain gentleman training for the team, has "got on to" the way Newberry pitches his swift "shoots." Perhaps at last we have found our long-looked-for change pitcher. But will he last? Will he survive a fortnight? Ay, there's the rub.

—It is probable that another year will see a New York State Intercollegiate Football Association. The class games of last fall will hence prove of much benefit when a 'Varsity eleven is organized. We have excellent material for football players and there is no reason why Cornell shouldn't excel in this branch of athletics.

—A full house will no doubt greet the Cecilia Glee Club, this evening. The club is composed of fifteen young ladies of Syracuse University

under the direction of Prof. Kate E. Stark. All students should go, not only to hear a first class entertainment but also to show to the members of our neighbor college, that we are glad to have them with us.

—At a regular meeting of the Undine club, held at the D. K. E. House, the following officers were elected: President, E. M. Eustis; Secretary, L. T. Beecher; Treasurer, Chas. Clarke; Toastmaster, W. P. Morgan. The supper committee consists of Leon Stern, Mash-ek, and Battershall. The club expect to hold a banquet soon after the Junior Ball.

—The Athletic Association has just adopted a splendid scheme. During this week they sent out postal cards to all those who had not yet subscribed to athletics, with the request that they fill out the cards with the amount they would give and return the cards to the Gym. office. About six hundred were sent out and a favorable reply has already been received from some.

—It has been suggested that the rink be used for tennis playing on those days that it is not occupied by the nine. This would be of great benefit to our tennis players and would do much to raise the general standard of the game at Cornell. If we are to compete successfully with the eastern colleges in tennis something should be done to keep our players in practice.

—The Tariff resolution is an interesting topic of discussion at the Mock Congress. As it was not exhausted at the last session, the discussion will be continued at the next meeting, Saturday evening. Notwithstanding the variety of amusements in town Saturday night, it was thought best to hold a session and finish some of the business before it. The committees are newly appointed and are doing some profitable work.

—At a meeting of the Bench and Board, held last Friday evening at D. K. E. House, the following new members were elected: E. E. Johnson, W. B. Smith, L. Psotta, J. F. Brace, A. L. Soulé, E. E. Soulé, B. deBarros, C. M. Reynolds, M. J. Menocal, A. S. White, D. N. Heller, W. H. Pfau. The original members of the club are W. W. Parshall, R. T. Newberry, H. R. Ickelheimer, W. Fitch, H. W. Treat, T. Shannon, E. L. Dolson, and H. L. Taylor.

—We are indebted to the *Sun* for the following list of the fraternities at Cornell and the number in each chapter: Alpha Delta Phi 14, Theta Delta Chi 14, Zeta Psi 19, Psi Upsilon 24, Delta Upsilon, 18, Kappa Alpha 22, Chi Psi 20, Beta

Theta Pi 7, Delta Kappa Epsilon 18, Phi Delta Theta 15, Phi Kappa Psi 11, Kappa Alpha Theta 8, Kappa Kappa Gamma 9, Delta Gamma 4, Theta Nu Epsilon (?) The above list is exclusive of post graduates.

—The Freshmen need no assistance from the Juniors. So said President Callan at a meeting of the Freshman class to-day. This remark, trivial as it seems, cannot fail to touch the pride of the Juniors. Natural allies ought to dwell together in harmony, and avoid giving offense to each other.

—“Cornell should join a base ball league where she may find foemen worthy of her steel.”—*Hobart delegate at Syracuse.* Surely times have changed since '84 and previous years, when we now hear such sentiments from such a source. We thank the Hobart delegate for his graceful compliment, though we feel that the confession must be painful. By the way, we should like to say to our old league opponents that we expect to have some better “steel” next year than they have ever felt.

—The Onondaga Gun Club of Syracuse, and the Cornell Gun Club will shoot a match tomorrow afternoon, at half past two, on the grounds of the Ithaca Gun Club, opposite Jarvis' boat house. To defray the expenses of the Syracuse club the small admission fee of twenty five cents will be charged. A string of fifty Peoria blackbirds will be shot and the match will be governed by New York State rules. A large attendance should greet our Gun Club and attest the interest that they have in the welfare of all athletic enterprises at Cornell. Those who witness the match will be treated to an exciting contest.

—A large number of tickets have already been sold for the Junior Ball; so the prospects for a large attendance are most gratifying. There is no doubt but that the affair will be a magnificent success. The number of young ladies from out of town, who will attend this year's ball, will be a great increase over the number of former years. The decorations, the music, the supper, the dance orders, will all exceed anything of the kind ever seen here at a Junior Ball. A new crash ordered expressly for the occasion will be used. Tickets may be had from members of the committee and also from the President of the class.

—The organization of the Executive Committee of the Students Guild, was effected on Monday evening by the election of Professor Roberts Chairman, F. V. Coville Treasurer, and C. H. Lee Secretary. After passing upon a bill for aid, it was decided to send a circular and blank to each member of the University

who is not already assisting in the good work of this organization, in order that its object may be more widely known and an opportunity given to so assist therein. Any of the above or Professors Hewett and Comstock, Messrs. G. R. White and E. W. Potter, the other members of the committee, will gladly give any information concerning the Guild.

—The reception, tendered by the Kappa Alpha Theta society to their friends last Friday evening, was a brilliant success. The Sage Parlors never looked so bright and attractive and the flower decorations were very tasty. The reception committee consisted of Mrs. Derkheim, Mrs. Wait, Mrs. Prentiss, and Mrs. Comstock. From the Faculty there were present, President Adams, Professors Wait, Schurman, Fuertes, Marx, Comstock, Prentiss, Hitchcock, Mr. Hodder and Mr. Elliot. Very delightful refreshments were served during the evening and the young ladies of the society may well feel proud of the great success of their reception.

—In regard to the new system of numbering rooms in the University buildings, the following taken from the *Journal*, will prove of interest: “The change made not long ago in the method of designating the rooms in the Morrill and White halls has not as yet been fairly explained to the students. In place of the old lettering system, has been adopted a system with a numerical basis. In both halls the rooms are numbered according to the same plan, and each contains twenty-four numbered rooms. Each entrance leads to eight rooms. The numbering begins on the south side of the south entrance. Hence the first room in the middle entrance would be No. 9, and in the north entrance, No. 17. By this means the entrance to any room can be easily ascertained.”

#### PERSONALS.

W. J. SMITH, a graduate of Cornell University was recently drowned in the Malheur river Oregon.—*Elmira Tidings.*

FRANK W. OLIN, who was with the Oswegoes in 1885, and last year with the Syracuse Stars, has signed to play in the field for Oswego next season, notwithstanding reports that he intended leaving the diamond. He is a graduate of Cornell University, and a gentlemanly ball player. He is a hard hitter but is somewhat slow in the field. His batting average is 327.—*Buffalo Express.*

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Cornell has abolished compulsory attendance at recitations and lectures.—*Colby Echo.* [The *Echo* is a little late in giving this piece of news].

The *Sporting Life* of Jan. 19, gives the opinion of Manager Young of the University of Pennsylvania B. B. C., that there will a College League next season, composed of the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Lafayette, Wesleyan, Trinity, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, and Hobart. This would make a strong league, but would not an eight club league necessitate the playing of more games than would be convenient? Cornell would like to hear from some of the other colleges mentioned concerning the matter.

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### NEW BOOKS.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF ROBERT BROWNING'S POETRY by Professor Corson of Cornell University. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston.

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The larger part, however, of the volume consists of selected poems. They are accompanied by arguments and explanatory notes, after nearly the same plan that has so long been followed in editing text books in foreign languages. The selections are well chosen and the comments clear and sufficiently full. On the whole, the volume contains in a convenient form just what every student of Browning ought to know, and it should be placed in every library by the side of Browning's works.

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"The Mutual Relations of the Colleges and Academies," is the subject of a paper read before the University Convocation at Albany, July 6, 1886 by Professor W. T. Hewett. The subject is treated in a scholarly manner and leads to the conclusion that there are defects of a vital nature in our public schools. The trend

of the whole paper is towards uniformity of government and instruction as leading to more worthy results. The theory advanced is good, but, from the existing order of things, would be somewhat difficult to attain in practice.

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### AMUSEMENTS.

#### MY PARTNER.

The *reprise* of "My Partner" at the Grand Opera House this week, with Mr. Louis Aldrich in the chief character, recalls some of the most successful days of the modern drama. "My Partner" has been from the first the most interesting of the "red shirt" plays. It treats of life among the hardy miners of the West, and illustrates phases of human heroism that are the one redeeming feature of the rougher American civilization. It came—the play did—when the stage was groaning under the depressing weight of the sensational play, and the public was prepared for almost anything better. Those who had looked for radical changes were by no means satisfied, but they hailed the palpable improvement with outspoken delight. It was, too, a pure and genuine American play. It both struck the death blow to the senseless, aimless Bowery sensational stage performance and awakened hopes of a national drama. Then prosperity rained on the new-comer. Aldrich and Parsloe grew rich. Scores of actors imitated them and ordered "American" plays, and then brought into existence several "native playwrights." These, however, have either gone back to obscurity or have become enemies of their fellow-beings by writing the so-called farce comedies, which are now the principal source of theatrical amusement next to the foreign comic opera. "My Partner" is likely to survive them all, however.—*Brooklyn Eagle*.

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—"Yes," said Miss Penn, "I rejected Mr. Hogg. Nice fellow, but I couldn't have the announcement of my marriage appear in the paper under the headline of Hogg-Penn."—*Ex.*

—A lady took her little boy to Church for the first time. Upon hearing the organ, he was on his feet instantly. "Sit down," said the mother. "I won't," he shouted, "I want to see the monkey."—*Ex.*

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"Only my laundry."

"Open it and let me see."

Man reluctantly opens package, disclosing shirts, collars, cuffs etc., and a bottle.

"I thought you had nothing but laundry in that paper. What's in the bottle?"

"Night-caps."

"Pass on, sir."—*Ex.*

—Three little Freshmen, all unwary,  
Fond of the snows of Janu-ary,  
Caught diseases pulmonary,

Three little Freshmen fools! —*Ex.*

Three little Sophs "fixed" three kings, ho hum!  
One little Fresh had a flush, yum, yum!  
Twelve and a half was the total sum;  
Three little Sophomore fools!

"AND THE ACE WILL TAKE THEM ALL."

Before her kneels the amorous youth,

And uses all his arts;

Says he to her "In very truth

I'll love you ever, for in sooth

You are the Queen of Hearts."

Blushing, she hesitates awhile,

Well skilled in all these arts,

Then, with the best of artless guile,

She answers, with a charming smile,

"You are the King of Hearts."

In comes her father, stern and cold,

And the fond lovers part.

"Young man, your nerve is quite untold;

Begone, for know, oh, lover bold,

That I'm the Ace of Hearts." D. M. B.

—*In Yale Record.*

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the wise is often better than a whole discourse, so we forbear further remark.

A SHORT time ago we had occasion to speak of the Senior Memorial. In consequence of what we then said, there was provoked some little discussion on the subject. The outcome of the whole matter was the suggestion of several memorials any one of which would serve to perpetuate the memory of '87 in the University. The members of the class were aroused and nearly every one had his own vague and imaginary idea of what a memorial ought to be. Not one of the changes then suggested has, as yet, assumed any definite form. If such a condition of things continue, next Commencement will find the class without a memorial, but still in possession of its plans. To prevent such a state of affairs, let something be done by the class immediately and thus crystallize plans by action. It is not expected that the committee shall select a memorial and compel the class to adopt it. Each member of '87 is a sharer in the responsibility that rests upon the class and should do all in his power to assist in the choice of a Class Memorial. Let every one who is animated by any ideas on the subject, speak to the committee and in that way some plan for a memorial can be selected, that will be acceptable to the majority of the class. Time is passing and it is earnestly desired that the committee arrive at some definite conclusion and a final and complete report be made as soon as possible.

COMPETITION for positions on the nine has thus far been exceedingly lively, and for the next few weeks to come the contest will become more and more spirited. Cornell will doubtless turn out a first class nine in the spring, but, as yet, all seems to be uncertainty in regard to the games that will be played. In our opinion Cornell ought to belong to some league

and not depend upon the chance of being able to secure dates with colleges that are interested particularly in the games of their own league. We do not wish to be understood as opposed to the nine making an eastern trip. On the contrary, we are heartily in favor of such a trip being taken and, furthermore, we believe that nothing would increase the base ball enthusiasm at Cornell more than to have our nine cross bats with the strongest eastern nines. It is perfectly evident that Cornell must seek for rivals outside of the state. In one or two college papers we have noticed suggestions that point to a league, consisting of Lehigh, University of Pa., Lafayette, Columbia and Cornell. There is little doubt but that such a league, once formed, would be lasting and would furnish some very exciting games. This would certainly make a strong league and about the only one it would be advisable for Cornell to enter. Cornell is willing at least to treat concerning the matter. Let us hear from the other colleges mentioned.

THE mutual relations of professors and students, is a subject upon which there has been more or less said, but, for all this, there are students and even professors who seem to be entirely ignorant of the relations that should exist between the teacher and the taught. While the fault more often springs from the student yet this is not always the case, for there are professors who are too apt to take this for granted and who thus, unconsciously perhaps, estrange the students from them. In such instances the results are unsatisfactory to all concerned; the student loses his interest in the work and the professor loses his faith in the student. Thus both work at a disadvantage which breeds dislike and even contempt. Professor and student ought to be on the most friendly terms with each other and each ought always to avoid giving offense to the other. At best there is too little sympathy between professor and student, and as long as such a state of affairs exists it is positively antagonistic to all progress of the student and is more or less em-

barrassing to the professor. The student must feel that his efforts for advancement are appreciated and, on the other hand, the professor must display an interest commensurate with that of his students. For a professor to take advantage of his position and unnecessarily wound the feelings of those under him, is to invite the dislike even of those not directly affected and to remove all students farther from his influence.

“THE Genesis of a Cornell Song,” which appeared in a recent issue of the ERA, certainly proved interesting to most of our readers, but while it interested, it could hardly fail to remind them of the fact that the songs of Cornell are exceedingly few in number. This is a lamentable fact and gives to the world a wrong impression of the spirit that animates students and professors alike. There surely is enough of romance and beauty connected with the University and its surroundings to form the basis for many beautiful songs. Cornell is rich in everything necessary to make a great university, but there is lacking among her students that poetic spirit which is cultivated to such a large extent in many of the older colleges. “Songs of Harvard,” is the title of a book recently issued and has already reached a sale of over forty thousand copies. Cornell boasts of one song that is beautiful beyond compare, but the growing years seem to add nothing to what has already been done in this direction. Does the genius of the present yield the palm to that of the past? We are prone to admit it, and yet present circumstances seem to compel our assent. There is a charm about all college songs that attracts and interests even those who have never been within the doors of a college, but every student likes best those songs which speak to him the praises, paint for him the pictures, or describe for him the pleasures of his own college home. There are diversions in college life without which so much study would be a continual grind. Whatever be these diversions, the college songs are always more or less intimately associated with them.

Songs are sung for social amusement; they are sung to celebrate the victories of the crew and the nine; in fact they are closely connected with every phase of student life. In view of these things, is it not a shame that there are no more Cornell songs which may be sung by her students alone, and which may be used to celebrate only Cornell victories on the water and the diamond?

MODO "CARMINIS CANTORIS POST-REM."

Breathes there the Fresh, that ne'er hath quailed,  
That ne'er hath in seclusion wailed,  
Oh, for my own, my darling ma!  
Whose heart hath ne'er within him sunk  
As through the "bone-yard" he hath slunk,  
Down to wild, boisterous Ithaca?  
If such respire, it's a mistake,  
'Twere well to dump him in the lake;  
High though his collar, proud his air,  
E'en though his mien be *debonnaire*,  
Despite these anomalies, I affirm  
The wretch, the heartless son, the worm,  
Staying, shall bum around the town;  
And doubly "busted," shall go down  
To the calm farm where once he grazed,  
Unmourned, well-plucked, and sore amazed. T.

ORATORICAL TRAINING.

II.

In the article in last week's ERA, the opinion was expressed that, if half the time now devoted, in the lower schools, to the study of modern English grammar, were devoted to a careful cultivation of the voice and to what would be necessarily involved in that cultivation, there would be more valuable results. It might be added that the results even in the direction of grammatical analysis would be far more valuable than those achieved by the methods of "parsing" pursued in the schools, which methods give students little or no knowledge of the physiology of discourse. "Parsing" is made more or less an end to itself, and the synthesis to which it should be subservient, is quite ignored. It is one of the dearest of exercises in our schools; and many clever boys and girls must, no doubt, often wonder what it's all for. But if it were, from the start, united with, and made subservient to, a vocal rendering of language, it would have, for young students, some significance and vitality.

There is no more effectual way of getting at the *moulding spirit* of the language of the higher literature, both prose and poetical, than through an interpretative vocal rendition of it. Such a rendition demands that all the successive and involved groups of thought be present-

ed with a distinctness of outline, none of them being allowed to mingle; that the relative value of these groups of thought be plainly indicated by a proper management of the perspective of the picture presented; and that the heights of the "argument" be presented in a full light, and the depressions in a greater or less degree of shade.

To realize all these indispensable conditions of effective reading, and numerous others might be mentioned, a reader, in addition to a perfect understanding of the mechanism of the language, must be able to expand and contract, at will, the *volume* of the voice; must have at command a wide range of pitch, descending, at times, far below, and ascending, at times, far above, the medial key; must have a nice sense of time, and be able to accelerate or retard, at pleasure, and with precision, the movements of the voice; and, not to name other requisites, must have at ready command a great variety of *qualities* of voice adapted to the ever-varying moral coloring of the thought to which he is giving expression, or, if he is rendering a dramatic composition, to the different characters to be impersonated.

One of the best definitions of good reading ever given, is found in the Old Testament, in the 8th chapter and 8th verse of the Book of Nehemiah: "So they read in the book in the law of God *distinctly*, and *gave the sense*, and *caused them to understand* the reading.

To read "distinctly," to "give the sense," "to cause to understand," meet all the conditions of effective reading."

1. *To read distinctly.* "A public speaker," says Austin, in his *Chironomia*, "possessed of only a moderate voice, if he articulates correctly, will be better understood, and heard with greater pleasure, than one who vociferates without judgment. The voice of the latter may indeed extend to a considerable distance, but the sound is dissipated in confusion. Of the former voice not the smallest vibration is wasted,—every stroke is perceived at the utmost distance to which it reaches; and, hence, it has often the appearance of penetrating even farther than one which is loud, but badly articulated. In just articulation, the words are not to be hurried over, nor precipitated syllable over syllable; nor, as it were, melted together into a mass of confusion: they should not be trailed, or drawled, nor permitted to slip out carelessly, so as to drop unfinished. They should be delivered from the lips *as beautiful coin newly issued from the mint, deeply and accurately impressed, neatly struck by the proper organs, distinct, in due succession, and of due weight.*

If one whose words are like shapeless bits of dough, were trained to such an enunciation as is described in this passage, he would be even *morally* elevated.

2. *To give the sense.* The higher literature is more than thought. It is the product of cooperative soul and intellect. A production of the pure intellect does not belong to the domain of literature proper. To read such a production, nothing more is required than to *give the sense*; but in rendering a production interfused with soul, the reader must

3. "*Cause to understand.*" The Scriptural use of "understand" has reference, not to the discursive intellect, but to the understanding *heart*—to a sympathetic appropriation and assimilation of the truth. So the meaning of "to cause to understand," is, that the reader must, by the vocal coloring, so to speak, which he gives to thought interfused with soul, induce, in his hearers, a sympathetic response to the soul element. This is, in fact, the all-important thing to be done, in interpretative reading. Thought which is presented in a white light, does not necessarily demand a vocal rendition. A proposition of Euclid could not be enforced by the voice. But spiritualized thought must be rendered apprehensible through a sympathetic intonation. The voice must serve as a chorus, to guide and interpret the sympathies of the hearer.

In uniting vocal with grammatical training, periodic prose, should, at the outset, be employed, such as is found, for example in De Quincey; and the voice should be, at first, trained especially upon what may be called background. Emphasis is regarded by many readers as the all-important thing; but it is really the least important. Any untrained voice can emphasize. The difficult thing to do well is the opposite of emphasis—the slighting and sinking of the subordinate parts of discourse. Whatever is sufficiently implied, or should be taken for granted, or has been anticipated, and, in short, all the outstanding relations of the main movement of thought and feeling, require to be so slighted and sunk as not to reduce the distinctness of the main movement. Only the well-trained voice can manage properly the background of what is presented; and if the background is properly managed, the foreground will generally have the requisite distinctness. When a reader endeavors to make every thing tell, he makes nothing tell. Ambitious reading often defeats its own end.

The same principle which Herbert Spencer sets forth, in his admirable article on the Philosophy

of Style, namely, *economy of the recipient's attention*, must be observed in vocal delivery. The reader who keeps his hearers constantly on the *qui vive*, by bringing everything to the front, soon exhausts their minds; while the reader who so manages the background of what he is presenting that there is, on the part of his hearers, an alternation of tension and relaxation of mind (both being quite spontaneous and unconscious), may read twice or three times as long as the other, and exhaust the minds of his hearers less. And their impressions, too, from what they have heard, will be much more distinct.

(To be continued.)

### THE ? ASSOCIATION.

Friday night, the 4th of Feb. 1887, witnessed the birth of a new association. It was generally understood in University circles that a movement was on foot among the unmarried professors, instructors and fellows, to form some kind of an organization, intended to promote the social advantages of the members and bring them into a closer relation with each other. To this end arrangements were made for the holding of a meeting to effect an organization of the above character. Accordingly at 10.30, on the night above mentioned, the Dining Hall of Sam Goddard presented a scene of more than usual animation. By this time all the banqueters had arrived and were seated about a table on which was served a feast that would have satisfied the most delicate taste. The hours till early morning were occupied with feasting, accompanied with merry songs and jests.

Mr. E. W. Huffcut presided over the deliberations with a grace and dignity becoming the occasion. Discussion was rife, but the utmost good humor prevailed. A constitution was finally adopted and the new association christened. The name must ever be shrouded in mystery save only to members. To the world the organization is to be known as The ? Association. Let not your curiosity tempt you to search for the hidden meaning of this name, for a cloud of impenetrable darkness surrounds it. Officers were elected as follows: Toastmaster, E. W. Huffcut; Secretary and Treasurer, Professor Marx; Executive Committee, Messrs. Van Vleck, Thurber and Wing.

The menu cards were unique and will be admirable souvenirs of the occasion. Several leaves were bound loosely together by ribbons which represented the college and fraternity colors of each one present. The first page contained the following inscription printed in red: First Ban-

quet of the ? Association of the Cornell University, Feb. 4, 1887. The other pages contained respectively the officers, menu, toasts, members present, institutions represented, and on the last page spaces for the autographs of the members present.

Toastmaster E. E. Hale, Jr., revealed the possibilities to which a good toastmaster may attain and certainly proved himself somewhat of an adept in this line. The following are the toasts in order: The ? Association, Mr. Thurber; The Faculty, Professor Dudley; The Ladies, Mr. Huffcut; Department of Elocution, Mr. Leakey; Charts, Mr. Langdon; The Fellows, Mr. Wing. The responses caused much merriment and in each case were characterized by the person who gave them.

The plans for the future of the association are, as yet, in embryo. However, a building on the campus, adapted to the needs of the association, is one of the near probabilities.

The following are the gentlemen who were present: Professor Dudley, Dr. Hitchcock, Messrs. Anderson, Brown, Burr, Brun, Dole, Hale, Harris, Hayes, Hodder, Huffcut, Jackson, Johnson, Laird, Langdon, Leakey, MacMahon, MacNeil, Marx, Prosser, Smith, Summers, Thurber, Van Vleck, White, Wilson and Wing. The college press was represented by Messrs. Miller and Morrison, the former of the *Sun* and the latter of the *ERA*.

—The New York State Agricultural Society will meet in Ithaca on Feb. 16, 17, and 18. The programme is a very elaborate one and will prove of much benefit to all who attend. We regret very much that lack of space prevents our giving the programme in full. President Adams will deliver an address of welcome and professors Roberts, Law, Comstock, Prentiss, Arnold and Caldwell will discuss various topics of interest. Many other eminent men in agricultural circles will deliver addresses. The exercises proper will be in Morrill Hall and the addresses by President Adams, President Atherton of Pennsylvania State College, and President Willets of Michigan State Agricultural College, will be given in Library Hall.

—One of our last year's base ball scorers who had been out "to see a man" too often, went into a barber shop to be shaved. He took his place in the chair but nodded so much that he was in danger of having his beauty spoiled. Finally the barber said, "Sir you must brace up or I can't shave you." "Then cut my hair was the answer, as the ex-scorer settled down in the chair,

## THE JUNIOR PROMENADE.

A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT IN CORNELL'S HISTORY.

Ever since Eighty-eight entered the University all the social events of the class have been most successful. The Freshman supper was the largest ever held up to that time, the Sophomore supper was the largest ever held by a Sophomore class at Cornell and now the class adds to these, the largest and most successful Junior Ball ever given here. The event was a success from every point of view; the music was of the best, the attendance was very large and the Armory was decorated and arranged much better than heretofore.

The most noticeable difference between this and former balls was, perhaps, the appearance of the Armory. Special care had been taken with the decorations; the windows were draped with red and white bunting, the walls covered with ensigns, streamers, stars and other paraphernalia of the decorator and the iron frames used to support the bars, rings and trapeze, were entirely concealed by festoons of red and white bunting and glittering figures of crystals. The flags and banners, won by Cornell in many athletic contests, were not the least pleasing part of the decorations. The music stand was erected at the north door of the Armory and in the rear of the stand was a large red banner upon which, in white, were the suggestive figures '88. To the right of the music stand was a space reserved for the reception committee. About thirty feet of the lower part of the Armory was curtained off for a refreshment room. The Armory was lighted by electricity and this so increased the brilliancy of the decorations and of the costumes that a brighter or more pleasing scene could scarce be imagined.

The costumes of the ladies were so elegant and beautiful that a separate description should be given to each one but lack of space forbids.

The Reception Committee consisted of Mrs. C. K. Adams, Mrs. A. D. White, Mrs. C. A. Schaeffer, Mrs. J. C. Shurman, Mrs. L. A. Wait, Mrs. W. H. Sage, and Mrs. R. H. Thurston. They did the honors of the evening very gracefully and their handsome costumes were much admired.

The dance orders were models of neatness and were pronounced lovely. The ladies' orders were bound in white kid and those of the gentlemen in black Russian leather and both were lined with red and white satin.

Besides the names of the Reception Committee the orders contained the following other committees: Floor Committee, Lieut. W. P.

Van Ness, Prof. E. Hitchcock, Frank Romer, H. N. Brooks, L. E. Hyatt, H. W. Treat, A. L. Soulé, H. R. Ickleheimer, D. N. Heller, A. S. White and E. L. Dolson. Committee of Arrangements, E. L. Dolson, H. W. Treat, D. N. Heller, A. L. Soulé, A. S. White, H. N. Brooks, H. R. Ickleheimer and Thomas Shannon. The programme of the dances was as follows :

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|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Polonaise,     | Volunteer,                       | Claus.      |
| 1. Waltz,      | Ermine,                          | Jacobowski  |
| 2. Waltz,      | Hey, Mamma,                      | Tosti.      |
| 3. Lanciers,   | Falka,                           | Chassaigne. |
| 4. Polka,      | Niniche,                         | Fahrbach.   |
| 5. Waltz,      | Gipsev Baron,                    | Strauss.    |
| 6. York,       | Angelo,                          | Tobani.     |
| 7. Galop,      | Champagne,                       | Lumbye.     |
| 8. Lanciers,   | Mikado,                          | Sullivan.   |
| 9. Waltz,      | Black Hussar,                    | Millocker.  |
| 10. Newport,   | Venita,                          | Lander.     |
| 11. Waltz,     | Dolores,                         | Waldteufel. |
| INTERMISSION.  |                                  |             |
| 12. Waltz,     | Love's Treasure,                 | Waldteufel. |
| 13. Polka,     | Queen of Hearts,                 | Arnstein.   |
| 14. Lanciers,  | Black Hussar,                    | Millocker.  |
| 15. Waltz,     | Fairy Voices,                    | Crowe.      |
| 16. Galop,     | Electric Sparks,                 | Weingarten. |
| 17. Waltz,     | St. John's Day,                  | Kleiber.    |
| 18. Quadrille, | Elk's Favorite,                  | Becker.     |
| 19. Waltz,     | Das Land wo die Citronen Blühen, | Strauss.    |
| 20. Galop,     | Formosa,                         | Wiegand.    |
| 21. Waltz,     | Carlotta (Gasperonne),           | Millocker.  |
| 22. Waltz,     | Pres de Toi,                     | Waldteufel. |
| EXTRAS.        |                                  |             |
| Waltz,         | Waltz,                           | Waltz.      |

The music was by Gartland's celebrated tenth regiment orchestra. A concert embracing the following selections was rendered from 8:45 to 9:30 :

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| Overture,  | A Trip to Berlin, | Conrade.    |
| Selection, | Mikado,           | Sullivan.   |
| Fantasia,  | D'Amour,          | Latou.      |
| Selection, | Erminie,          | Jacobowski. |

During the concert the guests continued to arrive, and when the last selection was finished the floor was full of promenaders. Shortly afterward, the dancing began and continued until 12 o'clock, when refreshments were served. After this, the dancing was continued until 3:30 a. m.

The class deserves much credit for the patronage it extended to the ball, and the committee extends thanks to the other members of the University for their kindly assistance.

The promenade was a financial as well as social success, and the committee feel justly proud of the result.

The following is a complete list of those who attended the ball :

#### FROM THE FACULTY.

Mrs. C. K. Adams and Miss Healey, Mrs.

A. D. White, Prof. and Mrs. Schaeffer, Prof. and Mrs. Fuertes, Prof. and Mrs. Schurman, Mrs. Wait, Prof. and Mrs. Thurston, Dr. Hitchcock, Mrs. Newberry, Lieut. and Mrs. VanNess, Mr. and Mrs. Dole, Mr. Hodder, Mr. E. E. Hale, Jr., Mr. VanVleck, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bailey.

#### FROM OUT OF TOWN.

Miss Tabor and Miss Forman, of New York City; Miss Sinclair, Detroit; Misses Butler, Page, Strong, and Lintre, Olean; Miss Little, Candor; Mrs. Mead Belden, Mrs. Larned, Misses Belden and Ellis, of Syracuse; Misses Ives, Bowen, Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck, of Medina; Thos. Hassett, Bath; Robert Gilman, Syracuse; Miss Nellie Van de Mark, Waterloo; A. R. Peck, Cortland; Claude R. Mott, Syracuse; Misses Benson, Smith, Mrs. Casey, and the Misses Casey, Auburn; Miss Barston, Towanda; Miss Stanbrough, Owego; L. J. Goetter, New York; Russell Gorsline, Rochester; Miss Cosade, Waterloo; Samuel Wolffsohn, Buffalo; Miss Lena Brown, Elmira; Miss Steels, Wells College; Mrs. C. B. Andrews, Albany; Mrs. and Miss Knickerbocker, and Miss Thompson, Troy; Miss Waters, Rochester; Miss Porter, Boston; Mr. and Miss Snaith, Albany; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Cortland; Miss Hedden, Lake Ridge; Mrs. Eliot, Glenora; Mrs. H. White, Syracuse; Miss Buckley and Miss Cressy, Detroit; Mrs. Backus, Rochester; Mrs. and Miss Outwater, Detroit; Mrs. and Miss Cartwright, Rochester.

#### FROM TOWN.

Mr. C. H. Van Houter and lady, Mrs. C. S. Tourtelette, Miss Louise Hanford, Frank Romer, Miss Kate Campbell, E. S. Becker, R. W. Sheffer, R. D. Campbell, Miss Minnie Seeley, Mrs. Ashton, Miss Ida Blakesley, Miss Swan, Mrs. and Miss King, Miss Newton, E. N. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams, Miss Gussie Clark, John Smith, Mr. Storms, Mr. Mandeville, Miss Smith, Miss Cornell, Mr. Dwight, Miss Carrie Day, Miss Atwood, L. E. Hyatt, Miss Lindsey, Miss Van Kirk, Mrs. and Miss Bostwick, Miss Mack, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sage, Mrs. Fiske, Miss Walters, Mrs. Dow, Miss Bailey, Miss Lynn, Miss Enz, Mrs. Wilcox, Miss Carmody, Mrs. Schuyler, Schuyler Grant, Miss Fuertes, Miss White, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams, Miss Almy, Miss Gauntlett, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rich, Mr. DeForest.

#### FROM SAGE.

Mrs. Derkheim, Misses. Boulton, Benham, S. E. Rogers, A. A. Rogers, Marx, Porter, Jacks, Boynton, Yost, Vedder, Hitchcock, Wales, Cary, Whittomere and McEbright,

FROM '87.

Messrs. Sternberger, Richards, F. W. Thomson, J. F. Thomson, Curtis, Coinon, Gardiner, Kuykendall, Casey, M. Smith, G. C. Miller, Crane, Keating, Stewart, Wilson, Warner, H. White, Knickerbocker, Sanderson, Romer, Chrisman, Roberts and St. John.

FROM '88.

Messrs. W. B. Smith, Parshall, Glover, Brace, A. L. Soulé, McComb, F. A. Lorber, Newberry, A. S. White, W. B. Bostwick, J. R. Chamberlain, Blood, Treat, L. Psotta, M. G. Menocal, Fitch, Scaife, Beauchamp, J. M. Taylor, Puterbaugh, Burnett, Brooks, King, Shattuck, Wyckoff, Laist, Shamon, Barnes, Tansey, O. L. Williams, Andrews, Whaley, Dix, D. N. Heller, E. E. Soulé, Dolson, Ickleheimer.

FROM '89.

Messrs. C. J. Clarke, Milholen, Mack, Murphy, Nichols, Morgan, Treman, Mashek, Scott, Gorsline, Van Etten.

FROM '90.

Messrs. Stebbins, Chester, Broughton, Nathan, Graves, Potter, Hagerman, Sheldon, Tousey, Johnson, Averill, McReynolds, and Barber.

#### NOTICES.

Professor Corson will read on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock, in Room T, White Hall, Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. Students taking Elocution, and all others who are free at that hour, are invited to attend.

Meeting of the Fruija Club on Monday evening at 7.30 p. m. at the Zeta Psi House. The club will then permanently organize and make preparations for a banquet. Members of last year's club are expected to be present.

There will be a meeting of the White Cross Army at the Mechanical Lecture Room at 3 p. m. Sunday afternoon. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. Law and Professor Wheeler. Come and see for yourselves what the organization is and what it aims to accomplish.

The Cornell Congress will meet Saturday evening to discuss a resolution on the Canadian Fisheries. A message from President Huffcut will probably be laid before the members at that time. The consideration of this document will undoubtedly furnish an opportunity for considerable discussion and profitable study.

The first meeting of the Classical Association will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 17th in the Botanical Lecture Room, at half past seven. The following is the program: Report of the Committee, appointed for organization; A Met-

rical Translation from Catullus, Professor Hale; The Theories in Regard to the Origin of Language, Mr. J. E. Russell; The Development of Critical Inquiry into the Credibility of Eearly Roman History, Mr. F. S. Fielder. The membership is *not* limited to the students in the classical or even literary course but any student who is interested in History, Art, Archaeology or Philology will find much interesting matter in every programme.

#### CORNELLIANA.

—Great!

—Great!!

—Eighty Eight!!!

—Will there be a split in '90?

—Frank Andrews was elected to the Bench and Board at their last meeting.

—The examination in Political Economy has been set for Saturday, Feb. 19.

—The sparring matches at the Winter Meeting will be more closely contested than heretofore.

—We commend the letter of President Callan to all Juniors. It appeared in Monday's *Sun*.

—The cheap show has been playing to crowded houses. Students are fond of such attractions.

—On Monday evening at Library Hall, Walter Thomas Mills will lecture upon "Stomach vs. Brains."

—Clubs and associations intending to make a display in the *Cornellian* must attend to the matter at once.

—An essay upon Darwin's Theory of Conscience is required from every member of the class in Ethics.

—The lectures in Military Science are well delivered and are highly interesting and instructive. A large number take the work.

—A well-known sub-freshman from the "Southern skies" is reported to be wearing a plug. Where are our under classmen?

—A Freshman, at the Presbyterian social, was matching nickles with a young lady "just for fun," but when fifty cents ahead he found an excuse to leave the room and has not yet returned.

—The efforts to build a bridge across the ill-fated Willow Pond are meeting with much favor. The matter is a very important one and should be pressed with much energy.

—Last Tuesday evening Professor Prentiss addressed the Agricultural Association upon

the "Life and works of Andrew Jackson Downs, as a horticulturist and landscape gardener."

—The clocks throughout the University should be regulated once in a while. They seldom correspond with the clock in the tower and hence much inconvenience is the result.

—The walks on the campus are generally in very poor condition after a storm. Some of the professors are humane enough to clean their own walks and the profs. who do not should go and do likewise.

—Professor Corson has posted on the Bulletin board the days and hours when members of the Junior class will read their essays. The essays will be read at the Professor's house (Cascadilla Cottage.)

—Those wishing to obtain Reduced Rates over the Railroads when coming to the Institute at Ithaca, will send to Professor I. P. Roberts for a blank certificate, which must be filled out at the Station from which the applicant comes.

—The Athletic Council has decided to increase the weight limit of tug of war teams to 650 lbs. The challenge to the Ithaca Fire Department team with the above limit expires tonight. It is to be hoped that the challenge will be accepted.

—Professor Schaeffer to the Sophomore section in Chemistry: "The things I give you to learn are not nearly as hard as those you have in Geometry and Algebra and as you will have in Trigonometry." Class feels hurt but finally "comes down."

—It is said that the captain of next year's base ball team was gazing at a picture of the statue of Goethe a few days since. He especially admired the muscular development of that great writer. As he turned away he was heard to utter, "What a base ball player he would make!"

—The monthly meeting of the Methodist Alliance was held last night at Association Hall. Papers on "Methodist Doctrine" and "The History of the Presbyterian Church" proved very interesting. After an address by Professor Jones and music by the members, the meeting adjourned.

—The sections in Junior Elocution are progressing finely. They all show the great benefit of their past training by the able manner in which they take hold of Webster's "Matches and Overmatches." Regular visitors to the class are delighted with the steady improvement they are making.

—The Bench and Board met at the D. K. E. house last Monday evening and elected the following officers: W. W. Parshall, President; W. B. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer; H. W. Treat, Toastmaster. It was decided to hold a symposium Saturday evening. A full attendance will doubtless be on hand.

—"Ancient Egypt" was illustrated last Tuesday evening by magic lantern views before the Richardson Club. Papers on subjects of much interest to architects are read at each meeting and the members of the club feel a just pride in its welfare. A banquet will probably be given before the term closes.

—Large red and white posters announce that the Winter Meeting will be held in the Armory, Friday, Feb. 18th. The exercises will consist of running, leaping, high kicking, sparring and other gymnastics. An unusually large number of entries have been made and some very exciting contests will come off.

—One of our handsomest instructors asked several gentlemen in his class the same question, but none of them could answer it; he then turned to the young ladies in the class and sweetly smiling said, "Perhaps it was too difficult for them, which of the young ladies will answer it?" The co-eds blush and the boys applaud.

—Don't fail to attend the entertainment to be given at Library Hall this evening by Messrs. Chrisman and Elliot. A rare treat is in store for all who attend. Remember the worthy cause for which these accommodating gentlemen have volunteered their services. It will be a fitting occasion on which to close the festivities of Junior Ball week.

—The Presbyterian Union met Tuesday evening in Association Hall and an interesting program was rendered. Alma Mater, as recently published in the ERA, was sung. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Pres., Geo. Donaldson, '88; Vice Pres., Geo. F. Danforth; Sec'y., Miss Knight, '89; Treas., G. R. White, '88. The following were chosen to act on the Executive Committee: B. L. Oviatt, '87 and G. L. Broadhead, '90. Hasbrouck, Emmons, Kennedy, Morehouse, Ely and Cooley were appointed to prepare a list of Presbyterian students. An informal reception will be held Tuesday, March 1st. All students are invited.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Three hundred and fifty American colleges use Wentworth's geometry.

Professor Schurman and wife were honored by an after-dinner coffee with the Seniors of Vassar College during vacation. A reception was also tendered them by President Taylor of Vassar on the evening of Dec. 17. The *Miscellany* gives high praise to Professor Schurman's lecture before the class in Psychology on "The Bearing of Modern Thought upon the Issue between Idealism and Realism."

The *Clipper* for Feb. 5, contains the following: "A Promising Athlete—Cornell has great hopes for the future of a member of the class of '90, who seems to possess the natural physical qualifications for an able handler of heavy weights, and is expected to make a strong bid for the honors held by Coxe, the human mountain of Yale. He weighs 225 lbs, stands over 6ft. high, measures 40 in. around the chest, nearly 15 in. around the right upper arm, 17 in. around the calf, and 26¼ in. around the thigh. He will work in the gymnasium this Winter."

The following is clipped from the report of President Dwight's speech before the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Yale University: "Finally we come to one of the main differences between Yale and Harvard. Yale cares for the individual, Harvard for the institution. Yale tries to develop a man's character, and we have an excellent and definite statement of what that character should be. Yale tries to give men to the world. Harvard tries to give an institution to men to give them a place where they can develop themselves and work out their own character. Harvard's principle recognizes more fully the differences in men. It has far larger possibilities and is based on a great confidence in human nature."

#### EXCHANGES.

The last number of the *Bowdoin Orient* contains a sensible article on the lack of a general knowledge of current literature and of the works of standard authors among college students, and asks how the systematic use of the college library may be enhanced. The *Orient's* statements are true for the most part, and the lack is one that should be supplied. We know not how it is at other colleges, but at Cornell the necessary work in the course of the average undergraduate takes up so much of his time, that it is well-nigh impossible for him to pursue a regular course of reading. This is a lamentable state of affairs, but it is nevertheless true. The answer to the *Orient's* question must indeed be practical.

The *College Student*, though small, contains more sense and better ideas between its covers than many larger college journals.

The *Butler Collegian* has been added to the list of our exchanges. The first number we received has a vigorous editorial refuting the charge of an exchange, that the *Collegian* "does not know what a readable college paper is."

The *Northwestern* praises a recent number of the *Tuftonian* because it contains so much matter relating to sports. The propriety of praising such matter in college papers is at least questionable.

The *Columbia Spectator* says, "It makes us tired to read that Columbia is going to join an I. B. B. A. with Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, etc. We will be in a league with Harvard, Yale and Princeton or in none." Columbia should not become afflicted with "swelled head" on account of her victories of last year in base ball. Her rise to proficiency in the game has been so mushroom-like that she may yet be compelled to feel "tired" by defeats in base ball from colleges other than Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

The *Wooster University Voice* in a recent number, mentions some statistics concerning the Military Department of Wooster University and caps the climax by giving to said Military Department the distinction of being the best one in any American college. We should like to say to the *Voice* that the inspector "hasn't been all around yet." When he reaches Cornell, he will find a battalion of over 300 men under the supervision of Lieutenant Van Ness. We wish to make no boast concerning the relative merit of our department, but we are certain, judging from the statistics given in the *Voice*, that the department at Cornell is superior, in almost every particular, to the one at Wooster. Perhaps the *Voice* had momentarily forgotten that we had a Military Department. Before making its sweeping claim, it should have remembered that old piece of advice in Horace's Satires: "*Est modus in rebus, sunt certi denique fines, duos ultra \* \* \* nequit consistere rectum.*"

The last number of the *Williams Fortnight* publishes a communication condemning the *Fortnight* as a "mongrel," as "neither literary nor newsy" and thereby accounts for its lack of support from the student body at Williams. The writer of the communication thinks the matter may be remedied by substituting for the *Fortnight* a weekly paper containing more news and less literary matter. We of course do not know what the Williams students think of their bi-weekly, but as for ourselves, we should like to have more "mongrels" among our exchanges. The *Fortnight* is always gotten up in a neat, at ractive way and the grace of its verses gives it an interest to Cornellians that few college papers can supply.

We should like to whisper in the ear of the editor-in-chief of the *Yale Record*: You have forgotten to make a certain change in a part of the first column of your paper. It reads thus: "Published by the students of *Yale College*." We say this on the sly, for we know that you are proud of the fact that *Yale College* is defunct and we desire to inform you of the temporary oversight as gently as possible.

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(a) Subject: "THE BALANCE OF POWER IN AMERICAN POLITICS."

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(c) It must be written by some member of a college club in membership with the National Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association, or by some undergraduate who is himself a member of this Association.

(d) It must be received at headquarters, Wooster, Ohio, by April 15th, and his club must be clear on the books of the National Association at that time.

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Very Respectfully Yours,  
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### AMUSEMENTS.

THE LITTLE TYCOON.

A full house enjoyed the very worthy performance of the comic opera "The Little Tycoon" Tuesday night. It was given by the traveling company of the Temple Theatre, Philadelphia, a company which is remarkable for its balance and strength and the freshness of its voices. The audience was delighted and Manager Bardwell would make a hit if he

could possibly secure a return date for the "Tycoon." Miss Dietrich as *Violet* sang charmingly and was the favorite apparently with the audience, although Miss Conway as *Miss Hurricane* was deserving of equal praise in voice and action. The whole of the first act, given on the deck of a steamer entering the port of New York, was novel and pleasing. It introduced all of the characters admirably. Mr. Campbell as *Alvin Barry*, a young Wall street broker and afterwards disguised as the Tycoon of Japan, sang very finely and was obliged to repeat his worthy efforts several times. Mr. Dunbar as *Rufus Ready*, was equally good. Mr. Haney as *Teddy*, Mr. Graham as *Montgomery*, Mr. Mullholland as the servant, and Mr. Everett as *Lord Dolphin*, were all very good indeed. Miss Nicholson did well as *Dolly Dimple*. Mr. Darcy as *Geneal Knickerbocker* showed the possession of unusual talent, for his character was one which is difficult to assume satisfactorily. His acting was artistic and his entire performance very praiseworthy. The local by-play introduced was not at all offensive and added to the enjoyment of the fun-loving auditors. Altogether the opera was given in a manner seldom surpassed in Elmira, and it is hoped it will be brought here by the same worthy people again.—*Elmira Advertiser*, Feb. 10.

At the Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday evening next. Reserved seats may now be secured at Finch's.

"STOMACH VS. BRAINS" AND "CHALK TALKS."

Walter Thomas Mills, Secretary of the National Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association and Rollo Kirk Bryan, "Chalk Talker," will give a lecture and entertainment at Library Hall, Monday evening, Feb. 14, 1887. The subject of the lecture is "Stomach vs. Brains in Politics." These gentlemen are just starting on a tour of the American Colleges under the direction of the *Voice* Lecture Bureau. Mr. Mills is a graduate of Wooster University, Ohio, and has been for some time on the editorial staff of *The Voice*. He has been constantly on the lecture platform for eighteen months, and has won a foremost place in the ranks of Prohibition orators, with the title of the "Little Giant." He is the author of a work on "The Science of Politics," in press, of which the publishers, Funk & Wagnalls, say, "It is sure to challenge the attention of politicians of every school." Mr. Bryan is a phenomenal chalk talker.

Admission free. Reserved seats 25 cents at Finch's.

## CLIPPINGS.

—Women are not good reasoners but they are clothes observers.

—Jeems says his boarding house is too slow. He told the old lady yesterday that hereafter he'd like to dynamite earlier.—*Ex.*

—There is a man in Burlington so bow-legged that when the children are playing cars they use him for a tunnel.—*Burlington Free Press.*

—An exchange tells of "a young lady losing the sole of her slipper while enjoying the intoxicating whirl of the waltz." Of what profit was it to her if she gained the whole whirl, if she thereby lost her sole?—*Ex.*

## THE PARCAE.

When I was a Fresh, I thought it neat  
To steal the highway signs;  
To unhinge gates was quite a feat,  
And as for railroad lines,  
I always tried my way to beat.  
One awful night  
Policeman came—

The *Parcae* have no means of flight,  
But they get there all the same.  
As Sophomore, I loved one maid,  
And flirted with another.  
Toward Madge the lover's part I played,  
To Molly was a "brother"—  
Until some fiend the fact betrayed.  
And now Madge clings  
To another manly frame—

The *Parcae* surely have no wings,  
But they get there all the same.  
As Junior I took Chemistry,  
And took it with a will  
Upon a "roller-crib" you see,  
And knew I'd fill the bill  
When the exam. was sprung on me.  
At the examination  
Professor near me came—  
The *Parcae* seem to have no means of  
aerial navigation,  
But they get there all the same.  
My fortunes, in my Senior year,  
I thought I would retrieve;  
And once I slipped—'twas rather queer  
Four aces up my sleeve,  
And forged ahead without a fear.  
I really had no notion  
Till t'other feller came  
With a straight  
Flush—

Now, however, I have concluded that the *Parcae* though they have no flappers, nor bellowses, nor parachutes, nor propellers, nor balloons, nor any visible paraphernalia of atmospheric locomotion, They get there all the same,  
With a great  
Rush. —*Tuflonian.*

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**T**O-NIGHT the Winter Meeting will be held in the Gymnasium. Exciting contests are promised and there will doubtless be exhibitions of skill and strength hardly to be expected from students. This is the only event of athletic interest that occurs during the winter term, and hence ought to meet with the hearty approval of every student. It is strictly a student affair and can consistently look for support from no other source. Will you be there? If not, you will miss what to you would be worth more than your time and money can bring in any other way.

**S**INCE the resignation of Mr. McCargo as an editor of the ERA, no one has yet been selected in his stead. In order to fill the vacant position, the present editors will make use of the plan which has already been advocated in these columns. The choice of a co-laborer will be based upon the contributions submitted for publication. In judging the merit of the contributions, both style and matter will be considered—quantity will also be a matter of consideration in making the selection. The new editor will not assume his duties until the opening of the spring term. Thus there will be abundant opportunity for those wishing to contest, to put forth their best efforts and the result will, in all probability, be perfectly satisfactory.

**A**NOTHER brilliant social event has been added to Cornell's history. Such is the universal admission of those whose presence graced the Armory on last Friday night. The social excitement of the winter term usually culminates in the Junior Ball, and this term proved no exception to the rule. There are events which possess more interest for particular classes, but there is none about which cluster so many pleasant recollections as about the Junior Ball. This event is not only looked forward to with great anticipation, but, after it is over, it furnishes a theme upon which is bestowed many a happy thought. Those who attend, love to dwell upon the pleasure which the event brings to them, and thus it is remembered long after it takes place. Every year seems to add some new feature to the occasion to make it more enjoyable than those that have gone before. This might especially be said this year, since the success of '88's Promenade over those of former years, was so marked. The class is certainly to be congratulated for sparing neither money nor pains to make the event one long to be remem-

bered by those who were present. It was surely good to have been there, for such occasions become a means of culture and refinement, sought elsewhere in vain. It is not enough that a man have knowledge; something else is needed with which to freight his bark, or his life will prove not wholly successful. A man without social acquirements is a sorry spectacle and sooner or later will find the need of what he has not. Let no one, then, neglect what, in after years, will be to him a source of profit as well as pleasure.

WHILE we would not restrain anyone from expressing his delight in a manner consistent with the safety and comfort of others, we would most emphatically disapprove of the conduct of certain students who attended Mr. Chrisman's lecture last Saturday evening. Towards both the lecturer and the inoffensive citizens and students their conduct was inexcusable. There are bursts of boyish exurbance that may be excused in a crowd of college students, but they do not include violent and persistent attacks upon a speaker's or an auditor's face with that sub-freshman weapon, the bean-shooter. Nor do they justify the sowing of buckwheat in the necks of the unwary. We are quite aware that the responsibility for such rude actions rests with only a few, but we are surprised and grieved to find that there is even one student in Cornell who will descend to such attacks upon ladies and gray-haired men. As to the impropriety of the shouts and jeers that greeted all who entered the hall there can be as little question. It may be that Mr. Chrisman was prepared for the applause and the interruptions that came with such monotonous regularity, but certainly a large part of the audience came to hear as well as to see the lecturer. Yet after the first quarter of the entertainment, it was absolutely impossible to hear any connected account of the excellent views presented. Mr. Chrisman and Mr. Elliott easily carried off the honors of the struggle. The former is to be congratulated for the courage with which he faced the merciless fire of the galleries, and for

the material gain to the athletic fund due to his efforts. It would probably have been possible to find in the galleries of Library Hall last Saturday evening a good part of the 400 students that have paid nothing for athletics.

THE boys in the Hobart High School at Geneva have lately been saying some very cute things about Cornell. In a recent issue of their school paper, a column and a half of editorial space is consecrated to a charming essay on, "Why Cornell should be Ashamed of Whipping us at Base Ball, etc., the Great, Mean Thing." We have a suspicion concerning the writer of the same. We suspect that, from the sensible (?) ideas expressed and from the terms in which the article is couched, the author is a prominent member of the class that wrestles with Plane Geometry at Hobart. Indeed, we are almost sure of this fact, for he says that our conduct towards visiting ball nines is like unto that of the Spartans as exemplified by Pausanias; and he tells us to go to Bohn's translation of Thucydides to learn the facts about the case of Pausanias. Poor deluded mortal! We read our Greek in the original here, and in such enormous quantities that a mere enumeration of the works digested would appal your weak young heart by the mere contemplation of the innumerable "busts" you would surely get, should you try to master those subjects here at Cornell. Yes, we are "agriculturalists, et cetera." Though a very small part of our total number is made up of the former class, we are proud of that part. Should your "immortal sixty-six" ever become sufficiently learned to enter Cornell, they would be swallowed up by the ranks either of the "agriculturalists" or of the "et cetera" that go to make up her 800 men, without causing any perceptible swelling in either. Would that you could sometime come, dear boys! Then you, for the first time, would have an Alma Mater that you could always love for the real good she had done you. Then perhaps you would in time acquire sufficient intellectual ability and manliness to prevent you from snapping and

snarling like whipped curs at their master's feet, as you do now. Take your inferior position like men. Do not let petty jealousy rule you. Acknowledge the greatness of Cornell in everything that goes to make up an institution of learning, and do not rush blindly from your kennel and, with ears laid back "snap at the pure, clear air and bay the moon."

### ORATORICAL TRAINING.

#### III.

In last article, it was stated that the voice should be, at first, trained especially upon the background of speech—upon the slighting and sinking of the subordinate parts of discourse. Whatever is sufficiently implied, or should be taken for granted, or has been anticipated, and, in short, all the outstanding relations of the main movement of thought and feeling, require to be so slighted and sunk as not to reduce the distinctness of the main movement. It is upon these parts of discourse that a good reader economizes his hearer's attention, while a reader who endeavors to make everything tell, wastes and exhausts it.

The 5th chapter of the Book of Daniel, describing Belshazzar's feast, affords throughout an admirable exercise in the slighting of speech. Take, for example, the first five verses. The parts which should be slighted are indicated by italics:

1. Belshazzar, *the king*, made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

2. Belshazzar, *while he tasted the wine*, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, *that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines*, might drink therein.

3. *Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines*, drank in them.

4. *They drank wine*, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

The parts italicized, have various degrees of importance, which the appreciative reader would indicate by his reading; but they all belong to

the background of the description. Any of them, if brought into the foreground, would reduce somewhat the distinctness of the latter.

In the 1st verse, "the king," should be read with an abatement of voice, being an understood appositive; "to a thousand of his lords" ('thousand' being used for an indefinite large number), is sufficiently implied in 'great,' and the voice should be reduced upon it, and not descend upon 'lords;' 'before the thousand' should be read with a downward drift of voice, the voice descending somewhat strongly upon 'wine.'

In the 2d verse, 'while he tasted the wine,' should, as it were, say itself; and then all from 'commanded' to 'Jerusalem' should be brought fully to the front; 'that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines,' should be thrown back somewhat, in order to give more prominence to 'might drink therein,' the purpose being to invite the attention especially to the sacrilegious act of making such a use of the sacred vessels. The distinct noting of the people composing the feast, 'king,' 'princes,' 'wives,' 'concubines,' is not called for here. It is the sacrilege which has to be brought forward. Further on in the chapter, in the speech of Daniel to the King (v. 23), it will be necessary to bring these people fully to the front.

In the 3d verse, 'Then they brought the golden vessels,' etc., should be read as a thing of course, and not as if it were necessary to invite the mind of the hearer to the fact that the command of the king was obeyed. The latter mode of reading would waste attention; 'and the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines' should be thrown back somewhat again, and the voice should fall with considerable emphasis upon 'drank,' thus marking distinctly the sacrilege.

In the 4th verse, 'They drank wine,' being a mere repetition, should say itself, and the voice should come out strongly upon 'and praised the gods of gold;' but it should be reduced and somewhat accelerated upon what follows, 'and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.' After having brought into the foreground, 'and praised the gods of gold,' which expresses their idolatry, it would waste attention to bring forward also the several other materials of which their gods were composed. These should be expressed, as it were, by the way.

In the 5th verse, 'In the same hour came forth fingers . . . and wrote,' should be brought fully to the front (the words 'hour,' 'fingers,' and 'wrote' receiving each the falling

inflection), to mark distinctly the fact that divine vengeance followed close upon the sacrilege of drinking from the sacred vessels of the temple, and upon their idolatry; but 'of a man's hand' should be slighted, 'hand' receiving the rising inflection, it being implied that the fingers were those of a man's hand, or, at least, of a human hand. The place where the hand wrote, 'over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace,' should be slighted, as, to bring it to the front would cause an unnecessary expenditure of attention on the part of the hearer. It should be left to its own intrinsic value, without any enforcement from the voice; 'and the King saw' comes to the front, the voice falling upon 'saw,' and drifting down over 'the part of the hand that wrote.'

The language of the entire chapter is remarkably adapted to an exercise in perspective. An hour every day, for a month, might be profitably spent, in practicing upon the background. A lightsomeness of vocal movement over the subordinate parts of discourse, such as induces a spontaneous and unconscious reduction of attention on the part of the hearer, is one of the most important things to cultivate, in elocution.

(To be continued.)

#### THE CORNELL CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

Since the mass-meeting of students interested in classical studies, a committee had been busy with preparations for the organizing of the association. As a result, Thursday evening there was duly formed an organization which is to be known as the Cornell Classical Association, and is to pursue the following general plan of work: 1. To supplement the regular work of the Classical Department, by offering inducements for personal research and investigation; 2. To familiarize the members with the most important departments of classical study, which from necessity are omitted from the University curriculum; 3. To keep informed of the latest results of classical research and discovery. But the organizing committee did not stop with the formation of the association. They prepared a program of papers to be read at Thursday's meeting. From lack of space it is impossible for us to give more than the briefest note of the nature of the papers. Mr. J. E. Russell presented an extended article on the Theories in Regard to the Origin of Language. Professor Hale followed with a metrical translation from Catullus, and the last paper was by Mr. F. S. Fielder, on the Development of Critical Inquiry into the Credibility of early Roman

history. As might be expected from the gentlemen named, the papers were carefully and well prepared. Without disparagement to either of the undergraduates, it may be said that Professor Hale's translation was most favorably received; and we hope to be able to print it in next week's issue.

A program equally interesting has been prepared for the next meeting on March 10th. There was an attendance of nearly a hundred at the first meeting; and all in all the new association starts with every promise of success. It is however to be feared that the high admission fee, twenty-five cents, may prevent the association from reaching great prosperity. At any rate, one professor of history who distinctly stated at the mass meeting that he should join the association if he were permitted, and the fees were not too heavy, failed to put in an appearance. And yet the association is open to all members of the University who are interested in its work. The purpose of the organization will be explained to inquirers by any of the present members; and all who have an interest in classical study are invited to unite.

Officers for the remainder of the year were chosen as follows: President, J. E. Russell, '87; Secretary, W. C. Fisher, '88; Executive committee, Miss Eastman, R. G.; E. D. Wright, '87; J. E. Russell, '87; W. C. Fisher '88; J. A. Lindquist, '89. The members who united Tuesday evening number fifty-four, evenly divided, as it happened, between the two sexes.

#### THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the N. Y. State Agricultural Society has this week been held at the University. Meetings began Wednesday afternoon and the last session is held to-day. The attendance is unusually large, and the farmers are being made to feel at home by the University authorities. In the list of those present are found the names of many well-known agriculturalists. Nearly all the sessions were held in the University buildings. The following members of the faculty took part in the discussion: President Adams, Professors Roberts, Arnold, Prentiss, Caldwell, Comstock, Law. Aside from these were present President Atherton of the Pa. State College, Professor Alvord of the Mass. Agricultural College, and President Willets of the Mich. Agricultural College. Professor Roberts presented a paper on Recuperative Agriculture, President Atherton an interesting and suggestive address upon the subject: Education for American Farmers. Agricultural Botany was discussed Thursday

afternoon by Dr. E. L. Sturtevant of the New York Experiment Station. This morning Professor Comstock of the University answered entomological questions propounded by members of the Society.

Many things impressed the onlooking student; but nothing was more noticeable than the ease with which President Adams adapted himself to his surroundings. The meetings were of considerable interest even to those not directly concerned in agriculture, and were well attended by town's people and visiting farmers.

#### ORIGIN OF THE PHI BETA KAPPA.

John DeWitt Warner, Esq., one of our Trustees, is an active student of questions affecting University studies and government. He has published in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly for Oct. 1886, a valuable history of the founding of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity. The origin of the society was involved in much obscurity, most supposing it was a product of New England, and that Edward Everett was instrumental in its organization. Mr. Warner has shown that it was founded in William and Mary College, Dec. 5, 1776, and thus is the parent fraternity of all the Greek Letter Societies. Chapters were afterwards founded in Yale and Harvard by charters granted from the parent chapter. Mr. Warner shows how the promotion of letters in a large sense entered into the views of the founders, and how local societies were founded in Virginia where there were no colleges. The article contains a vivid description of college life at the time of the Revolution and is accompanied by fac-similes of the original records of the society, now preserved in the library of the Historical Society of Virginia.

#### ATHLETIC MEETING.

Full arrangements have been made for the winter meeting this evening in the Gymnasium. A double row of seats is put all around the floor. An idea of the interesting character of the meeting may be had from the following list of events: Feather weight sparring; putting the shot; running high kick; light weight sparring, trial; flying rings; middle weight wrestling, trial; feather weight wrestling; tug-of-war, University vs. Rescue Steamer No. 2, first heat; spring-board; horizontal bar; light weight sparring, final; tug-of-war, second heat; running high jump; middle weight wrestling, final; rope climbing; parallel bars; exhibition tumbling; tug-of-war, final.

The following are the officers: General manager, Mr. Dole; judges, Lieut. Van Ness and Instructor Leakey; judge of sparring and

wrestling, W. H. Sage; judge of flying rings, horizontal and parallel bars, Mr. Oswald of Auburn; clerk, H. G. Dimon; measurer, Instructor Brown; scorer, Mr. Ickleheimer, '88; time keepers, Roberts, '87 and Psotta '89.

#### A WELL LAID PLAN.

It is rumored that since operations were begun towards banquets for the underclasses, the Freshmen have had a snap and have been growing fat at the expense of the Sophomores. It seems that some years ago during the agitation of class banquets, some enterprising individual fixed a space under the rostrum in Room K which would comfortably accommodate a foreign delegate. While engaged in a tour of inspection, some of the '90 men discovered this "private box," and so, during recent Sophomore class meetings, a privileged few of the other class were enabled to attend. But the plots and designs of the succulent Sophs. toward the "unwary" Freshmen proved so simple that in disgust the scheme was given away. A sample of the plan is this:

The president of '89 was to request the president of '90 to meet him in private conference, to consider business important to the underclasses. While this conference was in session, the Sophomore committee to "look after our young friends" was to swoop down and make off with their unsuspecting victim. It is thought, however, by unprejudiced and impartial observers that this plan will not succeed.

Of course if President Callan should suspect any nefarious designs, he might be unwilling to go alone or perhaps to go at all. But other plans of equal depth and comprehensiveness, which are in preparation, will doubtless be productive of pleasant results.

#### COMMUNICATION.

[The Editors of the ERA do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments expressed in this column; however, the columns of the ERA are always open to students who wish to express their opinion on any subject.—Eds.]

*Editors of the Era:*

Timely as was the recent ERA editorial on the use of the Gym., it seemed not quite complete, in that it indirectly raised a question to which it failed to give an answer. If the Gymnasium "is not appreciated as it should be," there must be some reason for its disuse and misuse. That students are prone to neglect their physical improvement is but too true, and truest of those who most need the training. But this alone would not account for the apathy shown, for our students are certainly no more

careless in this respect than are others. The key note of the difficulty seemed to be struck in another part of the article, namely, that many who go to the Gymnasium have not the least idea of what they are there for. The trouble is that they don't know how to use the apparatus. Class work, rowing machines and chest weights are splendid for developing a physique; but to most students these afford neither recreation nor amusement. Routine work of that sort gives men muscle, but it does not wake them up. They want to "do things" on the rings and bars, and there is no one to show them what to do or how to do it; for, of course, the instructors cannot stand around and teach each man how to go to work. To obviate this difficulty I would suggest a plan which has been found to work admirably elsewhere, and which would be particularly feasible here, where we have two such good instructors. In the cases referred to, an instructor went around the gymnasium, followed by a line of twenty or thirty wide awake fellows, vaulting, jumping, swinging, turning, climbing rope and ladders. After an hour of such rapid, exhilarating work, into which competition enters as an incentive, one feels like a new man. The introduction of some such plan into our Gym. could not but be attended with beneficial results.

CRAIG ELEACHIE.

#### NOTICES.

The Freshman banquet committee desires to announce to the class that the banquet will be held in Library Hall, Friday night, Feb. 25. Concerning the charge that this date has been chosen in order to avoid Sophomore interference, the committee will state that the postponement of the '89 committee from the 18th, to the 25th, made the '89 banquet occur on the night selected for the '90 banquet, for which night, hall and caterer had been engaged. The hall will be decorated in the college and class colors, menu cards of elegant design and finish are ordered and a first class orchestra is engaged. If the class respond as they should this banquet will far surpass all preceding ones held in Ithaca. The attendance of at least 200 is necessary because of the low price of tickets, and it is hoped that all will attend. Tickets \$2.50.

#### CORNELLIANA.

—No "school" Tuesday, the 22d, inst.  
 —Winter Meeting in the Armory to-night.  
 —Wanted—Some simple drawings from which to make wood-cuts, to be used as illustrations in the ERA.

—Do not forget to pay your ERA subscriptions.

—The tug-of-war to-night will be close and exciting.

—The Junior Ball was a splendid financial success.

—Our Commodore was rowing on the Inlet this week.

—Many fair visitors have been on the campus during the week.

—Professor Crane did not meet his classes on Tuesday owing to sickness.

—An artist from New York is busy painting the scenery for "Engaged."

—The University band will furnish music for the Winter Meeting to-night.

—The applause at the Chrisman lecture was too plentiful to be appreciated.

—The Little Tycoon filled the front rows at the opera house with students.

—The University exercise next Tuesday. "Who was Geo. Washington?"

—A certain Freshman on Tioga street has a pleasant faculty of writing poetry.

—All but a few tickets have been sold for the first presentation of "Engaged."

—Four members of the Ithaca Gymnasium will take part in the winter meeting.

—One of the Juniors wished to substitute practice in the University band for orations.

—"A new way to pay old debts"—marry your landlady's daughter. For Seniors only.

—A Senior, who impersonates——in "Engaged" has requested his friends to send up no bouquets.

—Professor Tyler is giving to his Junior section very interesting lectures on the origin of American colleges.

—A scheme is on foot for the starting of a literary monthly. The plan is a good one and should be successful.

—The lights last Friday night at the armory were troublesome as usual, and it is said much amusement was derived from the fact.

—The new crash used at the Junior Ball was unluckily torn during the evening in two places. Somebody must have enjoyed the ball.

—The first lecture in Unsettled Problems in Political Economy was given by Professor H. C. Adams on Wednesday. The topics to be treated in this course are, Commercial Crises, Free Trade and Protection, the Railroad Problem, Migration, and the Social Problem.

—All matter for the *Cornellian* from the fraternities must be handed to H. W. Treat before Feb. 28. Twelve hundred copies will be printed.

—Subscription lists for the C. U. C. A. Building Fund are being circulated among those outside of the Association. Let the good work go on.

—Professor Leakey announces the date of the Junior contest as May 13th. The time for the preliminary contest will be announced next week.

—The condition of the walks on the campus, the early part of the week, was a disgrace to the University. There can be no possible excuse for it.

—The financial result of the lecture in Library Hall, Saturday evening was encouraging. Forty dollars was cleared. Messrs. Chrisman and Elliott deserve the hearty thanks of all.

—The Classical Association opened its career with a very successful meeting on Thursday evening. If we mistake not it is already in a more prosperous condition than some of its older sisters.

—The tug-of-war team from the Rescue Hose Company is made up of Davis, anchor; Doud, Evans and Wallace. It is a good team, and has been practicing daily since the challenge was accepted.

—The Junior Ball committee reports a surplus of about fifty dollars. This is a large amount to have clear, when the increased expense is considered, and the committee feel justly elated in consequence.

—In another column is given an interesting account of how our noble Freshmen got the better of the Sophs. The scheme was an old dodge, and it is surprising that '89 could have been so easily outwitted.

—A Memoir in the Theory of Numbers by Arthur S. Hathaway. This pamphlet is a reprint from the *American Journal of Mathematics* Vol. IX, No. 1; and is certainly a great proof of the mathematical ability of the author.

—The half-year examination in elementary political economy will occur to-morrow afternoon from 3 till 6 o'clock. Kind reader, while you are at your ease in your room, remember the ordeal through which Mr. Hodder is putting his class.

—The Cornell Dramatic Club will present Gilbert's comedy "Engaged" at Cascadilla opera house on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 21 and 22 at 8 o'clock. Sale of a limited number

of seats to the general public for Tuesday night began this morning.

—The students were overrun with valentines this year. They are evidently very popular with the Ithaca girls. The ERA board in general and the editor-in-chief in particular feel grateful to their numerous admirers for their anonymous testimonials of regard.

—A meeting of the Sophomore class was held last Tuesday. The report of the banquet committee was made in favor of holding the supper at the Bennett House in Binghamton. The tickets including railroad fare will not exceed \$3.75. The supper will be held Feb. 25.

—Professor Tyler was understood in this morning's lecture to his Junior section in history, to state that the fines for lying must have been productive of quite a revenue to the early colleges, unless the character of students has changed. We think the professor was not understood aright.

—The Class Day Committee of '87 offers a prize of \$5.00 for the best design submitted to them for the Class Day invitations. All designs must be sent in by March 10. The committee reserve the right to reject any or all the designs submitted. Matter should be mailed to Box 1490.

—The action of certain members of the University at the Chrisman-Elliott lecture is indeed questionable. Students must not complain about the non-attendance of town people at student entertainments in the future, in view of the ungentlemanly manner in which the ladies from town were treated.

—At the last regular meeting of the Friuja Club seven new members were elected. The club was permanently organized, and the following officers were elected: H. M. Robinson, President; Sheldon, Vice-president; Stebbins, Secretary and Treasurer. It is needless to add that the club is flourishing.

—The name of Thomas Shannon, the genial president of the Junior class, was inadvertently omitted from the Junior Ball program as a member of the committee of arrangements. We make mention of the fact in justice to the gentleman, for his well directed efforts contributed in a great measure to the success of the ball.

—Professor Schurman has begun a course of lectures on Darwinism before his class in Ethics, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 in the Geological Lecture Room. The subject is an important one and is handled in a masterly manner by Professor Schurman. All who wish a genuine intellectual treat would do well to attend these lectures.

—The following new and ingenious plan to attend the Junior Ball without buying a ball ticket, was carried out by a prominent citizen of Ithaca, at the last ball. He purchased two spectator's tickets which admitted himself and his lady as spectators, but when once in the Armory he proceeded to enjoy those privileges which were for holders of ball tickets only.

—The Bench and Board held their first symposium last Saturday evening at the Ithaca Hotel. Leon Goetter, formerly '88 was a guest of the club. The evening was passed very delightfully, the songs and impromptu speeches being very enjoyable. Mr. Treat as Toastmaster, contributed much to the pleasure of the evening and officiated in a very becoming manner.

—The Sophomore banquet will be held at Binghamton, Friday, Feb. 25. The price of the tickets has been placed at the nominal figure of \$3.75. This will include the railroad fare and the supper. The banquet tickets will be presented at the railway station and a ticket for the round trip given. '89 should show her old time class-spirit and make the banquet a success.

—In the February number of the *Academy* in an article by Professor Hale upon the teaching of Latin. The Professor describes the methods employed at Cornell for at least two years, methods that seem so natural that only our own hard experience can assure us that they are not employed in all schools. In the same paper are some interesting statistics in regard to the Freshman dropped from the University at the last examination.

—At the recent symposium of the Bench and Board, a well-known Junior with locks of a somewhat auburn hue was called upon for a speech. After much urging the gentleman arose, and, in the plaintive tones with which he is accustomed to inform a certain Professor of the state of his cold, he pleaded: "Gentlemen, I am not *ready*." The assembly usually so staid and dignified, thought he *was* "Reddy," and, throwing off all its natural reserve, descended vigorously.

—The Junior ball committee have decided to invest the fifty dollars, surplus, in a gold medal. The medal is to be known as the Eighty-eight Junior Ball Committee Medal, and is to be competed for annually. The winner, who is to be the best general athlete, holds the medal until the contest of the following year when he delivers it to the Athletic Council, and the Council again awards it to the successful athlete of that year. The medal is a fine one, and will be finished in a few days.

—The following notice to all students having conditions will be read with more or less interest: The attention of students having conditions is specially called to Rule 36, of the rules for the Guidance of Students, which at the beginning of next year and thereafter will be strictly enforced. Rule 36 is as follows: No student shall be registered as Junior in any course, who has not completed all required work of the Freshman year; and no one shall be registered as Senior, in any course, or be considered a candidate for graduation, unless all his required work of the Freshman and Sophomore years has been completed.

—The following letter will explain itself, and will show to Cornellians that Hamilton has a more generous and manly feeling toward Cornell than has any one of the other colleges of the N. Y. S. I. B. B. A.:

"HAMILTON COLLEGE, 2, 11, '87.

DEAR SIR—Mr. Timmerman and I returned from Syracuse, and at a college meeting held the next day, reported the action of the Hobart, Union and Syracuse delegates in regard to asking your University to withdraw from the present league. The college voted that we should endeavor to keep you in the league. The report of the meeting was that it was a most outrageous action to request your withdrawal. We shall sustain you as far as possible. *Hamilton wants Cornell in.* Very truly,

A. R. SEWARD, Man. B. B. C.

—The following is the cast of characters for the comedy "Engaged."

Cheviot Hill (a young man of property,) . . . . . Mr. Huffcut.  
 Balvawney, (his friend,) . . . . . Mr. Goodkind, '87.  
 Mr. Symperson, . . . . . Mr. Tansy, '88.  
 Angus Macalister, (a Lowland peasant lad,) . . . . .  
 . . . . . Mr. Parker, '89.  
 Major McGillicuddy, . . . . . Mr. Bostwick, '88.  
 Belinda Treherne, . . . . . Miss Chamberlin, '89.  
 Minnie, (Symperson's daughter,) . . . . .  
 . . . . . Miss Benham, '87.  
 Mrs. Macfarlane, (a Lowland widow,) . . . . .  
 . . . . . Miss Boynton, '89.  
 Maggie, (her daughter; a Lowland lassie,) . . . . .  
 . . . . . Miss Marx, '88.  
 Parker, (Minnie's maid,) . . . . . Miss Boileau, '89.  
 Two Eriends, . . . . . { Mr. Warner, '87.  
 . . . . . { Mr. McCargo, '87.

The play is being rehearsed daily, but the first dress rehearsal will be held Monday afternoon.

#### PERSONALS.

E. E. BAKER, '85, was recently in the city.  
 SPRAGUE, '86, is doing engineering work in Montana.

CAL. TOMPKINS, '79, visited friends in the city a few days ago.

KITTINGER, '85, is in business at Seattle, Washington Territory.

L. J. GOETTER, formerly '88, spent a few days in town last week.

DUDLY R. HORTON, '76, spent Sunday Feb. 6, in town visiting friends.

THE town was last week graced by the presence of Dwellé, '84, and Case, '84.

TAYLOR, '88, sprained his ankle Thursday afternoon while practicing with the nine.

HAWLEY, '86, French, '85, and Ehle, '86, are stationed at Ft. Worth, Texas. They are engaged in running instruments in the field work of the Fort Worth and Denver City R'y.

THE following members of Phi Delta Theta fraternity recently attended the initiation ceremonies of the newly established chapter at Syracuse University: Boynton and McAllister, '87, Bennett, Devendorf, Sawyer, Dodgson and William, '89, and Folts, '90.

AT a dinner in New York Saturday evening, given to the prominent Republicans of the country, Gov. Foraker of Ohio, Cornell, '69, replied to the toast, "The Republican Party." His speech raised the greatest enthusiasm, and at once caused his name to be associated with the ticket for 1888.

#### EXCHANGES.

According to the *Occident*, a little paper from the wilds of the West, the Cornell ERA is unattractive in appearance, its editorials are commonplace and not original, its locals are few and uninteresting and the body of the paper is devoted to post-graduate thought. This is terrible volley of adverse criticism to fire at us all at once. But this is not all. We falsely represent the great institution that fosters us. Though the greater part of the *Occident's* criticism is, as we think, uncalled for, a part of what it says is true. The editorials in the ERA may be commonplace; as to that, it is not for us to judge. Perhaps it may be said that the editorials in any college paper are commonplace in the judgment of men belonging to other colleges for whom the contents of the editorial columns have no direct interest. But as for the assertion of the non-originality of our "eds." that is too droll to be seriously considered. The exchange editor of our diminutive critic must have been suffering from a mental delusion when he made that statement. No, as for "post-graduate thought," it is extremely fitting that the ERA should contain such matter, for it has more

alumni and alumnae than undergraduates upon its subscription list. In a certain sense we do falsely represent Cornell to the outside world, and in otherwise we do not. Cornell, as well as Yale or Williams for example, has many men capable of contributing good literary matter, prose or poetry, to a college paper. They do not do it, and so Cornell is falsely represented by the ERA. The fact of the business is, however, that the undergraduates here are forced to work so hard to keep up a good average standing with their fellows, or to satisfy their ambitions to become successful prize orators, successful aspirants for scholarships or what not, that they have no time or inclination to do purely literary work merely for the benefit or the satisfaction that it gives them. And in view of this plain fact, the ERA does fairly represent this University. We make these remarks in order to let the *Occident*, et al. know how we are situated and with what we have to contend.

The *Rochester Campus* comes around full of the two Syracuse Conventions, full of reports of what Cornell has done in the way of joining a base ball league, and still a little "slangy." The *Campus* has attributed to us the desire to join two leagues at once, and is glad that we are to meet such worthy opponents in either case. Cornell has neither joined any Wesleyan-Pennsylvania-Lehigh-Columbia-etc., league, although she would like to see such a one formed; neither has she applied for admission to the eastern league. By the grace of the recent convention at Syracuse, she is practically untrammelled by any league bond. But wherever we alight, friend *Campus*, look out for us.

The *Yale News* published a short time since a report of a terrible struggle between the two lower classes at Cornell, the North Western University. The trouble arose from a class sleigh ride. The *News* is a little mixed on this matter. This is hardly the North Western University, nor do we have class sleigh-rides. Suppose that enough sleighs could be scraped up in the surrounding country and that Cornell's two lower classes, aggregating 500 men, should get into trouble over trying to ride in them, shades of Napoleon Bonaparte! such a miniature Waterloo would result that the *Yale News* could surely make no mistake concerning the locality of the engagement.

Here is something joyful for our co-eds to look upon: "The young ladies at Cornell are said to surpass in scholarship the male students."—*Yale News*. The *News* has us foul. We dare not say publicly that the above statement is not true, but we should like to have a

few moments private conversation with the fellow that made the assertion.

The *Crimson* for Feb. 7 makes a long editorial comment on an extract from one of ex-President White's recent speeches. The extract, which should be carefully read and its ideas well considered, is as follows: "We constantly have two things; a vast number of young fellows running about the country, doing almost anything and doing it ill; and, on the other hand, a considerable number of places looking almost in vain for somebody to do the best work."

Cornell authorities have decided that attendance at recitations shall be no longer required. If advantage of this law is taken to any considerable extent by the students, it would seem that after one examination, their attendance at college would no longer be required.—*The University Voice*.

This bit of news caps the climax, as showing the prolixity to which some of our exchanges are prone. Aside from this fact, the excellent rule of the Cornell Faculty is wrongly interpreted. Attendance at recitations is optional, but it lies within the discretion of the several professors whether a student shall be allowed to try the examinations. This practically puts a limit to the number of "cuts" permitted. The new rule works admirably, and professors find that the attendance is more regular than under the old system.

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CLIPPINGS.

—The young lady who burst into tears has been put together again, and is now wearing hoops to prevent the recurrence of the accident. *Ex.*

—"Dear, dear, how fashions do alter, to be sure," remarked old Mrs. Peachblossom. "I see that steerage rates are cut lower."—*N. Y. Journal*.

—When a man becomes firmly convinced that he is a genius, it is then that the fringe slowly begins to form on the bottom of his trousers leg.—*Life*.

—Mrs. Spriggins thinks that a certain young lady of her acquaintance has no sense of proprietorship, because, when the funeral was passing, she had her sleigh driven right through the cassage.—*Life*.

—Miss Boston, (sweetly)—"I understand Miss Chicago, that the belles of your city find large boots the more preferable?"

Miss Chicago, (still sweeter)—"Yes, but we don't have to use mucilage on our garters."—*Ex.*

—"What are pauses?" asked the teacher of a primary class. "Things that grow on cats," answered little Allie.

—"The car is full of alumni," whispered Miss Beaconstreet to her friend from the West, as they both journeyed Cambridgeward in the horse car. "Yes," said the Chicago girl, "and how it chokes one up, don't it; I wonder they do not open the ventilators."—*Bulletin*.

Edward F. Dillon who was killed in the Vermont Railroad accident, at White River Junction, Vt. Feb. 5, was the pitcher of the Dartmouth College nine in 1885 and 1886. He was about nineteen years old, and hailed from Springfield, Vt. He was an excellent pitcher and at one time Princeton College offered strong inducements to him to go there.

—It is reported that a Cornell student wishing to rebuke a certain publisher of sensational stories, sent him a burlesque on a blood and thunder story, entitled "Hildebrand the Horrible, or the Haunted Pig-Sty." But instead of being crushed the publisher thanked the young man for his powerful story, and asked him to write another like it.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

A boy got \$10,000 in the Louisiana state lottery, but I would rather be a boy who had ploughed a whole week for \$1. I would slap that dollar into my pocket, push my breeches under my head at night, and the eagle on that dollar would turn into a nightingale and sing me to sleep.—*Sam Jones*.

Moral.—Some people can drift into dreamland without any singing.

Jack Lynch, of the Mets, is coaching at Fordham, N. Y., the St. John's College nine. Manager Mutrie and Jim O'Rourke of the New Club are each filling the same position for respectively Columbia and Yale College. Bobby Matthews of the Athletics is instructing the University of Pennsylvania team, and Ferguson of the Philadelphias is training the Princeton College candidates for base ball honors.—*Ex.* Would that we could have a professional coach.

—A gay young society Mr.  
Was struck on another man's sr.

She raised a big row  
'Neath the mistletoe bough,  
For she was displeased when he kr.

The young man began then to laugh,  
"My dear, you're too modest by haugh,"

But he felt rather lame,  
When in contact he came  
With her father's stout brogans of caught.—*Ex.*

—There's the parallel bar,  
The big sand-bar,

And the "bar" of the hunter's yarn ;  
 There's the legal bar,  
 The hostler's bar,  
 And the castle's bartizan.  
 There's the surgical bar,  
 The gay barber,  
 And the barber-chirurgion ;  
 There's the pitcher Barr,  
 And the musical bar,  
 And the old Greek barbiton.

But barring these bars,  
 Give me the bar,  
 With the barley-broth so brown ;  
 And a fair bar-maid,  
 In a barraclade,  
 To help me bar it down.—*Ex.*

—I watched the smile on her rosy lips,  
 As I bunched the cards and she stacked the chips ;  
 "Give me the pack, my deal."  
 A flourish, a flash, the shuffling done,  
 She dealt me a hand, and I said in fun ;  
 "This time the pot I'll steal."

An ace, two treys, a queen, a jack,  
 But the card I wanted was in the pack—  
 A "bob-tailed flush" I saw.  
 "One card," I said, when the bets were made ;  
 I split the treys and drew a spade—  
 'Twas a club I held before.

With her card she tapped her snowy chin,  
 And laughingly said, "I always win,  
 Come, I'll bet you all I've got."  
 "I'll take you," said I—and I saw her start—  
 "I'll raise you one and bet my heart."  
 She called me and lost the pot.—*Tid Bits.*

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PROBABLY there is nothing which is so closely connected with our life as students and which exerts such a powerful influence for good, as the Cornell Christian Association. It is possible that many of us know too little of the Association, but certainly its wonderful growth, both in numbers and importance, has not escaped our ken. It is a remarkable fact that many of the good people of our land look upon Cornell's non-sectarianism with doubt and

fear. With no direct religious requirements, they look upon spiritual growth as an impossibility. By these people the immoral tendencies are magnified and the means for good are almost entirely lost sight of. They forget that it is not compulsion that makes Christians nor university rules that make moral students. To such persons, does our Christian Association speak nothing? When the Association first unfurled its colors, there were only forty-two followers of the standard. To-day there are two hundred and forty-three active members, fifty-six associate, and twenty-two honorary, making a grand total of three hundred and twenty-one members. These facts alone ought to go far towards removing an impression that is founded more in prejudice and ignorance than in anything else. Practically untrammled in its work from a lack of sympathy, the Association looks forward to a bright future and one filled with well improved opportunities for doing good. To the Association, the ERA wishes God-speed and success in the undertaking now before it.

"WHO was George Washington?" There is little need to ask Cornell students this question, for the answer is one of the first bits of information acquired by every student soon after his advent upon college scenes. However, of this man we would not speak lightly, for his memory is too sacred to be mentioned by us in any but the most reverential way. Aside from the lessons which his life teaches, we still have much, as a nation, which testifies to the wisdom and forethought of Washington. He stamped his character upon the nation with indelible colors and, as a result, we hold to his memory. Says Everett, "Let us hang to his memory; let us make a national festival and holiday of his birthday and celebrate the great anniversary with all the solemn and joyous rites

of observance." Imbued with this feeling, the University officials suspended the exercises on the hill on last Tuesday and the students, in appreciation of this great boon and in honor of the memory of Washington *their* great benefactor, celebrated in a manner hitherto unknown even in boisterous Ithaca. To commemorate the memory of Washington, by appropriate ceremony, is certainly in thorough keeping with the purpose and aim of every institution of learning, since from their halls step the men who, uniting their influence to that of "The Father of his Country," are to lead this nation to a position of which Washington, perhaps, never dreamed. Upon the young men rests the responsibility for the future, but with "Washington as the bright consummate flower of our earlier civilization," they ought not to shrink from the great duties of citizenship. With these well met, a man proves a blessing to his country and leaves behind him something more than a mere name.

ONE of the valid criticisms upon this University is the fact that its students do not publish any purely literary periodical. To deny the force of this criticism would be idle, were we so disposed; fairly to acknowledge it and to offer some remedy for the evil, may be of ultimate good. With the well-organized and efficient department in literature that we have here and with which our men are in intimate contact for the last three years, there is no reason for a lack of literary culture or literary spirit. Nor is there such a lack, if the whole truth were known. But there are so many other ways in which students may spend their surplus energy and their leisure time, that the men who would be expected to conduct such a paper prefer to devote themselves to other objects. The desire for credit for work done may be decried, but it is normal and healthy and is nothing else than the recognition of *mine* and *thine* as between man and man. The ambition for honorable marks may be ignoble, but this Faculty, contrary to the opinion of sundry colleges about the country, is exacting in its demands for a degree;

and it is well for a man to have some regard to that consideration, unless he is willing at the last moment to go home with no more initials than he brought to college. To seek to win special or even general honors may be contrary to the spirit of Cornell, but such things help to give a man a chance to show whether or not he is of any worth. These are some of the rewards offered here for energy and application. They furnish opportunities for meeting in college something of the exertion of life outside, and their possession helps a man; while work on a literary magazine in addition to one's regular practice in composition brings rewards mostly thin as air. One's classmates know whether one can write or not after two years of work in essays and themes; and the world cares little for collegiate composition. The rewards, then, of such editorial work, are slight, and others must be sought, if it be wished by the powers that Cornell take the place among centers of learning, justly her due from the standpoint of literary culture. The appointment by the head of the department of two Senior specialists in his work, and the choice by them of a pushing business man from their class as manager, would make a board capable of *editing* a literary magazine. Then a credit of two hours to each, would leave them time in which to do the routine work and do it well. It may be objected that such a publication once existing has ceased to exist, and that its failure negatives this entire argument. But the *Cornell Review*, whose *editors* were its *authors*, whose advertisers paid the whole expense, depending on a subscription list that had no existence, was not such a publication, and had no right to be considered a *bona fide* representative of student opinion or student skill. The members of the present Senior class wisely refused to prolong the life of a magazine for which there was no positive demand. A Cornell literary monthly is entirely possible and desirable, but there must be official connection of the Faculty with it to the extent above outlined, to give it permanent value.

## THE SOPHOMORE BANQUET.

'89's SECOND CLASS SUPPER A COMPLETE AND FLATTERING SUCCESS.

"There was a sound of revelry by night."

Now has the winter of Sophomore discontent reached a glorious end. As with individuals so with classes; each vies with the other in the production of great events. The results are lasting and furnish food for the contemplative mind long after the events have taken place. As in Greece and Rome, national festivals and public feasts played an important part in all matters relating to the common weal, so in modern times, the enjoyment and welfare of college students is increased very many fold by class suppers and other meetings of like nature. This fact none can doubt, at least none who attended the Sophomore Banquet held last night at Binghamton. The arrangements made were complete and augured well for an enjoyable occasion. Accordingly, towards 3 p. m., the time of departure of the train which was to bear the merry banqueters to scenes less familiar than those which greeted the Freshmen in Library Hall, the D. L. & W. depot began to be swarmed by men from whose faces gleamed the spirit of '89 and love for old Cornell. A large crowd assembled at the depot to see the boys off, and not a little excitement attended the departure. As the train pulled slowly out from the depot, shout after shout, prolonged and loud, rose from the ranks of the Sophomores, and those who were left behind answered with a vim hardly to be expected from their diminished number. Happily all trouble was averted and hence, disappointment rested upon the faces of the anxious citizens who had come "to see the fun." Merry song and jest enlivened the busy pleasure seekers, as the special train bore them rapidly (?) towards Binghamton, the city where they could "roam in gladness free." At Owego, the citizens were told of Cornell in a manner hitherto unknown in that quiet village.

Finally, at 5:45, Binghamton was reached, and the boys greeted their President with sounds which he had not heard for three days at least. Meantime, "fall in" was the order, and, headed by the Seniors present, the glad Sophomores proceeded, two abreast, to the Bennett House where once, even twice, the '89 slogan rose to greet the evening stars which here and there dotted the blue canopy. Curiosity was pictured upon the faces of the citizens, and "Cornell's in town" passed rapidly from lip to lip. After an announcement by President Stern, that a concert would be given in the Armory that night, to which all Cornell

students would be admitted free, the boys separated into twos and threes "to do the town."

Eight o'clock found a large delegation of Cornell students, and especially of '89, in the Armory of the Sixth Battery. Here, too, the assembled people were made to feel the peculiar force of '89's slogan. The concert was very fine and the thanks of all Cornellians who were present, are due to Captain Olmsted for the kind invitation which enabled them to listen in company with the *élite* of Binghamton. The following resolution was adopted by the class of '89, as represented in the dining hall of the Bennett House: *Resolved*, that we, the class of '89 of Cornell University, hereby tender our thanks for the kind invitation to attend the concert of the Sixth Battery, and express our appreciation of the excellent entertainment which has been afforded us.

At length 9 o'clock, the hour appointed for the banquet to begin, came, and with it the Sophomores, anxious to begin the repast, and listen to the words of the orator, historian, poet, prophet and jokers—alias, responders to toasts.

The banquet hall was very tastefully arranged and decorated. The tables were placed in the form of the letter *V*, at the upper end of which the toast master and class officers were seated. The walls were hung with festoons of carnelian and white. At the lower end of the hall hung a nicely draped American flag, while along the sides the familiar slogans of the class of '89 and Cornell, together with the mottoes, "*Dulce est desipere in loco*," and "*Ede via et nunquam animus*," stood forth in letters of red on a field of white. On the left of the officers the number '89 showed plainly that the Sophomores were holding high revel there. The thanks of the class are due to Messrs. Olmsted, '85, and Breckenridge, ex-'89, for their assistance and interest taken in the decorating of the hall.

The programmes, to say the least, were very unique. Here, again, the carnelian and white of Cornell were prominent. To give an adequate description of the *menu* would be impossible and vain. Suffice it to say, however, that the proprietor of Hotel Bennett knows how to cater to the tastes of the most fastidious epicurean.

After two hours feasting, President Stern, in a pleasant manner, introduced the orator of the evening, Mr. Ogden, whose theme was "The Ways of the World." He spoke in brief as follows:

The hero characteristic of all ages has been, and still is, advancement. This one increasing purpose can be seen even from the most hasty glance at his-

tory, without going back to any prehistoric days, or fabled —, running through all ages. Yet we must admit that the human mind at sometimes and in some directions early reached a point of development never since surpassed nor equalled, i. e., the golden days of the Athenian Pericles. Could you plot the line of the world's progress you would find it bent and turned in a thousand curves, now advancing, now retiring, but as a whole, ever onward and upward. Darwin shows us how we are the results of just such changes. Nations, one after the other, as well as individuals, follow it out. The change and advance in language, in poetry and music, in mechanical devices, in modes of government, all exemplify this. In all progress it is ideas that prevail. Force alone is powerless to cause advance. Though seeming to prevail for a time, yet it is only with an all-prevailing, supreme idea that most effective and evident results are obtained. Such ideas are eminently the results of university influence. The life in the university communicates itself to the nation, descending through various grades of intellectual capacity, reaching the very lowest and imbuing all with a desire to be up and doing. In this land is the world's great hope. The future centuries are dependent on this generation for their growth. This generation is in turn dependent for its growth on the Universities and their life. The thought that the world and its progress is dependant on us, is a gigantic one. The accumulated wisdom of the ages is our inheritance. We, in our complex civilization, in the many mechanical devices so conducive to man's pleasure, luxury, etc., are living examples of the law of progress. And we are not at the end even now. As we look forward into the future we can see a time when men shall point back to this time and call it the infancy of the world and this university the landmark of the world's growth.

The mysteries of nature have still to be revealed, the supremacy of justice and love to be vindicated, the lily of purity has still to bloom in its perfection, the palm branch of universal peace has still to blossom and bear fruit and give its leaves for the healing of nations.

The speaker was vigorously applauded when he had done, and, indeed, was interrupted with applause many times in the course of his oration.

The poet of the evening, Mr. Millholen, was now announced. He was greeted with great applause, and certainly did not disappoint his hearers. Mr. Millholen's poetical ability is well known to all now within the pale of the University, as well as many who do not enjoy this privilege. We regret that our space forbids the printing of the poem in full.

Mr. Balch, the historian, was next introduced. He presented his history in a pleasing manner, and elicited much applause. The following is a short digest of his effort:

The ordinary writer of history has defeats as well as victories to record, but in narrating the events which have taken place since our entrance to the University, I am unable to give you a single instance where '89 has suffered defeat. In athletics '89 can justly claim the first place. The ladies of the land have publicly

thanked us for our attitude on the wine question; and what is an evidence of the greatest flattery '90 has followed in our footsteps in everything as to wine, cane rushing, class hats, and even in the selection of a date on which to hold their class banquet.

I will not weary you with a detailed account of all the victories won, a tale dear to the heart of every '89 man. Who can doubt, as he looks around on the happy faces, that '89 will, in the last banquet, score a triumph, and that the festivities enjoyed here to-night will be looked back upon as one of the brightest spots in our university career.

The prophet, Mr. Blood, presented his prophecy in a telling way. He departed somewhat, in the style of his composition, from the old highway of modern prophecy, and couched his words in such language as Moses was wont to use. The following bears testimony to the merit of his efforts:

Behold I declare unto you, my brethren, the words revealed unto your prophet. For it came to pass, after the days of White, that Adams came out of the land of Michigan to rule over the tribe of Ezra, and the tribe prospered under his reign, and waxed great. And the first-born of his reign was the class which was called '89. And behold, the child was a goodly one, and early took precedence over its brethren.

Now it happened in the second year of the reign of Adams, that another class was born to the tribe of Ezra. And it was a sickly child, though large and ill-favored; and they called its name '90, which is, being interpreted, FRESH. And '90 made itself exceedingly precious. And it came to pass in the second month of the same year, that the chief ruler of the tribe appeared unto the prophet of the class, and spake these words: "My son, arise, gird up thy loins, call thy people together, and go up out of the land of Ithaca. And when ye come into the land which is called Binghamton, ye shall cause the land to assume a crimson hue. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hands, and they shall stand in mighty awe of you. Then shall ye repair to a table, which mine host shall have ready prepared for you, and ye shall make a great feast, howbeit, ye shall remember the will of the chief ruler, and there shall be no wine, neither drunkenness, but ye shall drink your toasts even as the Freshmen do, in cold water and milk. Nevertheless, on the next day, when ye return to your own land, there shall be sleepiness, and big heads, and cuts, and divers reminders that ye have had a good time.

The prophet now turned his attention to the work in hand and succeeded so well, that he was dubbed by the class the "great prophet" of events that would surely come to pass.

Mr. Treman, as toast-master, assumed his position with a few well chosen remarks, and announced the first toast of the morning, Class of '89, responded to by Mr. Leon Stern. The other toasts were given in the following order: Cornell, responded to by H. C. Stancliff; The Snap-Hunter, S. T. Beecher. Mr. Beecher being too hoarse to deliver his toast, Mr. Mashke read it for him. The Foot Ball Team, E. H. Bennett, Jr.; Class of '90, C. Jones; Our

Freshman Year, P. S. Lyon ; The Senior Class, W. F. Rackemann ; The Committee, S. L. Adler ; Examinations, C. M. Eustis ; Physics, L. C. Crouch ; College Friendship, L. H. Parker.

The following impromptu toasts were listened to : The Sun, Mr. Vedder, followed by Mr. Coley ; The Era, Mr. Kuykendall, followed by Mr. Morrison ; Our Host, W. H. Baldwin ; The Gym. Faculty, C. H. Lee ; The Absent, Mr. Kirkland ; The Lunch Counter, A. H. Washburn. Numerous other speeches were made, all of which contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion. The responses to the several toasts were, without exception, *par excellence*. They were the cause of much merriment, and won well deserved applause. However, sense was not sacrificed to humor, and thus '89 added new laurels to her already ever-green crown.

The awarding of the following prizes was the cause of much genuine mirth : Bloodiest Soph, B. H. Blood, a tin sword ; Eighty-nine's Dude, B. R. Wakeman, a four-inch dude collar ; Hardest Kicker, H. C. Stancliff, a combination ball and wind instrument ; The "Co-eds" Pet, Mr. Iwasaki, a pair of bloomers ; "Billy's" Grind, E. H. Bennett, Jr., a top ; Biggest Eater, S. T. Beecher, a muzzle ; Our Bacus, C. M. Eustis, a bottle of water ; Our Chestnut, A. H. Washburn, a basket of onions.

Precisely at 3 a. m., the banqueters, seventy-five strong, dispersed, after having given the Cornell yell, and three cheers for mine host. To the credit of '89 be it said, that extreme soberness characterized their every action, and that the short wait in the hotel office, for the Ithaca-bound train, was accomplished most quietly, and when, at length, the hour of return had arrived, all were ready and willing to say that they had spent a most enjoyable night.

In expressing our opinion of the Banquet, we can but do so in the highest terms. Every appointment was perfectly arranged and carried out to the letter. Certainly '89 is to be congratulated upon the success of their second supper. Not a single jar served to break or in any way mar the perfect harmony and dignity that sat, with becoming grace, upon the whole proceeding from first to last.

The Binghamton Press was represented by the following gentlemen, both ex-Cornellians : W. J. Flanigan, *The Republican* ; A. G. Breckenridge, *The Leader* ; Mr. F. L. Chrisman represented the *Associated Press*.

—The recent articles on Oratorical Training in the Era have caused much new interest to spring up in that subject.

### THE FRESHMAN FEAST.

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,"  
"Malignant cares are banished from the sight ;"  
"A mighty concourse did assemble. Then—"  
"There was a sound of revelry by night."

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the history of the present Freshman class ; a day upon which it may ever look back with the fondest memories. Like all Freshman classes, it had been, up to yesterday, a somewhat disunited body, made so by circumstances that necessarily exist whenever a body of men, bound together by a tie of common feeling, are yet comparatively unknown to each other. Last night the men of '90 feasted harmoniously together ; and, gathered around a common board, they forged, each by himself unconsciously, a firm bond of friendship with his fellow-classmen.

The Sophs., though somewhat "afraid of the cars," as a Freshman aptly put it, boarded their "special," and left '90 behind in Ithaca, unscathed, unaggressive, but exceedingly "willin'." Nothing was left to mar the pleasure of the "Freshies," save a scant remnant of the brave Sophomore band, that stayed behind to skulk and howl from afar like hyenas when the lion is eating his well-earned meal.

At 9.45 p. m., the '90 men were gathered in Library Hall, ready and eager for the feast. Well they might feel joyous and patriotic. The bountifully filled tables held everything that could be desired to tempt the appetite. The center of the room was adorned with a large bench-load of vases of flowers that filled the hall with their fragrance, while round the front of the gallery hung streamers of red and white, stars of red, silver and gold, and the light-blue and mahogany colors of the class of '90. A pretty sight it was, and one fitted to arouse the spirit of any class.

The exercises opened with an address by President F. H. Callan ; his remarks, especially his references to the great brain power and shrewdness of '89, were received with rounds of applause.

The historian, Mr. Ford, promised to differ from most writers of history, in that he would not depart from the truth. That his account was accurate was demonstrated by the applause with which it was received by the class. Only the memory of struggles actually gone through could have called forth such cries of recognition. A large number of the victories of '90 were presented in well chosen terms. Even the events of the last few days were not neglected. As an evidence that the historian did not shrink from tales of woe when they naturally presented themselves, the following sketch of a special-  
ly painful epoch may be given :

Yet '90 has not been without her sorrows. It now becomes our sad duty to write a sorrowful page of history, to relate the sad fate of her sons. When they entered, their hopes were high, and the path of life lay smiling before them, and they trod it joyously with no thought of the morrow. But alas! a day came when their names were no longer found in the alphabetical list, their rooms were untenanted, and they were busted. Let us drop a tear, and draw the curtain on this sad scene.

Mr. Ford's delivery was remarkably distinct, and he made himself clearly heard amidst the abundant applause and laughter which his appreciative auditors constantly poured forth.

It must have been a novel experience for the '89 man in the gallery to hear the frequent allusions to his class put in language so expressive. It is great but deserved praise to say that Mr. Ford merited the hearty reception he received.

Then Mr. W. S. Young arose and delivered the oration on "Our Country's Progress." The production was well received, and showed the work done upon it. It seemed somewhat too statistical in its make up. We extract as follows:

What is grander, nobler, and more enlightening, what more interesting and inspiring than to observe the progress of our country on every side? The characteristics of all classes are here blended for good, and every bustling, active stranger seen abroad brings forth the remark: "There is an American." No nation surpasses ours in the promotion of science and in mechanical industry. In our institutions of learning we are unsurpassed. We, the college students, are the ones that are to become the generals and the leaders in the thought of the future. Let us appreciate our situation, and try to so elevate our country's worth that the whole world may admire the grandeur of our Republic.

The audience was then treated to one of the best things of the whole evening, the poem by H. B. Crissey. The ball game pictured by his muse, was vociferously received by his classmates. Likewise his neat allusion to the "O. W. J." Taken as a whole it thoroughly roused the enthusiasm of the Freshmen. We should like to print it in full, but lack of space forbids.

Mr. L. E. Chester made the prediction of '90's greatness. As an introduction, he foretold for Cornell many an advance that we hope she will yet make. When he turned from these serious predictions and drew the veil from before the future of individuals, he showed still greater skill. President Callan was treated with as little favor as the humblest private by the democratic prophet. From the very nature of class prophecy, we are not at liberty to give the many excellent points made by Mr. Chester; but without exception, the cuts were good and of such a kind as to leave no sting. Many were at the expense of men who are already well known to the whole University, and might

have been enjoyed by all. Those upon Brodhead, Sheldon, McDowell, Fragner and Smith, W. N., were among the best.

After so long a delay, at 11 o'clock, the hungry hundreds fell upon the good things with an appetite which the excellence of the mental food had not diminished. After the first course President Callan suggested that by way of diversion the class "count up." The count showed a total of 168 banqueters—a number which has never before been gathered at a Cornell class banquet, and which speaks much for the enthusiasm of the Freshmen. The wild joy of the '90 men was unbounded. Songs, speeches, and refusals to make speeches, followed in quick succession. The omnipresent Heggie was induced, after much urging, to favor the assembly with some of his choice ideas, and he was closely followed by Mr. Fragner, '90, and Archbold, '89. Not an upper classman in the gallery, not even a visiting graduate, was exempt from the demands for oratorical contributions. Many of the demands were fruitless, but Gadsby, '86, was dragged from his modest retirement by the importunity of the Freshmen. General hilarity then reigned for a time. Everything in the "singing-books" was given down, "Johnny Get Your Gun," and "George Wash." included.

Everything promised by the committee of arrangements was realized, and several extra treats were given, as for example, a touching communication from the '90 co-eds.

Toasts were presented as follows:

TOAST-MASTER, - - - J. H. SHELDON.

The Class of '90, . . . . . D. Upton.  
The Faculty, . . . . . F. G. Fisher.  
Cornell, . . . . . W. R. Webster, Jr.  
The Juniors, . . . . . K. F. Rupert  
To '89, . . . . . E. A. Ballou.  
Our Foot-Ball Team, . . . . . J. G. McDowell.  
The Ladies, . . . . . H. S. Foskett.

The responses formed the most laughable part of the exercises, and in each case did credit to the speakers.

The regular toasts being now all presented, impromptu remarks were made by Fisher, '88, of the ERA, and by Barnes, '88, of the Sun.

The prizes of the evening were awarded by informal ballot. Mr. McDowell was decided the biggest eater and received a soup ladle, for which he expressed his thanks. The charge of being the greatest dude was proved against Mr. Staggs, and he was sentenced to accept a doll. Mr. Caldwell was decided to be Zinck's best customer, and received a beer glass. The handsomest man was found to be Mr. W. N. Smith, who was presented with a piece of crockery. The ladies' favorite in the class of

'90 is no other than Mr. McReynolds, who now is the owner of a bustle and the special press prize. During the awarding of the prizes the excitement was rapidly increasing, and by the time "Fraggie" was voted the freshest Freshman, the crowd was ready to disperse.

From the time the representative of '89 was ushered into the room of feasting till the last weary Freshman had departed, the banquet was most pleasant and unmarred by any outburst of the predicted factional spirit. The gentlemen who were opponents in the class-meeting debates contributed alike to the success of the banquet. There were no "wine" men, no "tea" men present, but the chosen beverages of the two parties flowed in one stream of harmony. The various intermissions between the parts of the program were pleasingly filled by music from the Germania Orchestra, and by singing from the Freshman Octette. Mr. Sheldon performed his duties as toast-master neatly and most acceptably. As a master of ceremonies he was a decided success.

But all joys must cease, and all festive meetings must be adjourned. Enthusiasm was rife in the middle of the evening, and it did not lessen as the storied wee sma' hours grew into larger ones. The fun at last came to an end. The Freshmen yelled, and shouted their joys, then gradually subsided. A grand banquet was over, successful in every way. The banqueters were sleepy, and, like a weary man, worn with well-doing, and exhausted in a noble cause, they

"Fled,  
Murmuring, and with them fled the shades of night."

### THE BANQUET OF THE FRESHMEN CO-EDS.

Not to be behind their brethren, the ladies of '90 held a banquet of their own last night. At first there were a few strange accidents, but all obstacles were removed and an enjoyable time was had by everyone. For the same old reason, lack of space, we can give only the following outline of the evening:

#### TOASTS.

"For to-night we'll merry, merry be."

I. Our Boys, . . . . . Miss Whittemore.

"To those who know thee not, no words can paint,  
And those who know thee, know all words are faint."

II. The "Sophs." . . . . . Miss Vedder.

"Illustrious predecessors!"  
"A little learning is a dangerous thing."

III. "O. W. J." . . . . . Miss Palmié.

"With many a note and winding bout  
Of linked sweetness long drawn out."

#### SONG.

- IV. The Faculty, . . . . . Miss Albright.  
"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,  
That these small heads could carry all they knew."  
V. \* \* \* \* . Miss Barrett.  
VI. Class of '88, . . . . . Miss Dygert.  
"Great minds by instinct to each other turn,  
Demand alliance and in friendship burn."  
VII. "Hugh." . . . . Miss McIntire.  
"I am monarch of all I survey,  
My right there is none to dispute."  
VIII. Cornell, . . . . . Miss I. M. Hill.  
"Ye distant spires, ye antique towers,  
That crown the watery glade."  
"Ah, happy hills; ah, pleasing shade."  
Toast-mistress . . . . . Miss M. B. Hill.  
Poet . . . . . Miss M. Robbins.  
Prophet . . . . . Miss E. L. Gilbert.  
Committee of Arrangements—Misses Whittemore,  
Barrett, Vedder.

### WINTER MEETING.

#### SPLENDID WORK BY OUR ATHLETES.

Last Friday evening the Armory was a gay scene to all interested in Cornell athletics. No arrangements were left undone to insure the comfort of the spectators and, notwithstanding dismal weather, the attendance was by far the largest that has ever graced the Winter Meetings of the Athletic Association.

The presence of a large number of ladies from Sage and from town, and also of President Adams and ex-President White and many prominent professors, was a well-deserved honor to the cause of athletics and bears testimony to the fact that this feature of Cornell is keeping pace with her steady strides in other directions.

To the well chosen officers of the occasion is due much of the success of the program. It was well arranged and was carried out with an agreeable promptness.

The Armory was well lighted and appropriately decorated and the limited seating capacity was well utilized. The first two rows of chairs were reserved and as such were readily disposed of; the standing room was also well filled.

The management of the occasion is to be congratulated upon the very successful financial outcome of the meeting. Many thanks are due to the following well-known Ithaca firms for the kind donations of prizes: Messrs. Zinck, Schuyler, Andrus & Church, Rich, Platt, Finch, Sherwood, Brooks, Nourse & Wilson, Heggie, Brown and Bool.

There were nineteen regular events all of which were very interesting.

Event No. 1—Spring board jump. Contested by W. F. Rackemann, '89 and E. N. Sandersan, P. G. The contest was very exciting and

was decided a tie with a jump of 100 inches to each man's credit. This beats the best previous Cornell record by four inches.

Event No. 2—Parallel bars. Contested by W. Z. Morrison, '87 and A. E. Metzgar, '88. Both were much applauded and introduced many new feats of strength. After a spirited contest, Mr. Metzgar was decided the winner.

Event No. 3—Running high kick. Contested by G. R. White, '88, and M. F. Webster, '88. Much amusement was afforded by Mr. White's peculiar method of jumping. Good work was done on both sides and Mr. Webster finally won with a kick of 8 ft. 9¼ inches.

Event No. 4—Middle weight wrestling. Trial bout between F. E. Brooks, '90 and F. A. Broadwell, '88. Brooks had best hold but Broadwell was game and made things interesting. Mr. Brooks won two falls and the bout.

Event No. 5—Tug-of-war, 1st tug. University team consisted of J. L. Warren, '90, anchor, J. S. Parker, '89, W. H. Peck, '88, and A. C. Balch, '89. Rescue Steamer No. 2 team consisted of F. B. Davis, anchor, P. Barnes, Chas. Green and Chas. Westman. Neither team got the drop and at the end of two minutes neither side had obtained any advantage. Interest was at the highest pitch and something had to be done. The foot brace of Cornell's anchor broke which worked against the team but when time was called Cornell had the rope by ½ inch. The enthusiasm of those present was shown by giving the famous Cornell slogan and then three cheers for the plucky Ithaca team.

Event No. 6—Horizontal bars. Contested by A. E. Metzgar, '88 and R. Flint, '87. They were both favorites at once and each did some excellent work. Mr. Metzgar won.

Event No. 7—Light weight sparring. Trial bout between F. C. Johnson, '90 and L. E. Chester, '90. Some interesting work was done on both sides with a slight tendency to slugging. Mr. Johnson was decided the winner.

Event No. 8—Light weight sparring. Second bout between W. E. Greenawalt, '87 and G. F. Roess, '89. This bout was more amusing than the preceding one. Lack of skill was the chief characteristic of this event. Mr. Roess was the winner.

Event No. 9—Rope climbing. Contested by A. J. Shern, '90, G. L. Teeple, '89, G. S. Tarbell, '90, and R. Flint, '87. Mr. Teeple won. He climbed 17½ ft. in 6¾ seconds, thus beating all previous records.

Event No. 10—Running high jump. Contested by A. D. Lundy, P. G., and G. R. White, '88. Won by G. R. White. Weight 5 ft. 2¾ inches.

Event No. 11—2nd tug between University and Rescue No 2. Cornell got the "drop" by three inches and held it to the end. Ithaca team made many strong efforts to "heave" but to no avail. This tug gave the contest to the University team as they had won two out of three bouts.

Event No. 12—Feather weight sparring. Contested by R. Flint, '87, and S. Fortenbough, '90. The latter gentleman was five pounds over weight but Mr. Flint kindly allowed him to enter the contest, which proved to be a very close one. Mr. Flint was the winner.

Event No. 13—Exhibitiou tumbling by four members of the Ithaca gymnasium. They performed many clever feats and created much merriment. They responded to a vigorous call for an encore.

Event No. 14—Feather weight wrestling. Contested by C. J. Shearn, '90 and A. M. Fragner, '90. Mr. Shearn won one fall after a good struggle and then Mr. Fragner withdrew from the contest. Shearn was declared the winner.

Event No. 15—Swinging rings. Contested by W. Z. Morrison, '87, and A. E. Metzgar, '88. Mr. Morrison did some excellent work and was declared the winner. Mr. Metzgar was forced to withdraw, owing to an accident to his hand.

Event No. 16—Middle weight wrestling. Final bout. Contested by G. H. Thayer, '90 and F. E. Brooks, '90. Mr. Brooks won.

Event No. 17—Final bout light weight sparring. Contested by G. F. Roess, '89 and F. C. Johnson, '90. Mr. Johnson showed his superior science and was declared winner of the contest.

Event No. 18—Putting the shot. Contested by W. Z. Morrison, '87, E. C. Ehle, '90, and J. L. Warren, '90. Mr. Warren won with a put of 31 ft. 3 inches.

Event No. 19—Tug-of-war between teams not over 500 lbs. Won by Miller's team after hard work.

Messrs. H. P. DeForest, P. G., and A. E. Metzgar, '88, then gave an exhibition sparring match, which showed the careful training of both contestants. They were about evenly matched and contributed much to the pleasure of the evening.

The '88 Junior Ball Committee Medal for the best general athlete was awarded to Mr. A. E. Metzgar, '88.

—The Cornell Dramatic Club is booming. Now is a good opportunity for all those who desire to join to do so.

## "ENGAGED."

The performance, by members of the Cornell Dramatic Club, of W. S. Gilbert's satirical comedy of 'Engaged,' at the Cascadilla Theatre, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, was proof of the existence of unusual theatrical ability in the University, and an earnest of what great things the Club, if wisely conducted, may be able, with its large membership, to accomplish in the future. All the parts were, without a single exception, admirably sustained; and during the entire performance, which occupied over two hours and a half, there was nothing maladroit, except that, on Monday evening, a portion of the scenery had a very decided tendency toward the audience, after the fall of the curtain at the close of the first act.

The cast of characters bore testimony to the excellent judgment of the dramatic director, Mr. Leakey.

The play it must be admitted, is not a pleasant one, however much amusement it may, for the moment, afford. Like all of W. S. Gilbert's work, it tends toward (and this is a mild way of putting it) a desecration of sentiment. Satire should avoid becoming a more objectionable thing than what is satirized. A medicine may be an excellent remedy, if properly administered; but if administered in overdoses, it may do more harm than good.

"Graviora quaedam sunt remedia periculis."

There are single scenes, in standard English Plays, which would furnish better material for elocutionary purposes than is afforded by the farcical comedies of the day, and which might be presented with good artistic effect. Shakespeare's Plays abound in such scenes. And what is an important consideration in this busy University, they could be got up with much less trouble and expenditure of time than entire plays, and with much more profit. Appropriate scenery, too, would be of less consequence. Short descriptions of the situations might be given in the programme, for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the Plays from which the scenes are taken.

We hope something of the kind will be tried by the Club.

## NOTICE.

A class in Electricity and Magnetism, reciting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7 p. m., will begin work next Tuesday, Feb. 22, at Cascadilla school. The class will be in charge of W. H. Hammon. The tuition fee will be \$5.00.

—Class meetings have been at a premium this week.

## CORNELLIANA.

—C-U-C-U- '89!

—Non-a--gin--ta!

—"We want protection."

—Did you have silver or gold?

—The Cornell orchestra is a daisy.

—Will there be another Military Hop this term?

—The day off, Tuesday, was fully appreciated by all.

—The marks in Political Economy will be in Saturday, March 5.

—The lunch counter did a thriving business during the Farmer's Institute.

—There will be a masquerade at the rink March 1st. Students are invited.

—A great many alumni have been visiting in town lately. Wonder what's up?

—Full accounts of the Sophomore and Freshman banquets are given in this issue.

—Nearly one hundred and fifty dollars were cleared at the recent Winter Meeting.

—Metzgar, '83 has the honor of being the first man to win the Junior Ball Medal.

—The Senior committee on music held a meeting at Horace White's room last week.

—A letter has been received from Teemer, the oarsman, in regard to coaching the crew.

—"Engaged" was a thorough success. It should be given at Wilgus Opera House after Lent.

—Stage director Leakey was called before the curtain at the conclusion of "Engaged" Monday eve.

—The Undine held a symposium Monday night at the Windsor Hotel. Mr. Morgan was Toastmaster.

—The Junior Ball Committee Medal is completed and is a dandy. It may be seen in Heggie's window.

—"Kid-napping" seems to be the popular amusement this year—doubtless owing to our very large Freshman class.

—All matter for the *Cornellian* from societies and associations must be in the hands of the editors not later than March 1st.

—Several Juniors attended the Sophomore Banquet at Binghamton. Thus do the lions and the lambs lie down together.

—The editors of the *Sun* received a very pleasant call from Fragner, '90, last Wednesday evening. He claimed to be too busy to call again very soon.

—The patriotism of the boys in the Mechanical Lab. was shown on Tuesday by giving down, "Who was George Washington?"

—The orchestra was heartily applauded Monday and Tuesday evenings. All were delighted with the rendering of its selections.

—Popular Instructor to Mr. K. "Can you tell me where the guttural sounds are produced?" Mr. K. "In the stomach." Guttural laughter by the class.

—The poets, orators and officers of the Sophomore and Freshman classes have not ventured to sleep for three nights, as the air is full of plots, and they feared they would awaken in Free Hollow or Varna.

—The existing vacancy on the ERA board will be filled by the method of competition. This mode of election has worked admirably at other colleges, and we dare say will bring to our notice a Senior worthy of the position.

—When you see an acquaintance about 8 o'clock in the evening pacing impatiently up and down a lonely side street, do not accost him. He does not want to see you.—*Yale Courant*. The above item is applicable to our own students.

—The main customary events of the winter term have all come and gone, the Junior Ball, the Winter Meeting, the Sophomore and Freshman banquets, and the only thing left to do is to study up for the final exams. which are dangerously near at hand.

—A member of '90 proposes the following:

When eighty-eight has gone to heaven,  
And ninety is there with eighty-seven;  
Then eighty-nine down here below,  
Will be in suffering and woe.—*Fortnight*.

Let's hear from '89 on the subject.

—The following from *La Lumière Electrique* is a gratifying tribute to the excellence of the work done by the advanced students in our Physical Laboratory. The paper referred to is the graduating thesis of Mr. E. L. French, '86. It was published in the *Electrician and Electrical Engineer*, of New York, copied into the *Electrician* of London, as well as the *Electrical Review*, and the paragraph we quote appears at the close of a very full abstract prepared by the editor of *La Lumière Electrique*. "Les expériences de M. L. French ont été exécutées avec le plus grand soin au laboratoire de Cornell University; elles nous ont paru offrir, bien que limitées, une importance pratique assez considérable pour en présenter aux lectures de *La Lumière Electrique* un compte-rendu détaillé après l'*Electrical Engineer* de New York et l'*Electrical Review* de Londres, qui les ont publiées *in extenso*."

## PERSONALS.

WILLIAMS, '87, Scaife, '88, Fielder, Riggs, Westbrook, Durland, '89 and Kilmer, '90 left Wednesday evening for the Psi Upsilon Convention at New York.

PRESIDENT ADAMS and ex-President White left Wednesday evening for New York to attend the fifty-fourth annual convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. President Adams presided at the public literary exercises and ex-President White delivered an oration Thursday evening.

THE marriage of Edwin Watson Catchpole of Rose to Miss Alice Rich, only daughter of Hon. John S. Rich, of Marion, was celebrated at the home of the bride's father in the latter place at noon on Tuesday. About 130 guests were present, including students from Cornell University, from which institution the groom recently graduated. The large parlors and hall of the Rich mansion were beautifully decorated with flowers. The marriage ceremony was performed beneath a floral arch by Rev. M. C. Tyler of Cornell University.

## MARRIED.

PIERCE—HAIGHT. Miss Pierce, daughter of ex-Gov. Pierce of Dakota, and Haight, '79, at the home of the bride's parents in Bismark, on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at high noon.

## AMUSEMENTS.

The following letter from Manager Fre. D. Ellis, explains itself:

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The above company will appear at Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday evening, March 1st. Tickets now on sale at Finch's. Admission, 35, 50, and 75 cents.

## EXCHANGES.

*Vassar Miscellany* for February contains a good article on: "Shall Russia have Constantinople? from an Englishman's Point of View."

Young orators should consider the following bit of advice given by a well-known lawyer, who was once the most successful orator at Yale. It is taken from the *De Pauw Monthly*: "You will, in after life think less than now of success in the field of college oratory. The drilling that a preparation for a contest gives you, is, of course, of advantage; but after all, the strong man in life is the man whose mind is stored with useful facts. Your study and practice of gesture and expression have their place, but the successful orator in life invariably falls into a style of action and utterance natural and peculiar to himself. A style adapted to his thought and in harmony with his mental qualification."

The tendency of all college men is to write a too 'flowery' composition, and to show too little regard for common place facts and solid arguments founded upon them. In every case the solid argumentative production is that which shows solidity of mental strength."

The *Targum* for Feb. 11 publishes a poem covering more than two pages, and entitled "Rats in the Garret." The title is well taken. If the "wild and wooly man from the west," who wrote the article, is not afflicted with the disease with which his muse is struggling, then he is trying to impose upon the *Targum*. The poem(?) is metreless, senseless, but positively not "slangless." It may have a point in it; we advance this statement only as a conjecture, however, for the point is certainly invisible to the "mind's eye."

Of all childish efforts to be "funny," the *University Student* in its locals stands at the head. As a proof of this we shall merely clip the first few lines of the "Locals" in the last issue: "Measles!!" "I am dull!," "Feed my lamb," "Foot and a half!," "John, what!," "Buckwheat cakes!," "Jimcyjews-harps!," "Ella Fiddlesticks!," "Is yours a speckled pup?," "Charley loves to Wheel'er round the fair ones." Of all inanities these certainly are the greatest.

The ERA has been criticised by one or two exchanges on its lack of college news. If some one will furnish us with a column of college news every week that is news, we will gladly publish it. But the news usually found in our exchanges under that head is so "chestnutty" that it will hardly bear the twentieth publication. We have been a little lacking however, in this kind of matter and will try to publish somewhat more news (?) in the future.

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WE are always glad to hear from the alumni. Only this week we received a very welcome letter, the sender of which not only kindly criticised our efforts, but offered something in the way of a remedy. We are very well aware that our columns contain too little that is of personal interest to the alumni, but the fault is not our own. It must be remembered that our means of information in this direction can have but one source and when that fails there is no further resort. If the ERA is to contain each week personals, notes, facts in regard to alumni, these must be furnished by the alumni themselves. Very few such things come under our immediate observation and

hence, knowing nothing, we can say nothing. If every alumnus who feels disposed to criticise our columns, would contribute even to the extent of a few personals, he would soon see the ERA take on one good feature at least; he would know more of his old college friends and would take a deeper interest in all matters relating to the progress of the University. The college paper, to be most successful, must enlist the sympathy and coöperation of students and alumni alike. One would be valueless without the other, but the two go hand in hand. Let every alumnus who reads this make it a matter of duty to give us whatever information he may possess that would be of interest to Cornellians.

"IN the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." This is an old and somewhat reliable saying, but the exceptions to it are many. The young men at Cornell have divers other things to think about. The Freshmen groan with exceeding great groanings over "O. W. J." and the Sophomores are troubled in spirit by the "theory of potential," while the Juniors and Seniors have no rest from the work that is so easily thrust upon them. One hundred and eighty hours or no sheepskin, is a rule that applies to all alike and sorry is the man who seeks to make exception to its application. In the midst of all these things, there is still one thing else in which we all find infinite delight. After the successful athletic events that have been held thus far this year, who can doubt but that Cornell will put an almost invincible team in the field? This year new victories must be won, but we are not so sanguine as to expect no defeats; new rivals are to be met and the mettle of our athletes will be tried as never before. There is still much time before out-door work can begin and this ought to be employed in the gymnasium. The winter training is an invaluable aid to success in any physical contest. Every as-

pirant for athletic fame ought by no means to neglect systematic work in the gymnasium and he ought to be seen there, at least three times a week, busily engaged in perfecting his physical condition for the coming meeting of the N. Y. S. I. A. A.

THE banquets of the under-classes are over and the excitement that attended these events has entirely subsided. Although the newspaper fiend has noised abroad many blood stirring reports of contests which never took place, yet, as is usually the case under such circumstances, no act of violence was perpetrated which could give such reports even the semblance of truth. Surely the feelings of students and parents ought to be respected and not subjected to the money making schemes of the sensational writer of college news. Just such accounts as appeared in several papers last week, have kept many a timid boy from entering college, and have made many a careful father hesitate to place his son in the midst of influences that tend to rowdyism. However, we wander from our purpose. Both the under-classes, one equally with the other, are certainly to be congratulated upon the successful issue to which the respective suppers were brought. Nothing, not even discord, crept in to mar the festivities of the evening. Such class events serve to acquaint the members with each other and to make the class more of a unit. Aside from this, there are advantages of association and union, which go far towards the symmetrical development of the social powers. It is too often the case that students neglect this side of their training and, consequently, when they step forth into active duties of life, they find themselves handicapped by those whose other acquirements are inferior to their own. No opportunity for improvement is too small to be neglected, especially during the four years of college training. The best results are often reached through the simplest means, and those who study most are often rewarded least. This is the exception rather than the rule and yet it is none the less true.

Social acquirements are within the reach of everyone and enhance a man's worth twofold. Class suppers are a means for improvement and those who attend them generally carry away what will sometime stand them well in hand.

HAVE you ever thought what college life would be without the college paper? It is difficult to estimate the importance into which this branch of journalism has grown within the last few years, and yet it may be said, with all truth, that no college is complete, however large its endowment or numerous its instructors, without an exponent in the way of a college paper, controlled entirely by the students. Of so much prominence has this fact assumed, that there is scarcely a college or advanced school in this country which does not support at least one publication of this sort. These numerous papers are as different as the various colleges which they represent, even though they were founded with the same object. The east and west are in a manner arrayed against each other in the college press of the two sections. Neither one likes to admit the excellence of the other and the result is, cruel invectives followed by unpleasant comments. One section is equally in error with the other. Friendly criticism cannot be too strongly encouraged, but criticism, prompted by prejudice and extreme egotism, ought to have no sanction, from whatever source it may come. College papers are merely the outgrowth of student thought and opinion and as such should be considered. While this is true, they are often the product of a few editors upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility, both literary and financial, of publication. We wish not to magnify our office, but it does seem that the efforts put forth by the editors of college papers, are too little appreciated. Limited in their province, they are called theorists and a single error of judgment makes them liable to the severest censure. Notwithstanding these things, the college press still flourishes and we cannot help thinking what a void their would be in student life, if the college papers were not.

## CATULLI CARMEN LXII.

A METRICAL VERSION, BY PROFESSOR W. G. HALE,  
READ AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CORNELL  
CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

[At the house of the bride's father, a double chorus of young men and maidens, who are to sing the hymeneal song, are banqueting at separate tables, waiting for the appearance of the evening star and the starting of the procession for the house of the bridegroom. At the fourth stanza, the song proper begins, with the presence of the bride. The maidens three times inveigh against marriage, playing a losing game, as the refrain shows; the young men cap their thought each time and convert it to the praise of the married state. With the last stanza they turn their address to the bride herself.

For the sake of the continuity of the poem, a conjectural restoration of the lost passage in stanza 6 has been translated.]

## ONE OF THE CHORUS OF YOUNG MEN.

Hesper is here, my lads; up now, for his star in the heaven  
Raises his first faint beams, the beams we have long been awaiting.  
Time is it now that we rise, time now that we leave the rich banquet;  
Soon will the bride be here, and the song of wedlock be chanted.  
Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## ONE OF THE CHORUS OF MAIDENS.

See ye, O maidens, the lads? Up quickly, and forth to withstand them.  
Doubtless the Bringer of Night hath shown his fires over Oeta.  
Surely 'tis so, for see ye how eagerly all have arisen?  
Nor have they risen for naught; their song will be worthy the contest.  
Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## FORMER SPEAKER OF THE CHORUS OF YOUNG MEN.

'Tis not an easy palm, my comrades, that waits on our effort;  
Mark how the maidens together rehearse the song they have studied.  
Nor is their study in vain; they have what is worthy the telling.  
Strange is it not; for they give to the task their whole mind's labor.  
We have directed our minds one way, and our ears in another.  
Justly shall we be vanquished; for victory loveth the careful.  
Wherefore give now, at least, your hearts to the struggle before us.  
Soon shall we hear their song, and soon must an answer be ready.  
Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## CHORUS OF MAIDENS.

Hesper, what star more ruthless than thine is borne through the heavens!  
Who hast the heart to ravish the girl from the arms of the mother,  
From the embrace of the mother to ravish the daughter still clinging,

And to the passionate youth to give her, the spotless, the virgin!  
What do the foemen more cruel, when cities are taken in warfare?

Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## CHORUS OF YOUNG MEN.

Hesper, what star doth glow more blithely than thine in the heavens!  
Who with the light of thy flame confirmest the bonds of betrothal,  
All that the suitors have promised, and parents with promise have answered;  
Nor may fulfill till first the blaze of thy torch is uplifted.

What have the gods to give us more sweet than the hour of espousal?

Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## CHORUS OF MAIDENS.

Hesper hath robbed us, companions, hath taken a maid from our circle.  
Who among maidens, O Hesper, can hear thee but named and not hate thee?  
For at thy coming the guard must watch with vigilance always;  
Thieves roam when night hath fall'n; and thou art the bringer of nightfall.  
Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## CHORUS OF YOUNG MEN.

True; at thy coming the guard doth watch with vigilance always.  
Love's thieves roam at thy rising, whom often, returning, thou findest,  
Changed thyself but in name, erst Hesper, now Star of the Morning.  
But 'tis the pleasure of maidens to chide thee with censure invented.  
Ah, but what if they censure the God whom their still hearts long for?  
Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us!

## CHORUS OF MAIDENS.

Like as a flower that is born in the secret and fenced garden,  
All unknown to the flock, by never a ploughshare bruised,  
Which the soft winds caress, suns strengthen, and rainfalls nurture:—  
Many a lad this flower doth covet, and many a maiden:  
But when 'tis plucked by the finger, and yields up the bloom of its sweetness,  
Never a lad this flower doth covet, nor ever a maiden:  
So is the virgin, while yet she is virgin, the joy of her playmates.  
But when she yields herself up, and the bloom of her innocence withers,  
Nor to the lads is she lovely, nor dear is she now to the maidens.  
Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

## CHORUS OF YOUNG MEN.

Like as the lonely vine, which, born in the desolate farmland,

Never may lift herself up, nor bring into fruitage her clusters,  
 Drooping her delicate body beneath the strain of its burden,  
 Touching forthwith to her root the shoots of her topmost tendrils :—  
 Round her the farmer tills not, nor oxen with labouring ploughshare :  
 But if perchance the elm doth win her, and make him her husband,  
 Oft doth the farmer till round her, and oxen with labouring ploughshare :  
 So doth the virgin, still virgin, grow aged, unheeded of wooers.  
 But in the fullness of time if she gaineth a marriage befitting,  
 Dearer than dear is she now to her husband, nor irksome to parents.

But do thou struggle not thus, O Bride, with a husband so noble.  
 Wrong is't to struggle with him who has thee in gift from thy father,—  
 Father himself, and mother, to whom thou must render submission.  
 Nor is thy maiden state thine,—a part is the right of thy parents :  
 One third part is the father's, a third to the mother belongeth :  
 Thou hast a third alone. Shun, then, with the twain to struggle,  
 Who to their new-won son have given their rights with the dowry.  
 Come thou, O God of Wedlock, Confirmer of Wedlock, be with us.

### GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES.

[From Baird's *American College Fraternities*.]

College students have always shown a more or less marked tendency to form themselves into societies. Whether founded upon a national, literary, or social basis, these organizations seem to have been coeval with the colleges themselves. Throughout the United States there is a class of students' societies, usually secret in their character, which rapidly grew in favor, and have become of great importance in the college world. They are composed of lodges or branches placed in the several colleges united by a common bond of friendship and a common name, generally composed of Greek letters. From this latter fact they are known among non-collegians as "Greek Letter Societies," or, more frequently, from their secrecy, "College Secret Societies," but among themselves they are styled "Fraternities." Before tracing their origin and progress it will be well to give some description of their customs and practices.

The name of each Fraternity is composed of two or three Greek letters, as Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Alpha Delta Phi, Beta Theta Pi. These letters commonly represent a motto, unknown to all but the Fraternity's members,

which indicates the purposes, aims, or actions of the organization. The lodges situated in various colleges are affiliated, and are, with one or two exceptions, termed "Chapters." The Chapters receive various names, sometimes of the Greek letters in the order of their establishment, as Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.; sometimes without any apparent order, as Theta, Delta, Beta, Gamma, in which case the Chapter letter is generally the initial of some word peculiar to the college. Sometimes they are named from the colleges, as Union Chapter Hamilton Chapter, or from the college towns, as Waterville Chapter, Middleton Chapter. In one case, at least, all these are departed from, and the Chapter is named after some prominent member. When Chapters have become so numerous that the letters of the alphabet are exhausted, they are combined, either by chance, as Theta Zeta, Beta Chi, or by design, in the addition of supplementary letters, as Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Beta Beta, Gamma Beta. In other cases a regular system is employed, and some word or words used to denote the repetition, as Alpha deutron, Beta deutron, or, in case the alphabet is being used for the third time, by Alpha triteron, Beta triteron, the supplementary words being generally denoted by their initial letters, Delta and Tau respectively.

The distinctive badges or pins of the Fraternities are of three kinds. First, a shield or plate of gold, displaying upon it the Fraternity name, together with symbols of general or peculiar significance. This kind of badge is worn as a pin, as a pendant from the watchchain, or as a watch-key. Secondly, a monogram of letters composing the name; these pins are by far the handsomest of all, and are almost always jewelled. Thirdly, some symbol representing the name of the society or some of its degrees, as a skull, a harp, a key.

In addition to the badges, which are worn as pins and attached to the vest or necktie, many of the Fraternities have chosen distinctive colors. As the fraternity Chapters are generally known by letters, the members of each Chapter frequently wear their Chapter letter or letters as a guard-pin, and attach it to the badge proper by a tiny chain. When the college colors are worn in connection with the badge, and no fraternity colors are used, the college chapter, and Fraternity of an individual can thus be told at a glance.

Many of the colleges publish what are known as "annuals" or "year-books," being undergraduate catalogues, containing lists of the students, class histories, college organizations of various kinds, such as the fraternities, musical

dramatic, athletic and social clubs, and a few caricatures. The catalogues are always in reality, if not nominally, under the control of the fraternities, and considerable space is devoted to their interests, giving rise to a peculiar class of "posters" or "cuts." These appear opposite the names of the society's members, and consist of a representation of the fraternity name or badge, together with a collection of symbols, the date of founding the fraternity, establishing the chapter, mottos, etc. This class of pictures is of recent origin, and the style and kind of poster differs with every fraternity and nearly every chapter, ranging from a meaningless landscape to a coat-of-arms, having, it is true, little heraldic significance, but generally in good taste.

The systems of government in vogue among the fraternities are almost as numerous as the societies themselves. With some the authority is given entirely into the hands of the parent chapter or some chapter appointed in its stead; with others, the government is carried on by an executive council, chosen by election or in some other way; and with others still, the government is conducted by a grand lodge or by a system of State lodges. In general, however, whenever the fraternities hold conventions, authority of all kinds is vested in that body during its sessions, and with many of the fraternities charters for new chapters can only be granted by these conventions. These reunions or conventions are made up of delegates from the various chapters. As presiding officer, some old and well-known member is usually chosen, and in addition to the transaction of business, public exercises are held, during which the assembly is addressed, poems are read, etc. The session usually concludes with a more or less expensive banquet. Such meetings make acquainted the students of various colleges, and promote educational interests in many ways.

Within the past ten or fifteen years, it has been the practice of the members of the fraternities not in college residence, when they have been sufficiently numerous, to form alumni Chapters, and these graduate Chapters of the best known fraternities are now in nearly all the large cities of the country. In some cases, the alumni Chapters act in every way like the collegiate chapters, transact business, send delegates to conventions, and hold regular meetings. In others, the Chapter is only one in name, an occasional supper or assessment being the only reminder which the members have of its existence. Few, if any, of these non-collegiate chapters admit members to the fraternity.

The oldest and best of the Greek Letter fra-

ternities publish neat and tasteful catalogues of their members at stated intervals. These catalogues are at times expensive, and are illustrated by one or two steel engravings, and a plate of symbols or coat-of-arms for each Chapter. The members' names are usually arranged alphabetically by classes, or by the years in which they were initiated, and foot-notes indicate the military, political, civil, or collegiate titles of individuals when distinguished. Some of the Fraternities also print a series of private symbols, composed of Greek letters, numbers, astronomical and mathematical signs, etc., which denote rank held in the Fraternity, the college honors or prizes gained, etc., of the person to whose names they are attached. Death is universally denoted by an asterik (\*). The cost of printing such symbols has deterred all but the most wealthy from incurring such an expense, and a catalogue is considered sufficiently complete if it gives the name, residence, occupation, official titles, and class of each member. Song books are also published, both by fraternities and individual Chapters, and the minutes of conventions, reports of officers, historical sketches, supper programmes, poems and mortuary notices are usually printed.

Many of the fraternities have printed their constitution and initiation services, but in the case of a secret organization it is rather a hazardous experiment.

The laborious correspondence which a large number of widely scattered Chapters necessitates has of late years caused a curious class of journals to make their appearance. The journals are published either monthly or quarterly, and are devoted to the interests of the Fraternity under whose badge they are issued. Published at first by private enterprise, they have generally received in a short time the official sanction of the Fraternity, and are given in charge of an official board of editors. They awaken new interest in the minds of graduates, by giving them news of their former Chapters, and serve an important purpose by providing means for free expressions of opinion in regard to matters of interest. These papers have generally taken their name from peculiarity in the badge of the Fraternity which they represent, as the *Theta Delta Chi Star*, the *Delta Tau Delta Crescent*, the *Psi Upsilon Diamond*, the *Phi Delta Theta Scroll*, the *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Phi Gamma Della*, etc.

Musical talent has not been wanting among the members of the Fraternities and their friends, and, in addition to original melodies for Fraternity songs, there has issued from the musical press a whole series of marches,

waltzes, galops, *et id omne genus*. Of these, the best known are the Delta Kappa Epsilon March and Chi Phi Galop.

Since the Fraternities have begun to feel that they are firmly established, undergraduate and graduate members have united in contributing towards Chapter building funds, and lodges and Chapter houses have been built sometimes at a cost of \$30,000, or even in one case of \$40,000. These buildings usually contain sufficient sleeping room for the higher classmen, and serve as Chapter houses.

The first American society bearing a Greek-Letter name was founded at the College of William and Mary, in 1776, and was called the Phi Beta Kappa. It was secret in its nature, and tradition has brought down several accounts of its origin. One states that it came from Europe, another that it was founded by Thomas Jefferson, a third that it sprang from a Freemasons' lodge. Whatever may have been the manner of its beginning, the cause was undoubtedly the common friendship and independence of its founders. It was purely literary in its character, its meetings were held monthly or semi-monthly, and only Seniors were eligible to membership.

The Chapter or lodge was termed the "Alpha," and the first exoteric branch was established at Yale College; from there it spread to other colleges in the manner which is hereinafter related. It will be seen that the causes for its foundation were friendship and the promotion of a common object. These causes, and a spirit of opposition or imitation, will satisfactorily account for the foundation of every Fraternity now existing. Phi Beta Kappa remained alone until 1821, when a senior society was founded at Yale, and called the Chi Delta Theta. Between the establishment of Phi Beta Kappa and that of Chi Delta Theta, a class of societies differing from either had arisen. These were mostly of a literary character, and bore names such as Hermesian, Philalthean, Erosophian, Linonian, Adelphi, Philotechnian, etc. Some of them were secret and some were not. Their exercises consisted in debates, the reading and discussion of papers on literary subjects, and the like. Encouraged as they were by the faculty, the students joined them as a matter of course, but there was little actual interest taken in their proceedings, except at the literary contest, or when elections were about to take place. These societies, though excellent in affording forensic training and practice in oratory, did not satisfy the want which resulted in the formation of the secret Fraternities shortly after. Such were the so-

cieties existing in the colleges when in 1824, a secret and select literary society was organized at Princeton, and they bore the name of Chi Phi. It was promptly abolished by the faculty on account of its secret nature, and disappeared for a time. One year later, at Union, four years of constant intercourse among a few congenial spirits promoted the formation of a club which was called the "K. A." or "Kappa Alpha Society." This was, in reality and spirit, the first Greek-Letter Fraternity, being the first to put into practice the principles which have since guided these societies. The new society met with much opposition, but was secretly popular with the students for two years later, in 1827, two similar organizations were founded in the same college, Delta Phi and Sigma Phi. In these three societies we see the germs of the present Fraternity system, and, curiously enough, their badges and system of naming Chapters are now, with one or two exceptions, the only methods in use. Kappa Alpha's badge was a watch key, and its Chapters were named after the colleges in which they were situated; Sigma Phi's pin was a monogram, and its Chapters were named alphabetically by States; and Delta Phi's pin was a cross, and its Chapters were named in alphabetical order. Sigma Phi was the first of the trio to establish a branch organization, and in 1831, calling itself the Alpha Chapter of New York, the Beta Chapter of New York, was placed at Hamilton College. This move resulted one year later in the foundation of Alpha Delta Phi at that college. In 1883, Psi Upsilon was founded at Union, and the year after, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi having placed Chapters at Williams, found themselves confronted by a new rival, in the shape of an *anti-secret* society, the Delta Upsilon. Alpha Delta Phi's second chapter was organized at Miami University in 1883, and in 1839 the first Western Fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, was founded there in consequence. Union College gave birth to Chi Psi in 1841, and Theta Delta Chi in 1847; Alpha Delta Phi and Psi Upsilon entering Yale College as junior societies, soon after their establishment, in 1844. Delta Kappa Epsilon was founded there, its rapid progress soon giving it as great influence and greater numerical strength than its older rivals. By this time, the Fraternities had established chapters in New York City colleges, and in 1847 Delta Psi originated at Columbia, and Zeta Psi at the University. In 1848, Phi Gamma Delta started from Jefferson College and Phi Delta Theta from Miami, and these two Fraternities, together with Beta Theta Pi, were to be to the West what the "Union" Fra-

ternities had been to the East. The first Southern Fraternity, the "Rainbow" or W. W. W., was founded during this year at Mississippi University. In 1850, Phi Kappa Sigma was founded at Pennsylvania University, and immediately spread West and South. In 1852, another Fraternity, the Phi Kappa Psi, issued from Jefferson, and in 1855, Sigma Chi from Miami. The next year, 1856, saw the birth of the second Southern Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at Alabama University. In 1857, Phi Sigma, now a local Fraternity, had its origin at Lombard University, and 1858 Sigma Delta Pi, of the same class, was organized at Dartmouth. 1850 was prolific in secret organizations. Delta Tau Delta, at Bethany, Southern Chi Phi, at North Carolina University, Northern Chi Phi, at Hobart, and Sigma Alpha, at Roanoke, were all organized in this year. The civil war then put an end to college enterprise everywhere; many of the Southern colleges were destroyed and their faculty disbanded, and in the North some closed their doors for want of professors and students. When peace was declared, fresh activity was observed among the ranks of college men. In 1864, Theta Xi was founded at the Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. In 1865, Southern Kappa Alpha was established at Washington-Lee and Alpha Tau Omega at the Virginia Military Institute. As the work of reorganization went on, Alpha Gamma was founded at Cumberland University, and Kappa Sigma Kappa at the Virginia Military Institute in 1867; Pi Kappa Alpha being one year later at Virginia University, and Sigma Nu at the Virginia Military Institute. In 1859, two special Fraternities were founded, the Phi Delta Phi, at Michigan University, in the law department, and D. G. K. at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Kappa Sigma was also founded this year at Virginia University. In 1870, Zeta Phi, a distinctly Western society, was founded at Missouri University, and a second agricultural society, the Q. T. V., at Massachusetts Agricultural College. In 1872 Phi Kappa Alpha at Brown; in 1874, Alpha Sigma Chi at Rutgers and Phi Delta Kappa at Washington and Jefferson; and in 1878 Delta Beta Phi at Cornell, bring the roll down to the present time.

The first of the Ladies' Greek-Letter Societies was Kappa Alpha Theta, founded at Indiana Asbury University, in 1870. The same year Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded at Monmouth, Ill. The third society, Delta Gamma, originated in Oxford, Miss., in 1872.

*To be continued.*

### SAGE CHAPEL PREACHERS.

The following are the names of the eminent preachers who will occupy the Sage Chapel pulpit next term:

- Apr. 10—Francis Greenwood Peabody, A. M., D. D., Cambridge, Mass.  
 Apr. 17—Rev. T. Edwin Brown, A. M., D. D., Providence, R. I.  
 Apr. 24—Rev. W. Hayes Ward, D. D., LL. D., New York City.  
 May 1—Rev. Bishop Chas. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., San Francisco.  
 May 8—Rev. Washington Gladden, D. D., LL. D., Columbus, O.  
 May 15—Rev. Francis L. Patton, D. D., LL. D., Princeton, N. J.  
 May 22—Rt. Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, D. D., LL. D., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 May 29—Rev. Edward Everett Hale, A. M., D. D., Boston, Mass.  
 June 5—Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, A. M., Hartford, Conn.

### MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

The meeting of the Presbyterian Union on Tuesday evening was well attended by both students and townspeople. After opening remarks by Mr. Donaldson, the President, the following program was carried out:

- Song . . . H. E. Baright and Miss S. E. Rogers.  
 Paper on Presbyterian History, . . . W. L. Cooling.  
 Private Life of John Calvin, . . . G. R. White.  
 Piano Solo, . . . Miss Wells.  
 Reading, "The Chambered Nautilus,"  
 Miss J. L. H. Knight.

A pleasant social was then held for some time.

### NOTICE.

Professor Wheeler will speak before the Christian Association at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Botanical Lecture Room. Every one is welcome.

At the Unitarian Church, Friday evening, March 4, The Mouse Trap, a laughable farce in one act. Music by Mr. Whitlock. After the play a supper will be served. Tickets for play and supper 25 cents.

### CORNELLIANA.

- Teemer and victory.  
 —When will the *Register* be out?  
 —The Freshmen held an important meeting yesterday.  
 —"The last of the Hungarians" is now a student here.

—The examination in Psychology will be either March 18th or 19th.

—A stained glass window was seen by Chrisman when he was in Europe.

—Work on the new athletic track will be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

—There are a great many "matches and over-matches's" in Junior elocution and not a little "matching."

—Next Monday night it is hoped that a respectable play will be presented by a first class company. See "Amusements."

—The lunch counter in the Assembly Room is extending its sphere of usefulness. The ladies are beginning to visit it at odd times.

—Already the second generation is making its appearance at Cornell. There is a member of '90 whose father graduated in '71.

—The Binghamton *Leader* gives a three column account of the Sophomore supper. It was written by Breckinridge, formerly '89.

—Some dissatisfaction has been felt about the late Freshman banquet. It is claimed that the cooking was poor. How is it '90?

—The common opinion seems to be that Sully would not get a pass under Johnson. Wonder what the poor students will do.

—Spring overcoats are beginning to make an appearance. The near approaching examinations also remind us that spring is close at hand.

—Another Senior memorial has been proposed. It would be well to examine into this last suggestion, as it might be a very fruitful one.

—Professor Schurman has concluded his lectures upon Darwinism. He is now engaged in showing its relation to Ethics, the subject in hand.

—The Richardson Club had a very successful meeting Wednesday evening. The club is now on a firm footing and is making rapid progress.

—Many improvements are contemplated being made on the hill next term. So it isn't true that "westward the course of empire takes its way."

—The crew expect to get on the water soon and the base ballists are anxiously waiting for the grounds to get in proper condition for outdoor work.

—The masquerade at the rink Tuesday night, is reported to have been a very stylish (?) affair. Many students were witnesses of the gay and festive scene.

—The complaint made some time since about water in the Assembly Room, is unfounded. The cup is hung on the faucet of the boiler just across the hall.

—To-night the Fruija Club will tender a banquet to the Undine. The occasion promises to be a happy one as the banquet will doubtless be well attended.

—The banquets at Sage were both great successes. The selection of toasts was well made and *on dit* that they were replied to in a most becoming manner.

—The class in philosophy is struggling to master Kant, but "they *can't* do it, you know." They don't know enough about logic, this year. Moral, make allowances.

—The Bench and Board will meet at the Alpha Delta Phi house, Monday evening. All members are requested to be present as business pertaining to symposiums will be considered.

—We learn from Mr. Horr, who stopped at Lehigh on his way back from New York, that the Athletic Association there will probably offer some inducement to Cornell to send a delegation down to their next Field Day contest.

—A drummer told one of the Ithaca merchants that he was never in a town where he saw more sailors than in Ithaca. He, judging from the caps and nau(gh)tical looks of the lower classes, probably thought they were sailors.

—The Senior committees are all doing good work and seem to be determined to make '87's Commencement a glorious success. All the classes are with you, gentlemen. Go ahead and continue in the good paths that you have selected.

—The translation from Catullus which we print in another column, was originally read by Professor Hale before the Cornell Classical Association. At our request the professor has since given it its introduction and furnished it us for publication.

—It is a crying shame that the students cannot be treated to a decent show more than once a term. Such companies as appeared at Wilgus Opera House last Tuesday evening are a disgrace to the stage and are anything but ennobling for the minds of students.

—Last night those obliging gentlemen, Messrs. F. L. Chrisman and E. L. Elliott, repeated the entertainment they lately gave in Library Hall, entitled, "An evening in Europe." The lecture was delivered at the Aurora St. Church before a large and appreciative audience.

—The Freshman class had a meeting yesterday in Room K at 10 o'clock, to hear the report of the Banquet Committee. They reported a small balance over from the supper, but after paying the fines of two members of the class, it was found that the class needed \$3 to square its accounts. This is a most excellent showing.

—A walking match between the celebrated pedestrians, O'Leary and Hoagland began Friday afternoon in the rink and will be finished Saturday evening. The contest is open to any local walker and a purse of fifty dollars will be given him if he covers more miles than either of the other two walkers. Admission twenty-five cents.

—Ex-President White's address upon College Fraternities which appeared in Monday's SUN should be read by every student in the University. The subject is one that is much discussed both *pro* and *con* and its able treatment at the hands of our ex-President deserves careful attention from fraternity men as well as independents.

—The Cornell Classical Association now numbers ninety-one members. The next meeting will be held in the Botanical Lecture Room next Thursday evening. The program will include a paper by Dr. Wheeler, an article by Mr. Hale on the revival of classical learning, and an account by Dr. White of recent excavations at Athens.

—Miss Marie Prescott who appears in the Russian drama entitled "Czeka" next Monday evening at Wilgus Opera House, was for three seasons the leading support of the eminent Italian tragedian Salvini. Miss Prescott is a beautiful woman and a great actress. An artistic performance may be expected from her and her excellent supporting company, and it is hoped that this talented lady will be encouraged to visit our University town again and again.

—A meeting of the Senior class was held yesterday at 1 o'clock in the Botanical Lecture Room, President Lovell in the chair. It was unanimously decided to have a composite picture of the class taken. The Memorial Committee reported against a grand stand, for obvious reasons, and recommended a stained glass window, a fountain on Cascadilla Terrace, or a scholarship of \$87. No conclusion was reached in regard to the adoption of a memorial and the meeting then adjourned.

—At the meeting of the Athletic Council last Tuesday, Commodore Psotta was instructed to secure John Teemer of McKeesport, as a coach for the crew. Teemer will begin work May 1,

and will coach the crew until after the races. He will bring with him, Hamm, another well-known professional, and as they are going in training for a double scull race the value of their services will be very great. Teemer will be with the crew every day, with the exception of those days on which he has races, and on those days Hamm will take charge.

—Mr. Thurber presided last Wednesday evening at one of the most interesting meetings of the History and Political Science Association held this term. He said he occupied the chair owing to the absence of President Adams and Vice-president Tuttle. He then introduced Mr. Earl Barnes, who presented a paper on Georgia as a field for historical study. Mr. Barnes presented an unusually good paper, differing very much from the school boy essays presented by other members at some of the former meetings. Mr. Thurber next took the stand and spoke of the history, platform and doctrines of the Knights of Labor; the speaker handled the subject in a way that showed that a careful study had been made of it. Professor H. C. Adams was now called upon. He commended Mr. Thurber on the excellence of his report and then spoke on some points suggested by the preceding speaker. It was announced that ex-Mayor Seth Low of Brooklyn would probably speak at the next meeting, March 16.

#### PERSONALS.

W. W. WHITE, '86, is in the insurance business at Buffalo.

AUSTIN BRAINARD, '83, is Clerk in the Senate of the state of Conn.

LEW PAYNE, '83, recently opened a law office in Towanda, N. Y.

PADDOCK, formerly '84, has a lucrative law practice in Malone, N. Y.

B. H. REEVE, formerly '82, has a good law practice at Greenport, L. I.

EIDLETZ, '85 is meeting with success as an architect in New York City.

EUGENE SMITH, '76, is a civil engineer and is located at Islip, Long Island.

S. M. STEVENS, '85, a former ERA editor, is making splendid progress as a law student at Rome, N. Y.

KENDIG, '81, spent a few days in town visiting friends. He is in the insurance business in New York City.

W. M. SMITH, '74, is at present District Attorney and one of the most distinguished members of the Suffolk Co. bar.

PRESIDENT ADAMS was in Albany last Wednesday in the interest of educational measures now pending in the legislature.

MYRON N. TOMPKINS, a Cornell student from '76 to '78, defeated Leary, '82 for police justice at the recent municipal election.

GADSBY, '85, an ex-ERA editor, was in the village Friday and Saturday. He made us a pleasant call. Come again Gadsby.

HORR, '87, editor-in-chief of the *Sun*, represented Cornell at the Intercollegiate Athletic Convention, held in New York, Saturday.—*The Sun*.

G. L. RAYNOR, '83, reports a growing law practice at Sag Harbor and himself the possessor of a 6 months-old boy, destined shortly to be a Cornell sub-fresh.

DR. A. C. WHITE, instructor in Latin and Grecian History, recently delivered a lecture on the "Acropolis at Athens" before the Emerson Literary Society at Hamilton College. Dr. White is a graduate of Hamilton.

#### EXCHANGES.

In the *Hanover Monthly's* exchange column for the current issue, there is an excellent criticism upon the manner in which the average college journal criticises its exchanges. In most papers the "notices are oppressively alike" from week to week. To use a mode of expression common to the German language and to the American newspaper the criticisms have a sort of we-must-fill-our-exchange-columns-in-some-way tone that makes them uninteresting and even more unreadable for college students than the college journal's abundant and profitable "ads." The *Monthly's* stand is well taken. If every paper should do its criticising honestly, giving praise to whomsoever it belongs and censure wherever it is needed, the exchange column, instead of being passed by with a casual glance, would become interesting and beneficial in many ways.

The current number of *Madisonensis* is a good one. "The Harvard of Iliad" is a clever parody, and the paper is strong in its "local" and "review" departments. We look in vain, however, for an exchange column. The *Madisonensis* must certainly get something every week in its exchanges that is worthy of comment, either adverse or favorable.

We acknowledge the receipt of copies of the *Butler Collegian* and the *College Journal*. We are pleased to add them to the list of our exchanges.

The *Polytechnic* of the 19th inst. contains an item of which we can hardly catch the drift. It is as follows:

"Not long since one of the freshmen told a professor in cold blood 'that it will go hard with you if you don't pass my survey map, you will regret this.' The freshman had the correct idea though he stated the trigonometrical complement of the truth perhaps."

The English employed in the Freshman's remark is bad; but the sight of "a professor in cold blood" must have been enough to so distort the poor "fresh's countenance and shock his nervous system as to make good English impossible for a man in his condition.

To the following article taken second-hand from the *De Pauw Monthly*, we recommend the attention of our aspirants for the Junior Prize in Oratory. It gives them in a nut-shell, something to think upon, and offers a suggestion that every one must approve of:

"Any student, no matter how superior his attainments, no matter how strong his oratory, or how clear his expression of opinions may be, can afford to be defeated in a college oratorical contest; but he can not afford to stifle his own independence and opinions, and prate on sentiment and prejudices in which he don't believe, in order to please somebody else. There are some defeats more glorious than some victories; and, if I were a college student to-day, I would prefer to be defeated in every contest where I spoke my own opinions rather than to win every contest where I had to speak somebody else's prejudices to be successful."

We should like to see a copy of the *De Pauw Monthly*.

The current number of the *Tech.* presents a pleasing innovation in a large cut in the middle of its column of clippings. Though the cut is rather poor and somewhat *Spectator* like, our exchange is to be congratulated on its enterprise in "making the break." The regular introduction of cuts into many college papers would conduce to their liveliness, but such a course is, with us, and probably with many others, impossible.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

##### MARIE PRESCOTT.

Monday evening next Marie Prescott, will appear at the Wilgus Opera House. The company supporting Miss Prescott is said by the press to be far superior to the average. The *N. Y. Herald*, of recent date says:

"Marie Prescott is a great actress. She reaches the highest ideal of acting in causing the audience to forget the actress and only feel with the character. She is terrible in her passion, grand in heroism and heartrending in sorrow, and her magnetism draws her so closely to her audience that they forget the play and weep and laugh with the woman. R. D. McLean is magnificent support to her. He deserves all the applause and praise showered upon him."

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CLIPPINGS.

—All those people who "want the earth" will have to be contented at last with a hole in the ground.—*Ex.*

—A pair of strong, big lungs will often win a reputation for statesmanship in spite of serious cerebral deficiencies.—*Washington Republican.*

—An economical catalogue maker thus sets down two titles:

Mill on the Floss,  
do "Political Economy."

—And thus a girl carefully indexes two articles in a universal scrap book:

Patti, Adelina,  
do Oyster.—*Boston Trans.*

—Is this right, girls?

Go to Vassar for flirtation,  
Swarthmore for a "mash,"  
Smith for erudition,  
Wellsley for hash.—*Butler Collegian.*

—The Boston *Herald* says it isn't every college student who can write an essay on the division of labor and illustrate it with a shovel made by his own hands, as Governor Ames said he did at Brown. Perhaps not. But there are many college students who can write an essay on draw poker and illustrate it with a spade in their own hands.—*Norristown Herald.*

—"Lend me a tennah, Jinks."

"What faw?"

"Why to spend, of cawse."

"Haw. I guess not. I can spend it just as well, meself."

"Lend it to me to keep, then."

"If I lent it to you it would be to keep, deal boy. Awsk me an easiaw one."—*Town Topics,*

THE FOX AND THE BALLEET.

There's a lady in one of the boxes  
She's dressed in a manner *au fait*,  
Which those who are posted on fashion,  
Denominate *decollete*.

There's another one there in the ballet,  
Whose attire is quite *comme il faut*,  
Reversing the cut of the other,  
It's *decollete* down below.

If you take the two dresses presented,  
And combine them; when you are done,  
You will find that the new combination  
Will result in your having but one.

Now what shall we say of the puzzle?  
One garment, with women for two,  
And both of them dressed in the fashion—  
We don't understand it. Do you?  
—*Washington Critic.*

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IS it possible that, in the ranks of '87, no one can be found who is willing to take upon himself the duties of an ERA editor? Once we would have laughed at such an idea and even now we are loth to believe it, but we cannot resist the evidence of our own senses. Truly "the times are out of joint" or some noble Senior would step forth from the ranks and present himself as a candidate for a position from which there is much to be gained. Can it be that the scheme of contributions has proven a stumbling block? If so, our hopes have been scattered like chaff in the summer wind and our spirits are depressed within us. We wish not to grumble nor to present our

views unduly to the public notice, but it does seem that no interest whatever is manifested in the ERA by the present members of the Senior class. This is a sorry fact and a positive reproach upon the class. A truce to these things, however, for, if no editor can be found, the ERA will probably dawn weekly until the present college year finds an end in June.

WITH this issue we close the work of another term. The measure of our success has not been great, but we have driven the quill and otherwise endeavored to make our sheet readable. Some we have pleased, others not. The result has been, no sleepless nights, for, as a board, we, soon after our assumption of the traditional pen, scissors and paste-pot, ceased to hug "the delusive phantom" that we could please all and win criticism from none. This was well, as after events have shown, for we can now "draw the drapery of our couch about us" and lend a deaf ear to all malcontents and listen with serenity of countenance to the words of the wise and the kind suggestions of the well wishers. In this, the last issue of the term, it becometh us—we speak with all sincerity—to render our thanks to whom they are due. Frequently the columns of the ERA were graced with articles of more than passing moment and by whomsoever read, they have elicited merited praise. Truly "Oratorical Training" has received an impetus that will surely influence for good the future Cornell orators. To others who have contributed of their labor, we express our sincere thanks and venture the hope that next term may bring to the ERA sanctum, from both professor and student, further testimony of a deep interest in a venture, the success of which has been testified to by eighteen years of usefulness. And now, to all students, the ERA bids you a kindly farewell for a brief period; may you pass with honor the trying ordeal and spend a happy va-

cation only to return to the University with renewed energy and vigor in mind and body.

GREEK Letter Fraternities, as published in the ERA, is taken from Baird's *American College Fraternities*. We ventured the publication of this article, believing that it would be interesting to a large number of our readers, especially those who are non-fraternity men. Fraternities are such an important factor in the the American college of to-day that their influence cannot be overlooked. Founded in most cases with the double object of social and literary training, they have very seldom departed from the original intention of their founders. Men of all times have shown a marked tendency to form themselves into societies or associations, the character of which, from the very nature of the case, has been exceedingly various. In this fact alone the present fraternity system may find its origin, but it owes its development to a deep and well-grounded conviction, namely, that men ought to improve and in fact will improve by a closer association than commonly exists between man and man. While it cannot be denied that this tends to exclusiveness, yet it is of such a mild nature that the results are positively beneficial. However, it is not our purpose either to uphold or condemn, in this connection, a system, for and against which so many are prejudiced. Enough shall have been said by us when we say, "The article, printed in another column, is well worth the reading by every college student, be he fraternity man or not."

THE success of the recently organized Classical Association ought to be significant of a number of things. The fact that there are in our practical university a hundred students, who are anxious to do in classical study more than the regular recitation and lecture-room work, shows that even here the enthusiasm for the "new education" has not entirely overthrown belief in that which is old and proved. It may seem that, among eight hundred students, an association of a hundred members cannot be considered proof of any great interest.

But we think nobody will deny the existence of interest in History and Political Science or in Engineering of various kinds. Yet in spite of the fact that association work had for years been required in some of the departments, the Classical Association, a spontaneous student organization, has at once taken the first place in point of numbers. Such a fact should be taken as an indication of the students' feeling not only in regard to the classics, but in regard to the methods of instruction as well. Nobody who has watched the working of the elective system at Cornell, can doubt that the number of students pursuing any subject is determined quite as much by the character of the professor and of his institution as by the intrinsic value of the subject. Furthermore, the formation of such an organization shows that the co-operative method of study has at last reached the classical department. Since, then, we have a proof of the presence of a lively interest in classical study, have a body of professors who know how to arouse enthusiasm, and an organization in which the students can work together, it is fair to assume that in the general prosperity of Cornell the classical course will have its due share.

IN all well-conducted American colleges and universities the days of "hazing" and of other rowdyish conduct are past. To be sure, college students do yet have certain *fête* days on which they "throw dull care away" and have a general good time. They still have certain mystic ceremonies that are carried out in a spirit of fun, and there are certain seasons of the year in which Freshmen and Sophomores take the opportunity to mutually make things lively for each other. Beyond this, there is, as far as Cornell is concerned, nothing pertaining to rowdyism in the conduct of college students. We make these few statements because Cornell has lately been grossly maligned. "A chiel's amang us takin' notes," and, whoever the "chie" is, he is a failure as far as accuracy in note taking is concerned. Since the Sophomore and Freshman banquets, various papers

throughout the country have published sensational accounts of terrible happenings at Cornell, accounts that will, no doubt, be considered by many people as true, and thereby greatly injurious to Cornell's reputation. On the buzzing, hard-cheeked penny-a-liner who furnishes these accounts, this would-be-journalist whose sole ambition seems to be to put something in the papers, there is no use of wasting words. If good advice, changed in time by repetitions of the same offence to vituperation, had any effect on him, his "dispatches" would have ceased long ago. His only excuse for his false and injurious accounts is, "the more sensational, the more readily published," an excuse that clearly reveals his lack of principle. But now comes the worst of all. A recent number of a certain publication, of whose existence college students know only by hearsay, and whose circulation is confined chiefly to "sporting" houses and barber-shops, contains a full account of certain "outrageous" acts at Cornell, illustrated to suit the occasion. The writer of the article is certainly someone partially acquainted with what goes on here, and he has drawn freely on his imagination for the rest. If he is a student here, he deserves nothing less severe than a coat of tar and feathers. Such articles give our University a very unenviable reputation among all classes, and do it inestimable injury. Again we entreat the versatile reporter in our midst to cease his sensational reporting, and, if he cannot do that, either to take the lecture platform as a place of business, where we may all see and hear him, if he must be seen and heard, or else to leave us and "seek fresh fields and pastures new."

—Of the many distinguished men who have lectured before Sibley College, probably none was better known than Professor Alexander Graham Bell, and surely none has drawn a larger crowd or delivered a more interesting lecture than did he this afternoon. The lecture room was crowded and the greatest attention was paid to the remarks of the speaker as he explained his experiments and labors which finally culminated in the discovery of the Bell telephone.

## AT LERICI.

[Perhaps no event in literary history is more tragic or strange than that to which reference is made in the two sonnets below. The poet Shelley, with a companion, was returning to Lerici when a storm overtook them. Shelley had only time to put in a pocket a volume of Keats which he was reading, when he was overwhelmed. His body, subsequently washed ashore, was burned in the presence of Leigh Hunt, Lord Byron and a few others. For a wonderfully vivid description of this impressive scene, see the last chapter of the "Life of Shelley" by Professor Dowden, a book which has been added to the library in the last few days.]

How from the waters rose that last, sad cry  
 Whien down upon him like a mighty pall,  
 Fit closing to his genius, there did fall  
 Death bringing storm and darkly closing sky;  
 Nor hand was there to save, nor help was nigh.  
 Oh cruel waters! thus to hold in thrall  
 That soul inspired, to still that voice when all  
 Of life seemed his—to doom him so to die.  
 Next morn the waters lay so calm and fair,  
 And rippled in the soft Italian sun,  
 As though they knew not of his last despair,  
 Nor of the noble prey their rage had won.  
 At last the wavelets, softly falling, bore  
 The lifeless body to the foam beat shore.

When note was at its full, did Silence stay  
 That matchless singing, which on pinions light  
 Almost o'er leaping bounds of earth in flight  
 Divinely thrilled and soared in purer day.  
 Oh not more cruel was the salt sea spray  
 Than speech of men, when on that fatal night,  
 Was waged in vain the last and bitter fight.  
 In treacherous seas that lured but to betray.  
 Could not that silent form upon the beach  
 The damp curls matted round the beauteous head,  
 To fellow man a kinder spirit teach,  
 Before the harmony of song is fled?  
 Ah Shelley! all too late thy meed of praise,  
 The kinder verdict of these later days.

H. E. MILLHOLEN.

## GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES.

[From Baird's *American College Fraternities*.]

[CONCLUDED.]

Almost unconsciously, the Fraternities, as well as the colleges, have come to be classified, on a special basis, and we have, in consequence Eastern, Western and Southern Fraternities, although the division cannot be made with exactness, owing to the fact that some belong as much to one section as another. Having its origin in New York State, the Fraternity system could progress but in three directions; on the one hand were the New England colleges; on the other, the old but poorly supported denominational colleges of the West; and in front the State universities of the South. In speaking of Eastern colleges we will mean the colleges and universities of New England, New York and New Jersey, Kenyon College, West-

ern Reserve College, in Ohio, Lafayette College, in Pennsylvania, and the University of California. The latter university, though separated so far from the East in a geographical sense, is entirely Eastern in its customs. The Western Colleges include those of Pennsylvania and Ohio, together with those of the remaining Western States, except Michigan University. The Southern Colleges are sufficiently well defined geographically, but exceptions must be made in the cases of the State university of Mississippi and Virginia. As far as Fraternity life is concerned, Michigan University possesses the features of both the Eastern and Western colleges, and the same remark will apply with equal truth to the two Southern universities above named.

Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Sigma Chi, Delta Beta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Kappa Alpha, Theta XI, Sigma Phi, Phi Kappa Alpha, and Psi Upsilon, may justly be styled Eastern Fraternities, though one or two of them have Chapters in the West and South. Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Zeta Phi, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Kappa Psi are types of the Fraternities of the West. Alpha Gamma, Alpha Kappa Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are strictly Southern societies. Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi are Southern and Western. Chi Phi, Delta Psi, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Kappa Sigma are Southern and Eastern, Phi Delta Phi is Eastern and Western, and Chi Psi all three.

Until 1860 the Eastern Fraternities had placed Chapters in many of the colleges of the South, and some few in those of the West. The Western societies also had placed Chapters in the Southern States, so that frequently the Eastern and Western Fraternities would come in contact for the first time in some Southern college. The war, however, seriously crippled the Fraternity system in the South, and at its close, when the colleges reopened their doors, many of the faculties denied the Fraternities admission. The Eastern Fraternities had hesitated about placing Chapters in the South again, and the local Fraternities and those from the West have undisputed possession of the collegiate field in that section. So we see that there are three different classes of the Fraternities, the Eastern, the Western and the Southern. Some Fraternities belong more or less to all sections, but we have yet to see a national Fraternity in the best colleges and universities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the lakes to the gulf. Beta Theta Pi is the nearest approach

to such a Fraternity as yet, and its Eastern section is comparatively small.

The colleges and universities of New England and the Middle States have been superior to those of the South and West, in that their endowments have been larger, and being in more settled communities they have afforded better facilities to students. In the same way the Eastern societies have considered themselves superior to those of the remainder of the country.

This distinction has been somewhat intensified by the fact that two or three desertions have occurred from Western to Eastern Fraternities, and Western students coming East have failed to place Chapters in Eastern colleges. These failures have been due to a variety of causes, but in no case to inferior ability on the part of their promoters. In the East the Chapters have on an average, been established from ten to fifteen years longer than in the West, and from twenty to thirty years longer than in the South, and Southern and Western students fail to recognize the fact that it takes time to properly establish a Chapter. Being older, the Eastern Chapters have built houses and lodges before the Western ones have thought of it, and being as a rule wealthier, their badges and other appointments have been costlier. These things, however, are rapidly becoming equalized; the State universities of Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi and Georgia are fast becoming of equal grade with the best New England colleges, and the students are of a higher social grade than were formerly accustomed to frequent these institutions. The South is recovering from the effects of the war, and the West from a period of depression consequent upon that struggle. The course of educational as well as political empire is toward the Mississippi Valley, and in a few years the Fraternities of both sections will be alike in standing, membership, wealth and scholarship.

In the East the iron hand of custom has now regulated all that pertains to the life of Chapters and their peculiar practices. As we have said, the Fraternity Chapters are now fixed in New England colleges, and some extraordinary efforts are put forth to obtain members. Many of them are now between thirty and forty years old, and a freshman going to college has his mind already made up that he will join some Fraternity to which a brother, cousin, or other relation belonged during college life. Chapters will also often draw members from some particular town or school; friends from either place will be a great inducement to a freshman. Curious results sometimes

grow out of this practice; for instance, in some New England colleges the men from Boston will all join Psi U., all from Providence, Zeta Psi, and so on. In the face of such difficulties it will be seen to be quite an undertaking to organize a new Chapter. In the West such customs have not as yet attained much force, but are rapidly doing so, while in the South the Fraternity system may be said to be in its infancy, as everything is now dated from the days of reconstruction.

A practice more or less in vogue among the Fraternities has of late been somewhat prevalent, and cannot be too severely condemned. It is that of members leaving one Chapter and joining another in the same college. It is euphoniouly termed "lifting," perhaps with the idea that a man always joins a better Fraternity than he leaves.

In the early days of the Fraternities, only seniors were admitted to membership; other classmen were then taken in, until now, with the exception of Yale and Dartmouth, the members are from all classes. At Yale the Chapters are only junior societies, and at Dartmouth, though members are pledged, they are not admitted until the sophomore year. In some of the larger Western and Southern colleges, such as Indiana Asbury, Emory College, Ohio Wesleyan, etc., the preparatory schools being intimately connected with the colleges, "preps" are not only pledged, but initiated, before they enter the college proper. As the colleges usually open about the middle of September, the campaign for freshman members is then commenced, and lasts until Christmas, when each Chapter has secured its most desirable candidates; where there is great rivalry, however, initiations take place all the year round, and the Chapters continually surprise each other with new members.

In the South the Chapters are often termed "clubs," a name derived from the University of Virginia, where the Fraternities usually board in clubs, one or two Fraternities call their Chapters "colleges" and "charges." The badges worn are more expensive in the East than in the West. The D. K. E. and Psi U. pins admit of more or less ornamentation according to taste. Some are heavily jewelled, and some are as plain as possible. We should say that the average price of a badge in the East was \$12 and in the West, \$7.

All these college fraternities are secret in their character; Delta Upsilon, was formerly *anti-secret*, and Phi Kappa Alpha, is now *non-secret*. To one, however, who has given any consideration to the subject,

the secrecy is such only in name, and carefully-worded inquiries will elicit all that is wished to be known. The societies have stolen each other's constitutions with more or less frequency, and these documents are not so difficult to obtain as might be supposed. There is a remarkable family resemblance among the constitutions, and their arrangement into articles is generally as follows:

1. Preamble and definition of the society's object.
2. Definition of name and motto.
3. Conditions and degrees of membership.
4. Outline of government.
5. Duties of officers.
6. Relations of Chapters and appointment of special officials.
7. Oath of membership.

This order is not always adhered to, but it is usually so done. By-laws are added which contain the rules for badges, colors, seals, conventions, trials and other minor matters.

The initiation services are also very much alike, although there has been much scope of originality in their composition. A perfect initiatory service should consist of two parts, so that, after having undergone one trial, the initiate could retreat if necessary. It should, in addition, teach the candidate, in a thorough and impressive way, all the passwords, mottoes, grips, and recognition signs of the Fraternity.

Certificates of membership, like diplomas, are given by a few societies, but the practice is not common.

#### THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

Within a few years a great change has been wrought in the educational systems employed in our universities. Since the number of professions have increased, and since interest is constantly being awakened in new lines of thought, it has been found advisable to allow a greater freedom in choice of studies. President Adams, in his inaugural address, outlined the policy which has since been pursued by this University. In expressing his views on this subject he said, "There are varieties of gifts, call them, if you will, fundamental differences, that make it impossible to train successfully all of a group of boys, to the same standard. These differences are partly matters of sheer ability and partly matters of taste; for if a boy has so great an aversion to a given study that he can never be brought to apply himself to it, with some measure of fondness, he is as sure not to succeed in it, as he would be, if he were lacking the requisite mental capacity."

Although most of the leading colleges agree

that the elective system has many advantages, yet educators vary as to the methods which should be pursued in order to derive the most good from such a system.

The first method suggested is to advance the grade of our public schools so that a person on entering a university may at once take up elective work. In other words to establish a system similar to the gymnasias of Germany, which hold a position intermediate between the elementary schools and the universities. This plan, however, does not seem feasible in a country like our own. It is evident that the number of such preparatory schools must be limited since but a small proportion of those leaving the public schools, seek a higher education. Moreover, such preparatory schools would come to constitute a kind of lower class of colleges, which would satisfy the requirements of many who have but a limited portion of time at their disposal, and who, consequently, would not feel that they could spend more time in pursuing a university course. Thus it does not seem probable that such a method would materially aid the elective system. The relations of the government to the community make such a system possible in Germany, but it could scarcely be adopted in this country.

The second method proposed is that of *prescription and election*. This is always a transition state from the condition of prescribed courses to that of an elective system. Every college thus far has retained some prescribed studies in the first and usually in the second year of the course. It is a serious question, however, whether prescription and election can ever be brought into harmony. As soon as the elective system is introduced, students invariably are attracted to those studies which satisfy their particular tastes and the prescribed work becomes correspondingly slighted. It is even questioned by some whether the first year should not be elective. The first year's prescribed work bears the relation of a preparatory school to the later work of the college course. The student at the end of his first year is scarcely better prepared to select the studies which he should pursue than when he entered; for his work, during that year, in many cases has no connection whatever with the studies which he will pursue during the remainder of his course. Few colleges of importance deem it advisable to support a preparatory school. Yet the analogy between the preparatory school system and prescribed work in college during the first and second year, seems evident.

The third method is known as the *grouping system*. A person is allowed to take a study

provided he will take a certain number of other studies grouped with it. This system though it has some advantages, has also some corresponding faults. It forces a person to become, to a certain degree, a specialist. He cannot take a part, but he must take the whole. Moreover, if a person after taking up a group, finds that he has made a mistake in his selection he is doomed in most cases to wait a year before he can correct the error; whereas, if he were allowed entire liberty of choice he could correct his mistake at the end of the first term. In large universities especially where there are great numbers of students this system is difficult of application owing to the varying wants of each individual. This system of grouping however, has been very successful at Johns Hopkins, owing partly to the great care with which the plan has been prepared and partly to the limited number of students attending the university.

#### MID-SUMMER ORATORICAL CONTESTS.

Under the auspices of the National Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association, a series of Oratorical Contests will be held during the long Summer vacation in connection with the great temperance campmeetings. Any student of any American College or Professional School—including next Commencement's Graduates—may enter these Contests. For full particulars, address the Secretary, Walter Thomas Mills, Ohio.

Mr. Mills has canceled all other business engagements (including his work on "*The Voice Staff*") in order to devote himself entirely to the work of this association. He will continue in the lecture field with headquarters at Wooster, Ohio, his home, under the auspices of this association. In making dates he will give the preference to College towns. For the month of March he will be engaged in Michigan. His tour among the Colleges, accompanied by Rollo Kirk Bryan, Michigan's marvelous "Chalk-Talker," has been crowned with success in every instance. At Rochester they organized two College Clubs in a single evening. Their Masonic Temple Meeting in New York City was crowded to overflowing and was accorded the most complimentary notices by the *New York Press*.

—A recent number of the *New York Times* contains a communication from Yale concerning gambling at that college. Cornell should be congratulated that this vice does not exist here in any form, not even matching 'bus tickets is indulged in.

*ALUMNI BANQUET.*

The Alumni Banquet, to be held at Delmonico's on the night of April 1st, promises to be a most enjoyable occasion for Alumni and others who have in mind to attend. The hour appointed for meeting is 6 p. m. and all indications point to the most successful and most largely attended banquet yet held by any body of Cornell Alumni.

Chauncey M. Depew, having accepted an invitation to attend, will undoubtedly have an opportunity to assent to or deny a statement, which he is reported to have made, to the effect that Cornell is a great University, etc. Geo. Wm. Curtis and other prominent men will respond to toasts. A large number from the faculty have signified their intention to be present.

Professors Schurman and Wheeler, as the latest additions to the faculty, are to be special guests of the Association. President Adams and ex-President White are expected to be present and to respond to toasts. Alumni who have risen to prominence are to receive particular mention in a number of toasts of the evening. There will be no lack of speakers to enliven the occasion.

The committee of arrangements is as follows: W. C. Kerr, chairman, Dr. S. B. Seaman, Louis M. Fulton, A. B. Humphrey, H. W. Sackett, W. P. Pickett and C. H. Johnson. The whole management of the banquet is in the hands of this committee and this will doubtless conduce to the perfection of all details, something that is rarely the case when affairs of this kind are managed by a number of sub-committees. Mr. W. C. Kerr was in Ithaca during the first of the week for the purpose of extending special invitations to members of the faculty and making further arrangements. He was very enthusiastic in the matter and expressed himself very emphatically in regard to the great good accruing to the University from these social gatherings of the Alumni.

The dinner of the New York Association is the largest gathering of Cornell men held at any time during the year, and it is earnestly desired that every year may be seen a visible increase in the number of those who meet on this occasion to renew their college friendships and have their enthusiasm for Alma Mater fired anew.

At the present banquet, Cornellians will be in attendance from the following cities: New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany and Boston, besides many smaller places. From this impartial list of cities, it will be seen that Cor-

nellians will be brought together from a large portion of the East. What better evidence than this is needed to show the increasing interest taken in these gatherings. Indeed, from year to year, the increase in attendance is more, in proportion, than the increase in the number of Alumni of the University.

Perfect arrangements have been made by the committee and it is to be hoped that as many alumni, students and others connected with the University as possible may see fit to attend.

*TRUSTEE MEETING.*

The meeting of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of selecting the faculty of the new Law School, and for the completion of other arrangements, was held on Wednesday last. The new faculty as far as it has now been determined is as follows: Dean, Judge Douglass Boardman of Ithaca; Professor of the Law of Real and Personal Property and Equity, Professor Harry Hutchins, of the University of Michigan Law School; Professor of American Constitutional History and Constitutional Law, Professor Moses Coit Tyler of the University; Professor of International Law and English Constitutional History, Professor Herbert Tuttle; and Charles A. Collin, of Elmira; non-resident professors, Francis M. Finch, Judge of the Court of Appeals; Daniel H. Chamberlain of New York City; and Theodore Bacon and William F. Cogswell, of Rochester, N. Y. In addition to these one more resident, and several non-resident professors are to be chosen. The names of the gentlemen who are to compose the faculty are sufficient indication of the character of the school. Of course no Cornellian needs to be told anything of Professors Tyler and Tuttle. The other professors are each well known in their profession. The trustees have not been hasty in making the nomination; but have selected good men. Cornell is fortunate in being able to draw from the University from which she has already secured so many excellent men, another in Professor Hutchins. Although he is yet a young man he has won a name that will be of considerable value to the Law School. Messrs. Collin, Chamberlain, Cogswell, and Bacon are new men to the University, but will for that be none the less valuable to the School. At the same meeting ex-President White was elected trustee in place of Hiram W. Sibly, resigned.

Professor Turner, the celebrated anatomist of Edinburg receives a salary of \$20,000 a year, said to be the largest remuneration received by any professor in the world.

## OPEN LETTER FROM MR. WARNER.

To the Alumni of the Cornell University :

Nearly five years since in my absence from Ithaca, I was elected by you a Trustee of the Cornell University. The stand in reference to certain university matters which I had theretofore taken, left no doubt as to the work which, by electing me, the Alumni demanded should be undertaken by their representative. It is needless here to enumerate the well-defined issues then in question. I believe it will be admitted that I have been neither lukewarm nor doubtful in my support of any principle to which either by my own previous stand or by my acceptance of the office then given me, I could fairly be deemed committed. More than a year ago the triumph of every principle for which the alumni worked became complete. It may not be easy accurately to apportion the credit for this, among the many entitled to share it. The important fact however is that—though every year will bring its own questions, though important ones are now pending—the special work for which I was elected is done; and I feel that my further service will involve a sacrifice of personal interests to university work, which at this time is not due from me. It has seemed to me that the utmost that could now be expected of me was that I should stay in the field until it was reasonably sure that my course was not to be called in question; and until I was satisfied that a fit candidate, properly representative of sound university policy, was available as my successor. I have so done and now definitely withdraw my name from the canvass for the alumni trusteeship to be filled at next commencement.

That I thus conclude to do is the result of no lack of appreciation of the confidence of those who originally elected me, or of those who have lately renominated me; or the generous regard of many others who of late have proffered their support in the event of my standing for reelection. That I have thus far explained my attitude, will I trust be pardoned by those not interested therein, in view of the fact that this is the only practical means of reaching the many with whom I wish to communicate.

Sincerely Yours,

JOHN DEWITT WARNER.

Robert Cook, Yale's crack boating coach of many years standing, has been tendered a complimentary dinner by a large number of the sons of that College in recognition of his great service in many a boat race at which Yale was at the first finish.

## REGISTRAR'S NOTICE.

Students who were granted permission by the faculty at the beginning of the term to change their registration in any way, and have not reported the change at the Registrar's office should do so at once, in order that there be no difficulties at the end of the term. Changes are not made on the cards unless the students apply to the Registrar. Each student must be held responsible for the correctness of his own registration.

C. H. THURBER, Registrar.

## CORNELLIANA.

—Last ERA

—For this term!

—The crew expects to get on the water in about two weeks.

—The question is often asked, "how is the nine getting along?"

—The spring time approacheth; now is the time to contemplate marriage.

—The recent walking match at the Rink attracted a large number of students.

—It is reported that two of our number have joined the female Knights of Labor.

—The backstop used by the nine last year seems to have suffered bad treatment.

—The examination in Psychology will cover only the points brought up in recitations.

—Jno. Teemer has been heard from and will be here May 1st to take charge of the crew.

—The orchestra has received new music and will meet for rehearsal, Saturday at 2.30 p. m.

—The young ladies in Junior Elocution have declared that they "offer themselves as a match for no man."

—The ERA advises those who wish to be with us next term to spend the following week in judicious boating.

—Three quizzes in American History this week and a steep final at the end of the term. What are we coming to?

—The Inlet is now open and it will be but a short time until the familiar command "stroke" is again heard on the lake.

—It is not probable that their will be any more coasting this winter. The winter has been very mild on the whole.

—What action has been taken in regard to awarding the Junior Ball Medal? A good scheme would be to donate the medal to the Athletic Association and let them award it. As it is there cannot help but be more or less confusion and misunderstanding about the matter.

—The announcement of the law faculty will be found in another column. The choice of the trustees meets with much satisfaction.

—The completion of the bridge over Cascadilla Pond was celebrated by the Sophomores last Tuesday night. It was almost another cider raid.

—At a meeting of the Bench & Board at Alpha Delta Phi House last Monday evening, W. H. Robinson, Jr., was unanimously elected to membership.

—In the *Clipper Annual* for 1887 we notice the following, under the head of base ball. "Newberry of Cornell retired twenty-one of the Union College team on strikes."

—A meeting of the orchestra will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 at the Sprague Block. New music has arrived and it is necessary that a full meeting be held.

—Several new members have been elected to the Fruija. Though the youngest of our class clubs, it is deservedly popular and is made up of some of the best material in the class.

—But four Woodfords were handed in this year. The contestants are Messrs. Horace White, Marshall, Warner and Fred Thomson, and they will read their productions this afternoon.

—Some time since it was suggested that a training table be started at Cascadilla. The suggestion was a good one and we hope the table will be started not later than the beginning of next term.

—An effort has been made by some members of the faculty to have all recitations count and to abolish term examinations. If it were left to the students to decide, a unanimous verdict in the affirmative would be given.

—Go to the rink and see the hard work being done and you will conclude that base ball is going to boom this year at Cornell. A visit there about now would doubtless induce many to subscribe to athletics, who have not yet done so.

—The last meeting of the Mock Congress for this term will be held to-morrow evening at 7.30. The President's message will be referred to the proper committees and the Metric System Bill will come up for discussion. Let all attend.

—It doesn't seem fair to those students not in Mr. Huffcut's section and receiving honorable standing in Rhetoric, to take the final examination. The fault, however, is not with Mr. Huffcut. The other instructors are to blame for not following his worthy example.

—A number of letters from the office of the Registrar have been distributed among favored ones. Students should be careful about "cutting" too regularly, and remember that someone else's interest is at stake besides their own. The absence committee may resume operations at any time.

—Dr. Chas. Waldstein is to lecture before the Classical Association again on Monday. This famous lecturer and scholar will doubtless leave a most favorable impression among the students. His efforts in behalf of science have attracted world-wide attention, and hence he enjoys a most enviable reputation.

—President Adams has appointed the following committee from the faculty to select the Woodford competitors and the Junior Prize declaimers: Professors Corson, Schurman, Wheeler, Flagg, and H. C. Adams. There can be no possible cause for complaint at the appointment. All the gentlemen are well qualified for the duties assigned them.

—The visitors to Professor Schurman's lectures should have some consideration for the feelings of the class. On quiz days their presence is especially objectionable. They tend to "rattle" the students, as it were, and as but very few have the slightest idea of the subjects under discussion, their absence would be more welcome than their presence.

—The change in the political composition of Ithaca, made at the last election, cannot but be gratifying to the students as regards the police department. An entire change in the force has been made, and it is expected that the present policemen will pay more respect to the lawful rights of students. Cornell men are easy to get along with, but they will insist upon their rights.

—The notice posted recently by the Sophomores in regard to the Freshmen, is the poorest document of the kind yet published. Its attempt to be funny is miserable. It is only better than the notice of the Freshmen about the Sophomore class supper. It is about time that Lehigh men had outgrown these childish customs.—*Lehigh Burr*. The *Burr* is right. Cornell men should profit by the above sentiments.

—\$45,000 has been subscribed by the members of the Cornell Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of erecting a building for the association.—*The Lafayette*. It is certainly surprising what fertile imaginations some college editors do possess. A person that is somewhat inebriated can not be blamed for seeing things twice as large as they are. But when a member of the college press sits down and in cold blood causes his

imagination to increase almost ten fold, one can not help exclaiming "Oh where will it end?"

—President Huffcut's address was delivered to the Mock Congress last Saturday evening, and has since been printed in the SUN. We regret very much that our limited space will not permit us to print the message. It is one of the best ever delivered to the congress, it fully sets forth writers' views in regard to the Fisheries Question, Military and Naval forces, War Taxes, Protective Tariff, Silver Coinage, National Banks, Transportation Laws, Telegraph System, Public Lands, Ballot, Government of the Territories, Mormon Question, Civil Service, Pension Laws, Congressional Delays, and Union Recommendations. Each student should read it carefully, as by so doing he can gain at least a moderate idea of the questions which are now before the country. The Mock Congress is under many obligations to Mr. Huffcut for the time and labor he has spent in producing his most excellent message.

—The Princeton men, Forman '84 and Wilder, '86 will speak to the Cornell students on the subject of Foreign Missions, Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock, in the Botanical Lecture Room. They will also be at our regular Sunday afternoon meeting. These two young men are representatives of the celebrated Mt. Hermon hundred. They have taken this year from their Seminary in order to press upon American students the claims of the Missionary cause, just as the Cambridge "seven" did among the universities of Great Britain two or three years ago. During the last six months they have visited the leading colleges of the United States and Canada and have met with wonderful success, for already over six hundred students have expressed their willingness to go into the foreign field. They come to us from Toronto, Harvard and Yale where they have been very warmly received during the last week. They have a stirring story to tell. Let them have a hearty welcome.

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#### PERSONALS.

I. H. RUSSELL, '86, is principal of the Gainsville Union School.

E. R. AUSTIN, '84, is in the law business with his father at Newburgh, N. Y.

A. J. PARKER, is a partner in the law firm of Parker and Countryman at Albany, N. Y.

THE marriage nuptials of Miss Helen Kittidge '86, and Parke, '85, were celebrated yesterday at Boston.

H. HOWLAND is mentioned as winner of the Junior single sculls at Albany and Chas. Psotta as winner of the Junior single sculls at the Pasaic river.

FRANCISCO DE P. RODRIGUEZ, a Cornell graduate, is as his letter-head states "Ingeniero civil, Villegas 51, Havana, Cuba." He states that civil engineers there, are also architects, contractors, designers, and legal agents. He expressed a wish that Cornell would become the greatest university in the world.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

The Yale faculty fined a Sophomore \$2 last week for cutting his name on a tablet in a recitation room.

The tuition at Amherst has been raised from \$100 to \$110 per annum, to go into effect at the beginning of the next college year.

E. N. Potter, D. D. LL. D., President of Hobart College, is developing a scheme to make that institution a great Episcopal University, and he has especial facilities for the work.—*Harpers Bazaar.*

The Yale Freshmen have published a pamphlet "What the Yale Faculty Should Be," as an offset to President Dwight's article, "What a Yale Student Should Be." It is said to be "bright and sassy."

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#### EXCHANGES.

In the State Oratorical contest held recently at Delaware, O., the representative of Delaware College won first place, and is thereby entitled to represent Ohio in the inter-State contest to be held in the near future.

Cornell has six pitchers in training. The *Sun* says one of them is developing a drop curve which will defy the heaviest batters.—*Crimson.*

As is usual in items of college news, the above bit of information is a trifle inexact. We can hardly see where the *Crimson* found out that Cornell had six pitchers in training, when she has only half that number. Surely not from the *Sun*.

Vituperation in wholesale quantities, though slung in a somewhat mild and pleasant manner, is the order of the day in the various Harvard

and Yale papers. The proposed new Base Ball Association is the cause of the "arguments." The *Crimson* calls Yale bad names, and the *Yale Record* spitefully "sticks up for" its own institution. Although Cornell is not directly concerned in the new league, we should like to express our sentiments about the question in dispute. It seems to us that the new league is to be formed because Harvard, Yale and Princeton consider themselves too good for the rest of the colleges in base ball. If this is the reason, Yale shows wisdom in refusing to join such a league. Certainly Columbia is strong enough at the national game for any of the Eastern colleges, and we think, though we are very modest in saying it, that Cornell has proven herself at least the equal of Columbia. The idea expressed by the *Crimson* that the "little boys" should be let alone is justly scoffed at by the *Record*. There are, to be sure, in the present league colleges weak in base ball ability, but a new league could be formed of more than three colleges, and without including any "little boys" either.

"There seems to be a belief current among some people that students have poor health; that there is something in the act of studying that breaks down the constitution. On account of this belief some stay away from college, wisely preferring ignorance with health to wisdom without it. Not many years ago it was the common opinion that girls could not stand it to study as their brothers did; and it is only in comparatively recent years that they have had the opportunity to try it.

"It will now be found by any one who takes the pains to investigate, that studying does not injure the health either of young men or of young women. In many instances students have better health while in school than they had before.

"To be sure there are some apparent exceptions to this. Some students do break down and ruin their health completely; but this is very seldom on account of hard study. Some worry themselves sick by imagining everything will be a great deal worse than it is. Others persuade themselves that it is necessary for them to sit up until midnight or after, poring over their lessons. They make themselves believe that they study very hard, and when their health gives way under this intemperate practice, they think that they are martyrs to the cause of education. Such students make two mistakes; first, in supposing they study hard; and second, in thinking that hard study was the cause of their poor health. When one sits up so late to study, he gets so tired that it is impossible to concentrate his thoughts, and real study becomes impossible. By pursuing this plan, besides breaking down in health, one does not accomplish so much as he would by taking plenty of rest. The method of keeping late hours for study should be condemned and discouraged by everybody."—*Lombard Review*.

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AT this season of the year, the weary Senior finds many things to disturb the peace and quiet to which he has looked forward for four long years. Even his sleep is troubled and he finds no pleasure in contemplating the great, cold world into which he is soon to be cast. Feelings of sadness creep over him and he finds little pleasure in the last days of his college course. He must needs "crib" a thesis to deposit in the Library and this causes him many hours of anxious labor. Even he who has run his course well, is well nigh discouraged, for he knows not how the future will deal with him. For the Senior, college associations and friendships will soon be no more, but their influence

will continue even to the last day. Let them, then, be guarded with a jealous care, for, in after years, their memory will be all that is left us of our college days. Before memory's shrine we will bow and speak of "ye olden time" when we knew not our "joy ere it passed."

IT is with deep regret that we learn of Professor Schaeffer's acceptance of the call to the presidency of Iowa State University. By this step Cornell will lose the valuable services of a man who has ever had the best interests of the University at heart and who, during his professorship, has merited the esteem of all who have been under his instruction. As Dean of the Faculty, Professor Schaeffer has continually shown that quality of mind and heart which is bound to win friends and secure success for whoever possesses it. Kind, agreeable and accommodating, he has made many friends among the students, who are exceedingly sorry to see him vacate a position which he has filled with such universal satisfaction. Ever ready and willing to consult and advise with a student in regard to his true welfare, he has won the confidence and admiration of those who have thus consulted with him. From what we know of Professor Schaeffer here, we can but predict success for him in the position which he is soon to fill. What will be Cornell's loss, will be gain to the Iowa State University. Already there has been no little speculation as to who will be chosen Dean, but, whoever is chosen, certain it is that none can fill the position more acceptably than has Professor Schaeffer.

"COMING events cast their shadows before," is true in literature as well as in history. This fact alone is what enables men with quick perceptions and sound judgments to predict, with tolerable exactness, future events. Prophets and politicians find more or less to attract their attention in the shadows that may be seen, but never may be caught, and some men even look

upon life as a shadow cast by eternity. However, shadows really exist and are as various in form as the objects which cast them. Present events may be regarded as shadows of what will take place hereafter. So, a few weeks ago, a shadow flitted athwart our horizon and we knew not what produced it until *The Crank* made its first appearance. Such a coy, modest journal could not fail to win our affection. Naturally enough the new publication somewhat narrows our province, but we suffer the encroachment even without protest and give up the sterile—for us—territory without ever dropping a tear for the land which we tilled with so little profit. The object of *The Crank*, so far from interfering with the present interests of the ERA, is to embody in complete form the various lectures and items of news connected with the department which it aims to represent. The venture deserves success and, within a year or two, we hope to see it, instead of an experiment, an established exponent of Sibley College news.

IN a few short weeks another horde of college graduates will be turned loose upon the country. When we stop to think of this vast army of young men and women, many of whom will enter the professions, we are almost brought to the belief that the professions are full and that the chances for success are exceedingly few. But we must not allow ourselves to be blinded by mere appearances. A closer study of the question will reveal the fact that skilled lawyers, doctors and educators may always find a place, while there seems to be no end to the demand for conscientious men and true, to carry the "glad tidings of salvation to earth's remotest bounds." It is a startling fact, but nevertheless true, that in 1880, of the million voters in the U. S., one in every five could not write his name, while one in every six could not even read his ballot. And yet there are those who say, "Of what use is so much education? Free institutions require true men, men whose intelligence and morality oppose ignorance and vice. Where have we more right to look for such men than among the

number of those who are annually graduated from our higher institutions of learning? In a recent address of ex-President White he struck the nail fairly on the head, when he said, "If there is one thing which this country is perpetually to feel the want of, it is the want of good and thorough work. Go into any town you please, into any one of the neighboring cities, into this town and you will always find people asking, who is there that can do this thing thoroughly. You will find all sorts of splendid places open to those who can do really first-class work. There is always room for such men. Webster's old dictum, 'There is always room at the top,' is as true to-day as when he uttered it."

WE were not a little amused the other day to hear of a professor, from one of New Jersey's colleges, who asked a prominent Cornell student whether the Faculty ever "plucked"—by interpretation "busted"—anyone. The questioner seems to have been laboring under a delusion, for he evidently thought that such a thing was entirely unknown at Cornell. For the benefit of those who may think as did our New Jersey friend, we would say, that enough men have been dropped from the University thus far this year to make a respectable entering class for the average American college of to-day. We are glad and sorry to say this—glad, because Cornell has a standard to maintain; sorry, because there are weak brains which need lighter nourishment than Cornell affords. There are always some who come up to college without any well formulated ideas of what they are after; others, soon after their arrival upon college scenes, become afflicted by an aversion to study and addicted to other habits equally as demoralizing to the student. One term is usually sufficient to bring to light all such, and, in all well regulated colleges, their residence is peremptorily brought to a close. Occasionally some weather the first examination gale, but are stranded when the second sweeps down upon them like a huge billow of the deep. Such men, or rather boys, are an injury to any college and a prompt weeding

process seems to be the only remedy. As with plants so with students, weeds only retard a healthy growth and he who would secure an abundant harvest, must see to it that the weeds are removed in time. This done, and what is the result? The merry harvester rejoices in his increase and the diligent student is not retarded in his work by mere parasites.

### THE CORNELL DINNER AT NEW YORK.

The N. Y. Alumni Association of Cornell University met at Delmonico's on Friday eve April 1, for their seventh Annual Dinner. The number present was much larger than at previous dinners and a much livelier and more pleasant time was held than at the dinners heretofore. Among those present were President Adams, Professors H. C. Adams, B. I. Wheeler, Burdick and Hutchings from the faculty; the following guests and members of the Association Dr. Roberts, Ex-Gov. Cornell, Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, Prof. Chas. E. Emery, Dr. T. T. Gannt, Prof. E. W. Blake, Rev. J. E. Vandewater, Dr. L. L. Seamen, Postmaster J. C. Hendrix of Brooklyn, F. W. Halsey, Jno. I. D. Warner, S. P. Sturgis, W. J. Youngs, A. B. Humphreys, Chas. H. Johnston, Seymour P. Thomas, Geo. H. Philips, Walter C. Kerr, Malcolm Leal, Julius J. Chambers, Mr. Buchman, Henry S. Concklin, J. S. Lehmaier, Robert L. Stanton, Asa H. Alling, C. H. Esty, Louis M. Fulton, W. P. Pickett, Col. Chas. Bacon, Henry W. Sackett, Jno. D. Warner, Frank A. Wright, Chas. F. Dunwell, S. S. Burt, F. H. Jackson, H. C. Sommers, Chester G. Cole and A. K. Hiscock, from '86, Gadsby, Norton, Emery, Towl, Sackett and Penney; and undergraduates H. White, Sternberger, A. S. White, L. Goetter, Ickelheimer, Glover, W. B. Smith, S. Goetter, Eustis and Dennis.

President Frankenheimer spoke briefly on the progress of the Association and then introduced President Adams, who responded to the toast "The University." President Adams was received with great applause; he spoke in substance as follows:

It seems to me but yesterday that I responded to your hearty welcome a year ago, which has cheered me in all I have since undertaken, and I thank you for the feeling you have shown to your benignant mother. I come to assure you that she is in good health and as well as could be expected under the circumstances, having had large additions to her family during the past year. [Laughter and applause.] There are 176 more students in Cornell than there

were last year. Then there were 649 and now there are 825. [Applause.] Before the University is twenty years old, at this rate, she will have a round thousand.

By the school of agriculture the farmers of the State have been bound to the University as they never were before. The Farmers' Institute has also worked in the same direction. The grant by the United States Government to each State of \$15,000 for an agricultural experiment station will without much doubt be given to Cornell, thus increasing by so much the income of the institution.

The gift by ex-President Andrew D. White [applause] of his magnificent library of 30,000 volumes has been a great accession to the Department of History and Political Science, which now is named "The President White School," and a Professorship of Political and Municipal History has been established.

I bring words of good cheer from the college and my only fear is that the number of students will increase too rapidly and the price of living there be increased. I do not want Cornell to be the college of the rich, but to give hereafter, as always, equal advantages to the poor. [Applause.]

The next toast was "Our Founder" it was drunk in silence. President White was to speak on "The University of the Future" but he was unable to be present and his letter of regret was read.

Hon. Stewart L. Woodford now replied to the toast "Educational Monuments."

Professor Emery spoke in response to the toast "Technical Education." Ex-Gov. Cornell followed on "Our Benefactors" and during his speech mentioned Foraker '69, this was the signal for an outburst of applause, and three cheers were given for Gov. Foraker with a vim.

Professor Wheeler spoke on "The Humanities at Cornell" and judging by the applause with which the professor and his speech were greeted, he is already as popular among the graduates as among the undergraduates.

Professor Hutchins talked about "The New Law School," Julius J. Chambers about "The College Horse," G. P. Serviss on "Cornell Enthusiasm," and Chas. Dunwell on "The Next Round." Short addresses were also made by Professors H. C. Adams, Blake and Thurston, and Henry W. Sackett read a poem on Cornell by Chas. Allen, '73.

Letters of regret were read from ex-President White, Professor James Russell Lowell, George William Curtis, Gen. Francis L. Walker, Hon. Chas. E. Fitch, Judge Francis M. Finch, Professor Wait, Dr. Wilson and others.

After the formal toasts were finished Postmaster Hendricks of Brooklyn took the chair and informal speeches, interspersed with songs and stories, took up the time until a late hour.

Before the dinner the annual election was held with the following result: President, S. Perry Sturgis, '76; first vice-president, George

H. Phillips, '77; second vice-president, W. J. Young, '72; third vice-president, Seymour P. Thomas, '72; secretary, Charles H. Johnson, '80; treasurer, A. B. Humphries, '75; executive committee, Walter C. Kerr, '70, chairman, L. L. Seamen, '72, Malcolm Leal, '77, Henry W. Concklin, '81, J. S. Lehmaier, '78, Robert L. Stanton, '80, A. B. Humphries, '75.

### THE EASTERN TRIP.

Section II of the Inspection Tour left Ithaca Friday night via the the 9.34 express on the G. I. & S. railroad. Through the kindness of the division superintendant the party was given a special car. There were about twenty-five students on the train, but only about fifteen belonged to the party. These left the train at Pittston where they stopped for the remainder of the night. Early the next morning the party left for Scranton where they were met by the president of the Scranton Board of Trade, who had promised to take charge of the party while in that city.

During the forenoon the works of the Scranton Stove Co., and the Dickson Manufacturing Co., were visited. At the Dickson works some very large machines were seen. The large travelling crane was examined with much interest by the members of the party.

The Lackawanna Iron and Steel Co.'s establishment was next visited. Here was seen the process of reducing the natural ore to iron. The blowing engines for supplying the blast were objects of curiosity, on account of their immense size and the cleanliness of their surroundings. Next the rolling mills were inspected where the Bessemer process for making steel was seen in operation. Just before leaving, a short visit was made to the Dickson Locomotive works which are situated near the depot. The party then left for New York, and after a very tedious ride they reached the metropolis about midnight. Sunday was spent in a quiet manner, as most of the boys were too tired to do much sight-seeing. The head-quarters of the party while in the city, were the Cosmopolitan Hotel, selected on account of its proximity to the objects of interest.

Early Monday morning the party, increased by several new arrivals, crossed the river to Hoboken. There they first inspected the Inclined Cable Railway which conveys passengers from the "Heights" to the ferry. The Stevens Institute of Technology was next in order. Professor Staunton took charge of the party and showed them through the shops and laboratories. Professor Webb at that time was

conducting an examination, else he would, undoubtedly, have been pleased to show some of his former students around the institution. The North German Lloyd steamer "Saale" was next visited. This proved to be one of the most interesting sights to the majority of the party, many of whom had never before seen a large ocean steamer. They examined her from stem to stern. The large triple expansion engine which drives the ship nineteen knots an hour, was of particular interest to the party. The excursionists next took the train for Newark where the Clark Thread Co. and the Hewes & Philipp's Co. were inspected. The Clark Thread Co. is the largest manufactory of its kind in America. The Watts & Campbell engine works were also visited in Newark and the party was shown the greatest courtesy by the members of the firm.

The following morning was spent in Greenpoint, at the Continental Iron Works. These works are famous for being the building place of the far-famed Monitor. Now, however, the firm devote their time principally to the building of gas receivers, refrigerating machines etc. The party then proceeded to the Brooklyn Navy Yard where an hour was spent inspecting the large foundry and machine shop. Professor Thurston joined the party just before they went aboard the new cruiser "Atlanta," which was lying in the dry-dock. The party were given liberty to inspect this vessel and it was greatly appreciated by all. The new eight inch steel rifles which comprise part of her armament were examined closely. A short visit was then made to the "Boston," and the monitor "Miantonomah." The party then left the yard and spent the remainder of the afternoon at the Brooklyn Hydraulic Works.

The next day was spent in the city visiting the Delemater Iron Works and the printing press establishment of R. Hoe & Co. The Delemater establishment turns out a large variety of work principally pumps, air engines, marine engines and screw propellers. R. Hoe & Co. are the inventors and manufacturers of the modern printing press which turns out from 40,000 to 50,000 papers an hour, and of course the boys inspected this factory with more than ordinary interest. This finished the regular trip and the party soon after broke up. Several continued the trip further eastward, a few returned to Ithaca, but the majority stayed in New York and formed small excursions of their own, to the many places of interest around the city. On one of these, to Castle Garden, a rather verdant freshman insisted on entering the portals of that ancient structure, and was

rather chagrined when the blue-coated official ordered him out. Most of the party returned Sunday morning, and all were agreed that it had been one of the most pleasant and profitable trips that could have been planned.

The following are the names of those who composed the party: Covell, Smith, Flint, Merritt, Dobbins, Jones, A. I., Jones, F. R., Daniells, Powell, Conner, Rollins, Felton, Kerr, Buchanan, Cummings, Averill, Graves, Shapleigh, Knickerbocker, McAllister, Goodkind, Romer, Gillette, Miller, Iwasaki, Bennett and Dean.

### THE WESTERN TRIP.

The western section of the Sibley College Inspection Tour returned Tuesday night on the 6.30 train from Rochester.

The party, consisting of Professor Van Vleck and Messrs. Peck, Allen, Mott, Ames, Mashuk, Whaley, Shock and Darling, left Ithaca on Friday, March 25th, taking the morning train for Elmira.

After a light lunch (Elmira dinner) at the Rathbun House, they inspected the auger works and saw in all its entirety the different branches of the cork screw business, the bottles alone excepted; they are made next door. Some of the party thought this—the works of course—a bore. On reaching the depot of the Northern Central, Professor Van Vleck was provided by the condescending ticket agent with a ticket entitling himself and *troupe* to a passage to Pittsburg.

At Harrisburg the combination registered at the Lochiel House and immediately sallied forth to view the Capitol by electric light, kindly turned on by the watchman, who surprised them by actually refusing pecuniary compensation but "would take a cigar."

In the early morning the little party started down the railroad track toward Steelton stopping at Bailly & Co.'s Nail Works on the way.

The immense works of the Penn. Steel Co., through which they were escorted by the affable officials of the company, afforded the first glimpse of the comparatively new steel industry.

Altoona was next in order and the Logan House had the honor. The party was gradually becoming inured to the intricacies of the tipping system. How fond some colored men are of "backsheesh."

The shops of the Penn. R. R. Co., at this place are of particular interest to mechanical men, representing as they do almost every department of railroad industry. Dr. Dudley and Mr. Vogt of the P. R. R., were particular-

ly attentive to the party and extended a very hearty invitation to repeat the visit.

On their arrival at Johnstown they were met by representatives of the Cambria Iron and Steel Co. and escorted to the charming quarters of the Cambria Club.

The following day was spent in and about the elaborate plant of the Cambria Co., where everything from a nail to an anchor is turned out ready for the market.

It might be as well to state just here that the yell was given down with charming regularity at the various centers of population visited. At one railway station an old lady was heard to remark, after a particularly hearty yell, "Oh! dear me, are those strikers?" This happened at night, she couldn't see, poor soul!

The Monongahela House in Pittsburg being centrally located and moreover a very comfortable hostelry was the headquarters of the little band and lowly, for their two days stay in that smoky, busy town. It was here that one gentleman, in a fit of absent-mindedness of course, mistook a finger bowl for a goblet and remarked that the water had such a delicate acid taste.

In the morning after their arrival at Pittsburg the party went out to Bessemer, the headquarters of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works of Carnegie Bros. & Co. In this plant there are three Scranton converters working night and day. The pyrotechnical effect of these converters when in blast is particularly impressive—steel converters we mean.

In the afternoon the party was joined by two more Cornell men, Messrs. McCargo and Scaife and the rest of the day was spent inspecting the bridges, inclined planes, mines etc., with which this locality is so plentifully supplied.

On the following day the tool Steel Works of Miller, Metcalf & Parker occupied the morning and the extensive and well equipped shops of the Westinghouse Company the afternoon. Not the least interesting of the afternoon's exercises was a very enjoyable dinner provided by the courteous gentlemen of the Westinghouse Co.

The most striking feature of Pittsburg industries is the application of natural gas in almost every department of manufacturing. The gas supply is almost entirely controlled by what is known as the Philadelphia Co., and Mr. Paine, the manager, spent considerable time in explaining the distribution of the gas and methods of controlling pressures. At the establishment of Messrs. Jones & Laughlin, the cold rolling of iron and steel shafting attracted the attention of the mechanical members of the party.

In the evening some of the party inclined to "The Little Tycoon" and others headed by the "Deacon" saw the great western drama "82."

Early the next morning a start was made toward Buffalo via the Alleghany Valley road, a special drawing room car being provided by Mr. David McCargo the Gen'l. Sup't. of the road.

On account of the peculiar headgear of some of the party, the unsophisticated natives of the oil regions of Penn. thought a foreign invasion was being attempted, but couldn't exactly make up their minds whether to prepare for Turks or Cockneys.

But to proceed. Dunkirk was next on the program and no sooner was their (?) car sidetracked (shunted!) than the smiling face of Mr. Brooks, of locomotive fame, appeared at the door closely followed by Mr. Hinman, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Brooks Locomotive Co., and the Mayor of the city. In about three winks of a blind cat's eye the travel-stained Cornellians were hustled off to the hotel as guests of Mr. Brooks, and after supping visited the apprentice schools connected with the works and then to the Citizens Club where spirituous refreshments of a mild nature were imbibed and his Lordship the Mayor instructed the scribe in Spherical Trig. to the tune of two to one, paralyzing him in about fifteen minutes.

The Brooks Works were thoroughly gone through in the morning and Buffalo was reached in time for dinner, after which the seraph band betook themselves to various points about the town. At the yards of the Union S. S. Co., they found a steel steamer 350 feet long in frame, she will probably be launched by June.

There are a great many pretty girls in Buffalo; at least so it seemed to the susceptible delegates from Ithaca; maybe the fine weather had something to do with it.

Sunday saw all hands at the Falls, Spencer House. One enterprising member of the party found Mme. Patti's name on the register of the day previous. He enjoyed his meals better after that.

We will not extol Niagara, she doesn't need it. What a pity those disfiguring mills could not be swept from the bank on the American side!

On Monday morning at a most unearthly hour—so thought one of the party—the start was made for Rochester, stopping on the way at Lockport to visit the Holly Pump Works and the Cowles Smelting Furnaces.

Professors Thurston and Morris met the "un-commercial travellers" at the depot in Roches-

ter and after vociferous greetings, on the part of the students of course, hurried over to the Whitcomb House just in time to get their dinner. What an air of injured innocence a hotel waiter girl wears when you come into the dining room a little late.

In Rochester, the Powers Galleries, Wards Museum, the Rochester University and the many manufactories and engine works engrossed the attention of the wanderers during the day and in the evening a most charming reception was tendered the collegians by Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sibley. The enjoyment of the evening was particularly enhanced by the presence of Professor and Mrs. Thurston. Mr. Sibley was as bright and talkative as the youngest of the company and his parting words were, "Boys, remember me and I won't forget you."

The universal expression of the party is that they had a most enjoyable and profitable trip and their hearty thanks are extended to those who have entertained them so kindly.

#### *THE NINE AND ITS PROSPECTS.*

For about two months, fourteen aspirants for positions on the University nine have been working in the Ithaca rink. They have been regular in their attendance, almost to a man, and have, as a rule, done as great an amount of good work each practice day as would be attainable or practicable. As far as possible, a regular system of work has been carried out, so that all the men could work almost continuously for one and a half or two hours. The principal thing aimed at has been to bring each man to as great a proficiency as possible in batting. Besides this, the candidates each day have practiced throwing the whole length of the rink, catching thrown balls, and fielding ground balls. Often, though not as often as could have been desired, they have practiced quick starting in base-running, running to first base, etc.

Most of the candidates have been in Ithaca during the vacation and work in the rink has been supplemented by work in the Gym., consisting of light work with the chest-weights, Indian clubs and dumb-bells, a half-mile run and a bath. Thus it may be seen that the men will go on the field in good condition, with their eye trained to judge pitched balls, and last, but not least, with their arms accustomed to the strain of throwing, and not tender and liable to become "sore" as soon as field work is begun.

Visitors to the rink may have thought that the men did not work hard enough; that they

ought to have been made to run a mile or two each day, until they were wet with perspiration and entirely exhausted. The error of such an opinion is plain. As the work has been carried on, the men have been allowed to do nominally as much or as little as they pleased, excepting that a certain general system has been adhered to. The result has been that they have never become utterly tired out or discouraged, they have done the work earnestly and conscientiously, and have found pleasure as well as profit in it.

The Rochesters are in town and have begun work in the Gym., and on the Campus. Our team will practice with the professionals, and will soon play them a series of probably three games. We may not win one of the three, but while striving to win if possible, we shall make use of the games to test the metal that makes up the various candidates for the team, and to get as many 'pointers' from our opponents as possible.

Supporters of the team must bear in mind that it is for the eastern colleges that we are lying in wait, and must not expect too much of the nine against a team that is acknowledged to be the strongest in the International League.

Our manager has been corresponding all winter with the eastern colleges and a series of dates with them will very probably be arranged in the near future. We have as yet but one date fixed. That is with Williams at Williamstown on May 14th.

Now as to the candidates individually. The regular battery will be Newberry and Taylor, with Aldrich and Etnyre, probably, as change battery. The makeup of the change battery will be uncertain, however, until field work begins. Morrison will undoubtedly play first base, and Wilkinson and Dimon their old positions.

The guardian for second base is as yet an unknown quantity, and may be either Johnson, Rackemann, Etnyre, Schreiner or Sanderson. That matter, too, cannot be settled until the men get out of doors. The candidates for the outfield are Etnyre, Parshall, Sanderson, Gilman and Adams. All five give promise of becoming valuable men, especially as batters, and it is safe to say that from their number will be picked by far the best outfield that a Cornell team ever had. The outlook for the nine is in every way encouraging, and, if we are lucky enough to find, among the candidates, a good second baseman, the team should be much stronger in fielding than the one of last year. As regards batting, there is hardly a weak hitter on the team, and there are several very good

ones. Cornell's batting last year was nothing short of wonderful; but the team this year, with the same luck, should be even better than the one of last season in their specialty. Next week the ERA will contain a criticism of each individual candidate, provided that the weather shall be such that the men can get out for field practice.

#### SAGE CHAPEL PREACHER.

The Sage Chapel sermons for the spring term will be opened on Sunday next, Easter Sunday, by the Rev. Professor Francis Greenwood Peabody, A. M., D. D., of Cambridge, Mass. Professor Peabody is regarded as one of the most eloquent preachers in the Unitarian Church. He fills the Plummer Professorship of Christian Morals in Harvard College, and is one of the Harvard University preachers. At the great Harvard celebration last November, Professor Peabody preached the memorial sermon, a discourse which those present pronounced one of the most memorable features of the whole celebration. Professor Peabody is still a young man, having been a classmate of Professor Hale at Harvard. Some two years ago he occupied the Sage Chapel pulpit, and his sermons on that occasion are remembered by those who heard them as among the most striking ever delivered there.

#### COMMUNICATION.

[The Editors of the ERA do not hold themselves responsible for sentiments expressed in this column; however, the columns of the ERA are always open to students who wish to express their opinion on any subject.—Eds.]

*Editors of the Era :*

Permit me to say, as a member of the class in Ethics, that it seems to me that the item in your last issue rather misrepresented that class. The members of the class appreciate Professor Schurman's lectures too much to be willing to deprive any one the pleasure of listening to them, especially as many of the visitors are better prepared to take the work than many of the registered members of the class.

The visitors have always shown their good sense in absenting themselves from the quizzes; and had this not been the case, the comparative uninteresting nature of the recitations would have acted as a sort of "natural selection," which would have "sifted out" all except those of whose real interest in the work the students could have felt assured.

PHIL. IV.

Amherst is *not* represented on every college faculty in New England.

## NOTICES.

The first meeting of the Presbyterian Union for the Spring Term, will be held in Association Hall (Room 10, White Hall,) next Tuesday evening, April 12, at 8:30. An interesting programme of music, papers, recitations and charades will be presented, which will be duly posted on the bulletin. All are cordially invited.

The next meeting of the Cornell Classical Association will be held in the Botanical Lecture Room, next Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. The programme is: Mr. Hale—The Revival of Classical Study in the 15th Century. Dr. White—Report on Recent Excavations at Athens. A discussion of these two papers by members of the Association. All are invited to be present.

CORNELLIANA.

- Mumps.
- Are you registered?
- There will be four sections in Logic.
- Our champion sprinter has gone into training.
- The Faculty held a special meeting Monday.
- The examinations were pretty stiff all around.
- The ball nine began practicing out-doors Thursday.
- The track is now in good condition, from all reports.
- The date chosen for the Woodford contest is April 15.
- The Kappa Alpha Society have moved into their new house.
- Several bicycles have already made their appearance on the campus.
- Pay your ERA subscription at once. You cannot register if you don't.
- Several professors will erect tasty cottages on the campus this summer.
- A few smiling countenances of '88 are not visible one the campus this term.
- Messrs. Teemer and Hamm are here, but have not yet set the boys to work.
- A busted Freshman was heard to remark lately, "When will Glenwood open?"
- What's the matter with the crew? It's all right. Teemer and Hamm have come.
- Mr. Hodder began his lectures on "Cities" on Thursday, in Morrill Hall, at 11 o'clock.
- Professor Adams has secured Professor Tuttle's room for the class in Political Economy.

—The numerous Cornell Alumni banquets held during vacation week were all eminently successful.

—"Oklowaha, the Polo Mascott," was called on for a speech at the recent New York dinner, but he modestly declined.

—The college associations have already begun their work for this term and have shown much new interest in them.

—The Junior Trial Contest has been postponed until Wednesday afternoon. There will be about fifteen contestants.

—The Junior contest has narrowed down to a comparatively few men, but among them the competition will be very close.

—Professor Sanborn began his lectures in Social Science Thursday at 2.30. The first excursion will be to Elmira on Saturday.

—The glee club and the orchestra are both working very hard now, and a joint concert is one of the pleasures of the near future.

—In 1880 there were, in round numbers, in the U. S. ten million voters instead of one million as stated in an editorial of this issue.

—Manager White has already secured several dates for the ball nine and the nine will probably go east about the middle of May.

—The University band came out for the first time with the battalion Wednesday afternoon. It made a favorable impression and was highly praised.

—Professor Hale's sections in Latin did not meet to-day, as the professor is in Boston to speak to a gathering of school principals on the teaching of Latin.

—Columbia will send a strong team to Syracuse, and is very confident of victory, and Cornell can only hope to keep the cup by having a better team than ever before.

—The base ball grounds are in a very bad condition, and as games are to be played next week, the person whose duty it is to attend to this should see that they are leveled at once.

—We congratulate editor Barnes upon his well-deserved promotion. Under his faithful guidance the *Sun* can but continue to shine with the accustomed brilliancy of its present volume.

—The battalion made a fine showing on the first drill day of the term. The Department was never in better running order than it is at present, and the interest in drilling is increasing every day.

—Much surprise could be seen in the faces of those Sophomores and Freshmen, whose

names are "on the list," when Dr. Hitchcock posted a notice to the effect that they must take physical exercise this term.

—Misery likes company and the ranks of the thirty-three unfortunates of the fall term have been materially strengthened by the twenty-two dropped last term. Perhaps this term will add still further to the list.

—We had expected to find our sanctum deluged with spring poems and the like on our return, but disappointment awaited us even in this regard. It is not too late yet, however, for like productions to make an appearance.

—The world moves and we are still without our much-hoped-for Senior editor. The few still surviving spirits however, will continue their thankless task, and now enter upon their last term's work with unusually buoyant spirits.

—The excursions of the engineers' parties proved very advantageous to all who were fortunate enough to be along. Professor Thurston has justly earned the hearty thanks of the student body for his untiring efforts in their behalf.

—Professor H. C. Adams has kindly secured for members of his class in Political Economy, a work, published by Putnam, on the inter-state commerce bill, at publisher's price. All wanting copies of it should hand in their names at once.

—The civil engineers have begun their field work. A co-ed, on seeing them out for the first time this term said, "Oh, how I wish I was a civil engineer, so I could be out in the sunshine;" but we have a faint suspicion that she was thinking of the trip down the lake rather than the sunshine.

—The outlook for base ball is most encouraging. The aspirants have worked earnestly during the winter months and are full of hope for a glorious season's work. The batting of the nine will be even heavier than it was last year and this fact certainly augurs well for the prospects ahead of us. Baseball to the front.

—The H. and P. S. Association met in the Botanical Lecture Room, Wednesday evening, and discussed whether the members of the cabinet should have seats in the House of Representatives or not. Stancliff, '89, and J. F. Thompson, '87, supported the affirmative, and Hull, '86, and Munger, '88, the negative. The attendance was small, but the session was very interesting.

—The Annual Banquet of the Cornell Alumni Association of Western New York, was held

in Buffalo, Friday evening, March 11th. Two weeks later, March 25th, at Minneapolis, was held the Third Annual Reunion and Banquet of the Cornell Alumni Association of Minnesota. We still hope that some one will send us accounts of these happenings, for they would surely prove interesting to Alumni.

—All matter for the *Cornellian* is now in the hands of the publishers and the book will be ready for delivery by May 1st. It will be an unusually good issue, judging from current reports. The cuts, drawn entirely by Cornell artists, will far surpass anything ever before seen in any college annual. The literary work is also of superior excellence. The editors will doubtless do much credit to themselves and much honor to the class of '88.

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#### PERSONALS.

C. R. BROWNING, '83, paid a flying visit to town last week.

E. L. SMITH, '86, is studying medicine at his home in Binghamton.

ELI H. DOUD, '86, spent a very pleasant week with friends in town since our last issue.

"The ERA is as welcome as ever" to AMOS WHEELER, '86, who is teaching in Ticonderoga.

E. H. SIBLEY, is manager and one of the proprietors of Prospect Hill Stock Farm at Franklin, Pa.

W. C. JOHNSON is Instructor in the department of Latin Language and Literature at Lehigh University.

PRESIDENT ADAMS attended two Alumni Banquets during vacation, one in New York and the other in Minneapolis.

E. E. SCRIBNER, formerly '87, was in town during vacation. He is in the County Clerk's office at Oswego, and will soon be admitted to the bar.

MISS RAY MEYER, '86, and Miss Anna Widman, '88, represented the Cornell Chapter of Delta Gamma at their recent Convention in Cleveland.

E. R. AUSTIN, '86, is studying Architecture with N. LeBrun & Son, New York City. He writes, "I find that the ERA is one of the essentials of New York life."

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#### EXCHANGES.

The *Troy Polytechnic* is an excellent paper for a technical school. In the March issue is a six column article contributed by a freshman. That is the kind of engineering freshmen the ERA would like to see at Cornell. The local column of the *Polytechnic* is however rather

full of personal allusions, or in in the vernacular "grinds."

The last issue of the *Chronicle* of the University of Michigan contains much matter that is of interest to Cornellians. It appears that President Adams did not have a full house at his lecture on the Drift of Civilization, owing to the fact that the Devil's Auction was in town on the same evening. The *Chronicle* contains a note on the transfer of Professor Hutchins from the Ann Arbor to the Cornell Law School.

The *Yale Courant* is in some respects a model college paper. In the editorials of the new board, who prepared the last issue, there is not so much slang as was to be found in the earlier issues; but we are sorry to see that "Valensicula" is continued. This column is filled with wretched puns, and poor jokes, relieved now and then by an advertisement of the most advantageous place for students to purchase hats and shirts.

The *Tech* contains a short but good editorial in reference to the jokes of the daily press on the college athletics.

The *Illini* from the University of Illinois comes to us with the startling information that the Cornell Gymnasium is likely to be closed, unless the students work more regularly.

The *Concordiensis*, a monthly published in Schenectady Co., New York, prints in its March number a communication in which the writer gives himself considerable trouble over Cornell. As a combination of ignorance, childishness, insolence, and falsehood the communication is alone worthy of notice. The writer says that Cornell reminds him of a big boy: the institution at Schenectady reminds us of a little dog barking at the moon. It is fair to say that the article to which we refer was not printed as a production of the editorial pen; but the writer hid himself behind the signature "J."

The *Yale Record* contains in its issue of March 12 an excellent illustration of "Work as it is not." International Law, Logic, Astronomy, Mechanics, and Algebra are all pictured as some students try to make them.

Both in makeup and in contents the *Brunonian* is near the head of our list of exchanges.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

##### THE BLACK CROOK.

The Black Crook still holds a potent spell over Lowell audiences, and last evening was no exception to the rule, for the hall was filled with a large and enthusiastic audience. The show is one of the best of the kind which has been in Lowell for a long time. The spectacle

is well mounted, the scenery is handsome, the costumes rich, the tableaux artistic and well grouped and the various ballets graceful, attractive and in good taste. The dancing of the *premières* Signorines Cappelina and Camis was loudly applauded, the grace and elegance of their efforts fully meriting the public favors received. The Mikado ballet is new in Lowell and is a graceful pantomimic reproduction of the opera of Gilbert and Sullivan, and well worth seeing. One of the best features of the evening was the acrobatic display of the Herbert brothers, but the honors of the evening rest easily with Mr. Duncan, the ventriloquist. His entertainment is laughable in the extreme, while his vocal tricks are simply marvelous. The grand transformation scene is beautiful and impressive, and brought the fine entertainment to a close. The performance is now being given at the matinee this afternoon and will be repeated this evening.—*Lowell Citizen*.

At the Wilgus Opera House, Wednesday evening next.

##### THE COMMERCIAL TOURIST'S BRIDE.

Had "The Commercial Tourist's Bride" been written in two instead of three acts we think it would have been a better play than it proved on its first representation at the Union Square theatre last night. But who would go to see a play with such a title unless they were determined to laugh. There were many laughs in the first act, and there were plenty and to spare in the second and third, and Miss Agnes Herndon was the cause of a great many, and the drummer and the husband many more. Miss Herndon is a fine looking bride. The "French maid from Cork," otherwise Camille, is immensely funny, and Sam, the negro, is full of jolity. There have been many American comedies that have scored immense financial successes which are far less amusing than the "Drummer's Bride," as it might better be entitled. Rose is a pretty girl, Violet has a handsome face and figure, O. N. Time, "C. T.," has enough cheek to carry a play on his own shoulders, and B. Innocent Smith is—well, he looks very funny in clothes that were bought ready made for Sam. No more need be said.—*Herald*.

At the Wilgus Opera House, Friday evening, April 15. Tickets for the two entertainments now on sale at Finch's.

#### CLIPPINGS.

—A man named his goat "Oleomargarine" because it's a kind of butter strong enough to knock a man over.—*Shoe and Leather Reporter*.

—"If misfortune overtakes you, smile," advises a poet. That's all well enough, but supposing misfortune overtakes you in a strictly prohibition town?—*Burlington Free Press.*

In the spring a fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast;  
In the spring the wanton lapwing gets himself another crest;

In the spring a darker shadow falls athwart this paper's sun:

In the spring the Man of Business sendeth forth the yellow dun. —*Hanover Monthly.*

—In a Toronto college a certain classical student, learning that his professor had a translation of a difficult Greek author, went to borrow it from him. "Ah-um," said the professor, "this is a practical illustration of the old and well-worn saying, 'The ass seeketh his master's crib'" —*Ex.*

—A Junior tells us that this was his own experience, "but for goodness sake don't say we told you:"

"Speak but one word," he cried,  
And madly he clasped her hand;  
"Speak but one word, my love,  
And I shall understand."

"I ask no sweet caress  
Of lovers when they part;  
I am content to wait,  
Speak but one word, dear heart."

"Mine is a trusting soul,  
That rests its faith on thee;  
It asks a vow of love,  
Speak but one word to me."

"Speak! speak!" he cried, "and still  
My heart's wild pit-a-pats—  
She looked into his eyes  
And softly whispered, "Rats!"

—*Hanover Monthly.*

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JUDGING from the fact that there were only four contestants this year for the Woodford Prize, many might conclude that '87 is lacking in the oratorical spirit. Perhaps she is, but we are confident that the superior excellence of the performances last night will more than make up for any seeming deficiency on the part of the class. The Woodford contest is always regarded with deep interest both by the alumni and undergraduates and, indeed, there is hardly an event of the whole year which is so important, viewed from a university standpoint. In view of this importance together with other considerations, we print in the present issue the four orations in full, and solicit for them the attention which their merit deserves.

PERHAPS it is a common thing for students, whenever anything more than ordinarily difficult comes up in the regular routine of their work, to find fault; in vulgar parlance, to "kick." No doubt, in almost every case, the difficulty is one the successful solution of which is in the end beneficial to the student. The fault is not always on one side, however, and the "kickers" are not always wrong. We refer to some objections that have been made, especially since the beginning of the present year, to the quantity and quality of examinations given by certain professors, and to their way of marking. Of course it is not for the ERA to dictate what any professor or any one else shall do. That we are far from doing. But we should like to offer some suggestions, be they wise or otherwise, which we are sure the student body will, in general, heartily approve. Certain professors, heads of departments by the way, are in the habit of testing, at the end of each term, not only their students' knowledge of the subject treated, but their physical endurance. Examinations are given, to be finished in two hours, to which the student cannot actually do justice in five hours, granting that he has a good knowledge of the subject. This is not all. Men who do a good term's work, and who like to get a fairly good mark in return for it, must be satisfied with 70 or 80 per cent; no more; nothing different; either a bare "cred," or an equally bare "honorable." Such a system of marking not only makes the one who carries it out unpopular with his students, but it discourages good work. It compels its victims to think that all their names are written on cards, mixed up in a basket, drawn out by a blind man and marked either 70 or 80 per cent at his option. There may be students at Cornell who would take advantage of their instructors; but there are far more who would not, men who will act fairly in every way and who wish to be treated in return like men of flesh and blood, not like puppets of wood, to be

bundled off in the most convenient way. We ask to be treated fairly, to be given examinations of a fair length, if we must have any at all, and lastly, to have our papers fairly examined and marked as they deserve. The request is not unreasonable or unjust; we make it sincerely and hope that it will be considered and, if possible, granted. There are, of course, but few professors to whom this will apply. We merely say to all members of the faculty, "examine the coat carefully, and if you think it fits, put it on."

### WOODFORD ORATIONS.

#### I.

#### VICTOR HUGO AS A POLITICAL REFORMER.

[ALBERT ROLLIN WARNER.]

The history of France for the last century is the history of a struggle and of a triumph. The goal of her struggle has been liberty, the chosen crown of her triumph a republic. But a republican form of government was unsuited to a people whose only restraint had been the iron hand of tyranny. The first liberty of France degenerated into license, and bloody excesses stained the garments of her victory. Truly, the crown of her first triumph was a crown of thorns. The inevitable reaction followed the pendulum swung again over to absolutism, and absolutism under Napoleon was no better than absolutism under the Bourbons. Nor did the day at Waterloo further the cause of Republicanism, for the power that liberated France from the Corsican autocrat placed her old oppressors once more on the throne.

France of the eighteenth century had cast off Bourbon oppression; could France of the nineteenth century do less? Popular discontent culminated in the July Revolution of 1830. The Bourbons fled over sea, and in their place came Louis Philippe, the "Citizen King." To him the French looked for a larger share of liberty than they had yet enjoyed under a monarchy. But Guizot, his prime minister, steadily resisted the march of reform, and another revolution hurled the minister from his tribune, and the king from his throne. A Republic was again to be established; and what was more natural than that Louis Napoleon, whose name recalled the brightest glories of France, should be chosen as its representative? The memories of Jena and Austerlitz had not yet faded, and the popular vote showed a vast majority for Louis Napoleon. But hereditary ambition asserted itself in the new President, and the night of December second, 1851 saw this Napoleon also, emperor of the French. Absolutism was once more established, and the French people had another hard lesson to learn before they were sufficiently prepared for a form of government truly republican. When the time for such a government came, there was one man in France, who could have said: "This was my hope, this my faith, and this is my reward." That man was Victor Marie Hugo.

Born in 1802, educated a strict royalist, the revolutionary ferment of 1830 had affected him as it did all Young France, and he renounced Royalty for Re-

publicanism. Napoleon became his idol. He ignored the infamous usurpation of arbitrary power and the over-weening ambition that made a sacrifice of France even after rescuing her, and recognized only the heroic courage that freed her from the power of tyranny, roused her from her death-like lethargy, and infused into her veins the quickening spirit of Liberty. "To-day is for the kings; to-morrow for the people," he said, and strained every nerve to hasten that morrow. The popular party achieved a partial victory, but the time had not yet come for France to throw off all chains. A true republic was impossible, and the people were compelled to be satisfied with the old form of government still further liberalized.

Victor Hugo was the leader of the literary revolution. He was, in fact, a revolutionist by temperament whether in matters of literature or politics. The literary success of Victor Hugo was achieved, and the seat in the French Academy, the principles of whose members he had done so much to overthrow, could in no way add to his reputation, but he saw in it a means of attaining political power, which he determined to utilize. Four times he applied for an election to the Academy before he was successful.

In the address on the occasion of his induction, he, the man of letters, speaking to a body composed exclusively of men of letters, left the domain of literature, and dealt with political questions. What could be more significant than this? His mind and heart were wrapped up in France, and he declared that liberty was all she then needed. The possessor of a great name in letters, he soon achieved prominence in politics. Notwithstanding his republican ideas, he was a favorite with the king, and in 1845 was elevated to the peerage. The influence of Victor Hugo during these trying years was always for the uplifting and extension of human rights; his idol, Liberty, was ever before him, pointing steadfastly towards a free Republic. At last in 1848, when the promises of the king were broken, liberty degraded, and the people goaded to insurrection, Victor Hugo was impelled to decided action. He declared himself for a Republic, and aided to his utmost to establish it firmly. Himself a thorough Republican, he naturally cast his influence for Louis Napoleon, who had so large a majority of the popular suffrages. "Those who abide in integrity are slow in suspecting treachery," and it is in no way to his discredit that Victor Hugo was not more suspicious of the new president than were the other leading Republicans of France. It was not long, however, before intrigues began to be discovered, and "Citizen Bonaparte, who but yesterday was a mere speck in the fiery heavens, became an ominous cloud bearing storm and tempest in its bosom."

The *Coup d'état* came. Victor Hugo had hurled his whole weight against it, and when the Republic yielded he could not recover his balance, and fell defeated into the power of the usurper. Louis Napoleon wrote the name of the Republic's best defender at the head of the list of the proscribed, and with a price set upon his head, Victor Hugo fled in disguise to Brussels.

France debased, the Republic overthrown, and Liberty in chains, what remained to console the exiled patriot? But the mind of Hugo was of a type too broad and noble to bow in submission. Always slow to give way to disappointment, and quick to rally from it, ever hopeful and confident of the triumph of the right at last, he saw a new field of duty spread before him. "He had been the consoler of the afflicted

and of those in despair, now he would be an avenger." No power could prevent his stormy attacks, or shake his determined purpose. Driven from Brussels to Jersey, and from Jersey to Guernsey, he declared that he would seek the land of true liberty across the Atlantic, rather than allow any interference with his unceasing struggle. From his exile home he sent forth such works as, "The History of a Crime," "Napoleon the Little," and that embodiment of all social evils, "Les Miserables." Despite the efforts of the Emperor, these books found their way into France, and burst like bombs in the very center of his stronghold.

Never was a purpose more decided, nor more thoroughly realized. No one can estimate the constant, steady, powerful pressure of Victor Hugo's influence during his years of exile. It was like the continual and persistent erosion of the summer's stream on the supports of a bridge, that renders it possible for the flood of spring to tear the structure, in an instant, from its foundations. For nineteen years Victor Hugo labored constantly, waiting for the flood that he felt was sure to complete his task. "When liberty returns, I will return," he said, and when at length, the amnesty was declared, he kept his vow, and remained a voluntary exile. But his deliverance was near at hand. On the fourth of September, 1870, the Empire fell, and the following day Victor Hugo entered his native country. Crossing the frontier, he beheld the tricolor of France retreating before the forces of Prussia, to wave defiantly in the capital of France. "He had lived in the proud illusion that France was invincible." At this sight conflicting emotions overcame him, and with tears streaming down his cheeks, furrowed by years of exile, Victor Hugo cries in a voice thrilling with earnestness: "Vive la France! Vive l'armée! Vive la patrie!"

Returning to his stricken country, Victor Hugo had chosen to enter Paris privately and at night, but the excited people were not to be deprived of this opportunity of showing their joy and gratitude. Proudly they bore him into Paris, and the burden of his weary waiting was lightened by his triumphant reception. Nineteen years before he had been banished with the banishment of liberty; at her restoration, he returned, her honored prime minister and the "Guardian of Paris." "He arrived just as the circle of investment was closing in around the city, bringing with him the last breath of the air of freedom."

"France had now recovered herself, and it was no longer her liberty, but her independence that was threatened." Without, the cannon of the enemy was already thundering against the ramparts of Paris, within, tumultuous throngs, revolutionized by their new found freedom, were inspired to desperate valor. Liberty was attained. Independence could only be wrested from the lifeless hands of Republicanism. "To that country which he has ever loved so ardently, if he now brought nothing else, he brought noble advice."

At first he tried to stay the advance of the German army by sending a Manifesto of Peace. "Pause a while," he said, "before you present to the world the spectacle of Germans becoming Vandals, and of barbarism decapitating civilization. Victory will not be for your honor." The Germans indignantly cast aside this advice, then he raised the war cry, and called on France to defend herself.

In the trying times of the siege of Paris, Victor Hugo was an example of courage and equanimity. In the Assembly, to which he was elected soon after

his return, he violently opposed the treaty with Germany. He believed that continuing the war was the only means of obtaining an enduring peace. The treaty with Germany was confirmed, his advice was disregarded, and every motion he championed was rejected. Garibaldi, who had fought so nobly for the liberty of France, was denied his elected place in the Assembly. Satisfied in his own mind that he ought not to retain a place in such a Chamber, he could only retire. What must have been his feelings at this critical time? He returned to see France delivered from the bondage she had so long borne, but doing her utmost to forge new chains for her willing limbs. For a time the Commune trampled personal liberty under foot, before the very altar of the Republic.

Soon better counsels prevail, the dawn of a clearer day breaks through the murky night of terror, and reveals the Republic, beautiful in the strength of her unfettered youth, the melancholy past behind her, her hopeful face turned towards a future bright with promise. Among the company of great men gathered about her we mark a well known figure. Throughout the years he has kept faith, has embodied and articulated the longings of France, and in the light of the new dawn, he stands, his faith justified and glorified, the first poet of France, the representative Republican of Europe.

## II.

### THE POLITICAL INTEGRITY OF WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

[HORACE WHITE.]

When men shall survey, centuries hence, the annals of English History, and shall contemplate that stable edifice constructed by her soldiers and her statesmen, certain periods will stand forth in bold relief, periods that by their spirit and ideas have reached a higher, broader level than have others. Among those prominent eras, which stir the human soul and raise all men to an appreciation of their duties, there is no more striking illustration than the present time. War and tyranny, superstition and bigotry, had hardly relaxed their fatal sway, when this age of mighty events emerged from a troubled past.

Great Britain is the fountain head of progressive civilization. The houses of Lords and Commons control the nation's affairs. Royalty, nobility, and people balance the entire system. But behind and above all this, what master hand moulds its leading principles and carves out its great designs? Cobden, Palmerston, Disraeli, clearly deserve recognition. But pre-eminent above them all, there ranks a nobler name. A profound and subtle intellect and a magnetic personality unite in harmonious accord and, blending with an unparalleled range of mental and physical energy, the matchless orator, the unaffected Christian, the sagacious statesman, William Ewart Gladstone, stands before the world.

The lives of eminent men disclose the peculiar fact that in proportion to their true greatness has been the obloquy cast upon them. Patriot citizens, from whom English and American freedom received its first impulse, honored benefactors, by whom its existence has been strengthened and maintained, have been the first, indeed, to meet this grave injustice. Pym, the people's friend, the robust Puritan chief, faced a storm of calumny and crushed it to the earth. Washington, before whom an invincible nation bows in

grateful respect, amid the trials of Valley Forge was assailed on every side. Gladstone, whose renown floats over land and sea, suffers the bitterest invective, and that from his native land. Lack of political integrity! can such a charge be raised against men like these? Can their far-seeing policies and loyal devotion be tarnished or misconstrued? In the case of the dead, time has established their fame; but in the case of the living, that duty still remains.

By political integrity should be understood, no mere rigid adherence to first principles, but rather a higher form, in which the individual devotes himself to the ever-changing needs of society. The question of Gladstone's political integrity hangs on a single point. Why has he so frequently changed his attitude on matters affecting the very foundations of British institutions? Have these changes been the result of party intrigue and blind ambition, nourished by a deep seated thirst for personal aggrandizement and domineering power, or have they rather been the product of those great moral and social forces, which are transforming the whole character of political thought? Casting aside all petty prejudice and personal disregard, let an enlightened world view the aspects of Gladstone's life, and by its honest conviction may his reputation stand or fall.

Behold his entrance upon the field of parliamentary life. Sir Robert Peel was the undisputed champion of the Tory cause. Despite his Liberal tendencies, Gladstone determined to aid the great Conservative in his masterly legislative work, for he saw in Peel that genius for government which could best serve his country's needs. Peel early recognized the brilliant promise of the young statesman and encouraged his hopes and aspirations. The tariff issue, at this juncture, divided the nation. Protection was a sustaining pillar of Conservatism. The Corn Laws heavily oppressed the poor. Peel, with his rising protégé, comprehended the predestined change. Factional prejudice must give way to the Empire's imperative demand. With incredible foresight they framed a sweeping plan. Success attended their efforts. Free trade came victoriously in. What wonder was it then that the defeated party, sore from want of power, jealous of others' gains, should resort to the cowardly subterfuge of personal attack. Gladstone was charged with a vacillating policy and with scheming for his private ends. But his motives came to be understood at last. The repeal of the Corn Laws has been to England a never ceasing good. Englishmen had not forgotten how "the bright particular star" of Peel's former ministry had courageously resigned his coveted position and endangered his whole future, when political advancement and fidelity to principle came in collision. His lofty purpose broke the obscuring veil and shone out in a glow of honorable vindication.

A new generation arose in Europe. Ireland was in a ferment of excitement. Maddened men and frantic women reveled in their own misdeeds. Misery and carnage in the country, crime and outrage in the towns, devastated that fair island of vast possibilities. Murder and bloodshed marred the blooming land and drenched its fertile shores. Loudly these infuriated beings cried for liberty and right. A detested Church roused their deepest ire. But at length an awakening in religious vigor gave substantial grounds for hope. The occasion and the man had now appeared to redress the Irish wrongs. Ireland would at last receive her rightful due. Gladstone in his early life had earnestly supported the Established Church. But

his theory, as Lord Macaulay justly said, rests on this great fundamental proposition, "That the propagation of religious truth is one of the principal ends of government as government." "If Mr. Gladstone has not proven this, his system vanishes at once." The Maynooth grant was the rock upon which the whole structure rested. It was the question, as Gladstone had always maintained, upon which his Church and State principles were founded. If that was swept away, the Establishment was no longer a necessity or even a benefit to the nation. When the government in its haughty strength increased the Maynooth grant, the deed was done, and Gladstone's system vanished. His ideas and opinions had not changed, the principles themselves had changed, and he was forever freed from support of the Irish Church. No longer should this barrier clog legislation or turn a kindred people into embittered foes. The nation teemed with interest. The spirit of reform burst out with ungovernable force. The Liberal party, reunited once again, rallied around their sturdy leader and gathering all their strength, in one prodigious effort, overthrew the Established Church of Ireland.

Years rolled along. "The Golden Age of Liberalism" had come and passed away. Beaconsfield and Gladstone had ceased forever that unexampled feud which death alone could close. England abounding in wealth and luxury pours a continual stream of blessings over her uttermost domain. Ireland alone seems to be at the mercy of those fatalistic forces which no earthly power can stay. Home Rule had been advocated as a possible relief. At first this doctrine had little support beyond the Irish members. Gradually it became an important factor in parliamentary work. Wherever the subject was mentioned, the cry of dismemberment was raised. But if Ireland should have a separate parliament, her allegiance to Britain would not be withdrawn. Gladstone, always foremost in realizing the necessities and spirit of the time, saw the inability of the united government to grapple with Irish rule. Who can investigate the testimony of the past and then assert that Gladstone has been reticent or precipitate in his action toward this subject. Read his speeches; they abound in expressions of the idea that though Parliament may be broken up, the Union will still remain. Rather than take this step, he wished to try every expedient. But when in the course of affairs a crisis confronted the kingdom, he deemed it the best policy to go to the very root of the malady and, by granting Home Rule to Ireland, the surer to wipe away her grievances. If he had been influenced by false motives, would he have staked his exalted political position on so dangerous an issue? Would he have risked his power for so unpopular a cause, if he had not been actuated by a sincere dictate of conscience? Whatever one may think of the advisability of Home Rule for Ireland, Gladstone in supporting it can only have been influenced by an earnest desire to promote the national welfare and prosperity.

The repeal of the Corn Laws, the disestablishment of the Irish Church, and the question of Home Rule, are the cardinal features of Gladstone's public life. These are the measures which have called forth his greatest thoughts and efforts. These are the works which reveal his inmost heart. These are the achievements which must forever exhibit the purity and honor of his soul. And judged by these, what has there been in his conduct to raise a shadow of reproach? What unworthy sentiment can his defamers

detect? Recanted opinions, broken vows, abominable selfishness! have these terms the remotest application to the deliverer of the Neapolitans and the reformer of world-wide wrongs? Are such imputations endurable when applied to a righteous man? Half the British Empire follow Gladstone's will. A world-encircling kingdom reveres his very name. Would a thoughtful nation espouse the cause of a fanatic or a knave? That myriads upon myriads of people, the sturdiest representatives Great Britain has ever known, could be guilty of such a moral degeneracy! Impossible. And thank Heaven, it is not true. That imperishable firmness which sustained the English phalanx against the Old Guard at Waterloo, that transcendent heroism, which swelled those martial bosoms that charged at Balaklava, these are the virtues and characteristics which have arisen in a living man. They are his rightful heritage. Reason and justice have given their verdict. They have ordained an inviolable decree. Before the sacred majesty of God, they assert William Ewart Gladstone to be a worthy patriot and an incorruptible statesman.

How like a sceptered monarch the venerable commoner stands. Not in vain pomp, not in splendor, but in his native greatness. Seventy years with their flood of joys and cares have wreathed a silvery crown for that modern king of men. What endless hours of toil, what years of pain and doubt, eventually terminating in a triumphant march of power! Patriotic statesmanship and unblemished personal character have realized their highest conception. Conscience and politics so long estranged are inseparably mingled throughout this honored life. Westminster Hall, with all its traditions, with all its memories, can offer no more impressive instance of a career founded on great fundamental principles, kindled by enduring moral earnestness. Whether in the depths of scholarly pursuits, or when bearing the destinies of England on his shoulders, Gladstone labors not for himself, not merely for the present, but for humanity and the future. Dynasties may fall, sovereignties may melt away, imperial dominion may be lost in popular revolution, but the real greatness of man shall not vanish nor decay. While the British Empire lasts, while her sons and their deeds continue to direct mankind, while that mighty force of illuminating civilization sways the whole earth, so long the fame of Gladstone will rise to meet the day, it will blaze out to enrich the night, it will rear itself skyward, spurning all assaults, bursting all restraints and at length streaming its inspiring light over every race and clime.

### III.

#### THE CATHOLIC COUNTER-REFORMATION.

[GEORGE MONTANYE MARSHALL.]

The history of the Church is closely entwined with the history of civilization. Murky clouds of tradition obscure her origin; the rushing tide of her career down the centuries has ebbed and flowed in mighty waves. All but exterminated by persecutions, she has risen ever from her tribulations with the vigor of perennial youth. Before the advancing cross the heathen deities fled away until all the peoples of Europe turned their faces toward Rome. In loving gratitude princes heaped treasures upon her until grown dissatisfied with dominion in the hearts of men alone, she claimed the right to hold the reins of secular authority.

In the beginning of the sixteenth century we see her, no longer clothed in the sack cloth of humility but gorgeous in the trappings of worldly splendor; her hands once clasped in adoration of the cross now clutch a scepter. The Rome of the Popes is more absolutely the mistress of the world than was ever the Rome of the Caesars. But the spirit of founder has departed and the Mammon of Unrighteousness dwells in her halls. The perishing treasure of earth she has guarded more closely than the incorruptible riches of heaven. Her rulers cultivate the arts, the sciences, and literature; but the maxims of the gospel, they leave unheeded. Her children look to her for bread, she gives them stones; they ask for fish, she gives them serpents.

Whence should come light to illumine this darkness? Signs of promise are dimly to be discerned. The prostitution of the Church's spiritual functions to her own worldly aggrandizement alienated the minds of thinking men. An extended mental reach saw within what narrow limits the domain of mind had been restrained; it saw how progress was checked and free thought stifled by ecclesiastical dogmatism; and realized what a grotesque mockery was masquerading in the garments of Christianity.

The people of ancient Germania had roamed their forests self-ruling independent tribes. The Teutons of the sixteenth century had inherited the same national instinct. The German loved his "Fatherland," but the Church that ruled it was an Italian state. The cupidity of this state, her assumption of political supremacy in Europe were beyond endurance. Germany was ripe for revolution; she awaited only a leader. The forgiveness of sins for money, the licensing of evil for the Church's gain, were too revolting to minds seeking a more inward and spiritual worship. The thunderous denunciations of Luther aroused the national consciousness. The fires of revolt were kindled and spread with fury. Honest thinkers animated by the inspiring courage of the monk of Wittenberg turned their backs on the institution that forbade honest thought. German princes imbued anew with national hopes saw in the tottering of Romanism a promise of release from a galling yoke.

In vain were the bulls and anathemas of the Church hurled from the Vatican. They fell harmless and unheeded. Such a conflagration could not flame long without setting Christendom ablaze. Revolt from the ancient faith advanced with rapid strides from province to province, from state to state, until the very existence of Rome was menaced.

From his lofty throne the Pope surveys Europe in alarm. From Germany, the mighty heart of dissent, the life blood of schism courses to all the world. England and the far north are lost forever. From its fountain-head in Switzerland, a stream of the most uncompromising heresy pours down into France, Austria, Hungary and the Provinces along the Rhine are in a ferment of agitation. Poland renounces allegiance to Rome. Even Spain, the home of the Inquisition, and Italy, the household of the Papacy itself have caught the infection. The Papal treasury is empty, the city itself smitten with pestilence, the victorious Turk is pressing on from the East. But the worst was not yet, for the Emperor's hand too was against Rome. Once more she falls prey to an invasion, barbarian in fact, if no longer in name. The Eternal City is sacked and pillaged; the Pope himself languishes a prisoner in his citadel. Catholicism was indeed in the darkness of the valley of the

shadow of death. Had its funeral pyre been lighted by the burning bull at Wittenberg? Was the power that had sprinkled the water of baptism and scattered the ashes of burial over mighty nations at last to be swept from the face of the earth forever?

Groaning under grievous tribulations, Rome prepared herself for a struggle to the death. She rallied her scattered forces and turned upon her enemies, arrested the rising torrent that threatened to overwhelm her, and drove it back until once more, not her sceptor, but her cross shone triumphant over a world reconquered, till again the candles were lighted and the host consecrated on altars long deserted.

How was this miracle wrought? From what sources within and without came to the Church new life and strength wherewith to fight her exulting adversary? At Trent were erected the vast bulwarks of doctrine and faith behind which she entrenched herself. From the hands of her disunited and quarreling opponents she wrested their mightiest weapon—Reform—and turned its keen blade against them. Her armies, the best tacticians in spiritual and political warfare the world has ever seen, she sent to all lands to do their battle.

At the great council the creeds were defined anew. Every doctrine was reasserted and emphasized. From her foundations, the Church was reorganized. Great campaigns were planned. The battles were to be fought with an unbroken front and all the legions were to advance with concerted action.

The reform within the bosom of the Church was no less radical than the revolution without. It affected all, from him who wore the cardinal's crimson, to him who peered from beneath the coarse cowl of the monk. Those who had brought contempt on their holy calling were disgraced and banished. Men of the most exalted character were elevated to the purple. In the curial chair of Saint Peter sat a new line of pontiffs whose toils were for the purifying of the Church; who renounced the earthly ambitions which had so frequently disturbed the peace of Europe. The whole character of the Papal government was thenceforth altered.

But the reform and the unification of the Church, and the discordant wranglings and fierce jealousies among the many protestant sects were not the only factors of this counter-revolution. The most efficient of all the aggressive forces for the reconverting of the world was the Society of Jesus. Conceived in the half-crazed brain of a Spanish fanatic, it received the sanction and blessing of the Pope. Around the standard of its general, flocked thousands of enthusiasts, all eager to do their share in the great strife for reconquest. Pre-eminently the Jesuits were teachers. They established the best schools the world had yet seen. Not content with attacking Protestantism in the abstract, they brought every influence to bear directly on individual men and women until one by one they led them back into the fold of the ancient Church. In every calling of life they labored zealously, in systematic method, with an ardor, a persistence, a self sacrifice, not surpassed by the missionaries of the primitive Church.

The Church placed her dependence not on moral influence alone. In the realms of Catholic rulers, when persuasion failed, recourse was had to terror of arms. Treason, it was argued, was the blackest of crimes. The kingdom of God was higher than all earthly empires. Heresy was treason—treason against the Almighty Ruler of the Universe. There is no need

to rehearse the sickening tale of the vindictive violence, which in the name of Christianity fell with torch and sword upon the apostates. Bright lights of Protestantism were extinguished; the faint hearted terrorized; those carried away by excitement, hastened to recant lest they too should be summoned to a martyr's fate.

In Italy, the skeptical tone of the scholastic philosophy and the revival of the study of the ancient classics, had swept away from the minds of the more cultivated much of superstition and undermined the authority of the church. The fallow ground was broken to receive the seeds of discontent wafted over the mountains from Germany. But the Church was to the Italians what it was not to the Germans, a national establishment. The Italians paid no burdensome tributes to a foreign power to be expended in distant lands. While the Church flourished supreme, the material interests of Italy prospered. Impelled by this national selfishness, the Italians resisted any change that would weaken the Church's power in other states. But outraged decency in no uncertain terms arraigned the papal administration for its moral degradation. Purification, Italy would have, but no schism. The spirit of Reform disarmed this halting protest. Although the reformers themselves soon constituted the hierarchy of Rome, there still lurked obstinate traces of the northern doctrine which must be extirpated. The dreadful Inquisition, the most murderous instrument of the counter reformation, was brought from Spain to do its sanguinary work. The germs of revolution were crushed before they could take root.

In Spain, the struggle was short but terrible. To the Spaniard, religion was identical with patriotism. Through centuries, his zeal had been kept at fever heat by the merciless crusades against "infidel Islam" and the "unbelieving Jew." The Spaniard hated the German—and the Reformation came Germany. His national pride was insulted. The cruel engine of the Inquisition was ready relentlessly to smother the first breath of heresy. The best blood of Spain fed the Inquisitorial fires until those noble spirits who alone had made Spain great, and alone could maintain and augment her glory had been destroyed.

In France, the Reformation had spread until half the population worshipped no more at Romish altars. The king feared the religious change as pregnant with danger to his throne. Political authority cooperated with religious bigotry and intolerance, and persecution flourished. The massacre of the dreadful night of St. Bartholomew, that most colossal of crimes, was a staggering blow from which French Protestantism never recovered. While it still lay prostrate, a second blow fell. The Protestant Henry IV., abjured the faith in which he had been reared, and received the Papal benediction. If a king, the idol of his people, saw danger in remaining protestant, it was no time for his adoring subjects to cling to a religion which bound its devotees with ties as loose. But some steadfast souls, the very pith of the industrial prosperity of France, would not renounce their sacred convictions. The revocation of the Edict of Nantes eradicated the last traces of the heresy. The exiled survivors sought refuge across the mountains and beyond the seas.

In Germany the war was waged with hottest force, for there the princes were enlisted against the Papacy. Impending restoration of the power of a secularized Church to them was fraught with loss of their privilege

to govern freely. In such states persecution could not at first enter, but the Jesuits plied their subtlest arts. Results stand a witness to their persistency and skill. Slowly, one by one, state after state, yielded until half the ancient empire Catholicism could once more claim her own.

Thus did the Church win back from her foes a territory as vast as all that still remained to them.

After the exhausted combatants had ceased their conflict, and the smoke of battle had rolled away, whose banner floated triumphant in the skies, and whose trails in the dust? Who were the conquerors? Who were the vanquished?

The world says Rome was victor, that once more her dominion extended over the nations, that once more the temporal rulers of Christendom bent the knee in meek submission, that once more her wayward wandering children called her mother.

Rome had indeed gained all ascendancy; but not the Rome that had lost it, and not the ascendancy that had been lost. The Rome that had lost was a haughty secular power; the Rome that won, though far from perfect, was in its aims a Church of God. The Rome that was threatened with extinction was polluted with the sins of her household, who dishonored Him whose sacred name she bore; the Rome regenerate was a renovated temple whose ministers were for the most part men of purity, of piety, of integrity. What wonder then that the successor of St. Peter exclaimed in exultation: "The daughter of Zion shall now shake off the ashes of mourning from her head and array herself in festal garments!"

But, was Rome indeed the true victor? What had she won? Reform. But Reform was the chief demand of her enemies and was for her a concession. What had she sought to win? Supremacy, absolute and universal; that there should be no thought without her walls, and no free thought within them. In these she failed and her failure was final. What seemed her victory was defeat, for her real foe was not Protestantism but that of which Protestantism had been the exponent—the freedom of the human mind—the awakening quickening spirit of human progress. Over this she can win no fair battle in open field, and she can overtake it only by transforming herself. The time was when she led the world even in thought. At the Reformation she fell hopelessly behind, and though now and then she may overwhelm some lagging rear guard of the advancing army of the world's progress, her assaults from behind will but push it on the faster.

Rome, men say, was victor. The lands she won back are indeed called by the name of Roman Catholic; but if not Protestant after the manner of the professed reformers, they are so by that liberty and toleration, which those reformers won for their descendants.

Is this victory? Nay! Neither to Pope nor to Reformer belonged that victory, but to another whom they saw not and on whom their blind fury spent itself in vain, whom chains could not fetter nor fires burn—the one eternal invincible power known to history, the spirit which proceeds from the past but is not of the past—the spirit of human progress. Only as she leagues herself in holy alliance with this is the Church immortal.

The flames that sought to stifle heresy have destroyed only those who held the torch. But the Truth chastened by those fires has come forth conquering and to conquer.

## IV.

## THE POLITICAL INTEGRITY OF WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

[FRED WILLIAM THOMSON.]

When a statesman has figured for a quarter of a century in a popular legislative assembly, the world is generally well informed as to his character, aims, and probable course through life. Yet in 1860 Mr. Gladstone, who had then been in public life for twenty-seven years, was still a problem. He had entered parliament "the rising hope of the stern and unbending Tories;" he was now a prominent member of the Liberal party; he had filled high offices in the state; he had passed much of his time in opposition; he was the greatest orator in the House of Commons. "Who" said Mr. Bagehot "can calculate his future course? Who can tell, whether he will be as his gifts mark him out to be, our greatest statesman; whether he will be the greatest orator of a great administration; or, whether, below the gangway, he will aid in destroying many ministries and share in none; will pour forth, during many hopeless years, a bitter, a splendid, and a vituperative eloquence?"

Since that time, twenty-seven years more of public service have been added to the career of Gladstone. He has been the greatest statesman of the century; he has been the greatest orator of a great administration; he has aided in destroying many ministries and has shared in many. He has lived his life away in the councils of his country. Every motive, every act of his career, is known and discussed, yet the world still hesitates to pass judgment upon him. He is left to fight his way at the close of his life, loaded with bitter denunciation from one side and supported with half-hearted approval from the other. "Justice delayed is justice denied."

Let us cast aside that tendency to belittle virtue which is our chief fault both as a race and as individuals; let a decision be rendered upon the work of Gladstone before he passes from us forever. If he is the greatest Englishman of the time, let us show an enthusiasm at least kindred to that which we have shown for Washington and Lincoln, which the Italian showed for Garibaldi, and which glowed in the breast of the Frenchman at the sight of Napoleon.

Mr. Gladstone entered parliament fresh from a Tory home and a Tory college. Tory principles had been bred in him by all the associations of his youth and he clung to them with all the enthusiasm of his age. The first seventeen years of his public life were spent in accordance with his education and he resisted every attempt at reform. But when the Corn Laws were repealed by his beloved leader in 1846, the foundations were taken from beneath his ideals. The stone which was rejected had become the head of the corner. Gladstone went over to the Liberals. Then began that steady growth in broad principles and progressive policy which has compelled the admiration of his friends and inspired the sneers and taunts of his enemies. He rose at a leap above the dominion of his early education and the thralldom of his own public utterance. Without hesitation and without regret, he saw his former ideas shattered and aided heroically in the work of demolition. He took the cloak of Elliot and placed it upon his shoulders; he volunteered his services to Progress and was soon placed in command of her forces.

Standing in the pure sunlight of human liberty, Gladstone looked at Ireland. For centuries, the blood-

red scar which Cromwell left upon that unhappy land had lain uncovered in all its nakedness and horror. The dew from Heaven had fallen there in vain. Her fields were laid waste, her manufactures forbidden, her commerce coerced. There was none to 'Raze out the written troubles from her brain, Pluck from her memory the rooted sorrow.'

He looked at England. His fellowmen were enslaved by the influence of a proud nobility. The labor classes were fast nearing extinction beneath an imperial policy of national aggrandizement. The burden of a heavy taxation was resting heavily upon the shoulders of Trade.

He looked abroad. The European powers stood clothed in armor ready to take quick vengeance upon any aggressor. Hate had stolen the birth-right of Love. Friendly fellowship among nations was an idea of fanatics. Despotic Russia was the only friend of the Christian against Mohammed.

What more was needed to stir the heart of the new convert to Reform! He ordered the forces of liberty to charge upon oppression. He turned all his eloquence and power upon the enemy. The Irish church went down before him. The evils of the land system were mitigated. Education was brought within reach of the poorest in the land. Beneath his master hand, the acts for reforming the army, the criminal code and the church, the Trade Union's Bill and the negotiation of the Washington Treaty, became landmarks of Progress in the English constitution. He made a passage through which Ireland can march to the realms of Freedom; he lifted the poorer classes from a state of dependence to a position of comparative independence; he made England the friend of the Christian and of oppressed humanity throughout the world.

What greater deeds have been accomplished; what purer qualities are exhibited in the career of any man whom the world now honors? And yet the political honesty of Gladstone is challenged. He is charged with demagogueism, with unsteady opinions and unsteady principles. His accusers have applied to him the epithets "extravagant," "inconsistent," "incoherent," "incalculable." They point with an ominous finger at his reform policy at home, and at the results of his foreign policy in Egypt and the Soudan. His present support of Home Rule has brought down upon him a storm of odium. He is even held up as a traitor endeavoring with might and main to destroy the power and glory of England.

And who are his accusers? They are the followers and devotees of the imperial policy of Lord Beaconsfield. They are the men, who, for years, have blocked the pathway of Progress with their selfishness, their bigotry, and their blind opposition. They are the men to whom domineering arrogance seems identical with greatness, and who behold with fear the tide of democracy, rising to close over the heads of their aristocracy and their nobility. The evidence which they bring forward to support their charges could be convincing to none but those bred in the school of Bourbon politics, and criminally ignorant of the power and purposes of progressive statesmanship. A deliberate investigation of the real facts only serves to emphasize the virtues of the accused or to commend the poisoned chalice to the lips of the accusers.

For Gladstone's change from Toryism to Liberalism, and for his different positions upon the church and Irish questions, they call him inconsistent. For his great progressive tendency, he is called incalculable;

because the force of his oratory carries him a little beyond himself at a critical point in debate, they call him incoherent. For his opposition to an aggressive foreign policy, and the failure of the English campaign in the Soudan, and for his support of Home Rule he is arraigned as a traitor.

If a change of political policy indicates a lack of integrity, then the verdict of history upon Webster and Lincoln and Edmund Burke, must be impeached. Is it not the duty of a faithful minister, and is it not a fundamental principle of greatness, to adopt and express public opinion? A great statesman does not impose his creed upon his time, but learns his creed of his time.

Mr. Gladstone, in his youth, wrote a long essay upon "the Church and State" to prove that "the propagation of religious truth is one of the principal ends of government;" and that to accomplish this, the State church was a necessity. A few years after its publication, he worked and voted to destroy that doctrine. "The slow resistless force of conviction" had taught him the true worth of Liberty. Reason, justice, and humanity called upon him to disestablish the Irish church. Was it a lack of integrity to yield to such petitioners?

Gladstone realizes the dangers and liabilities which deter England from a warlike policy. With the improvements of machinery, Britannia ceased to rule the wave and became the chief nation in manufacturing. The foreign policies of Lord Palmerston and Lord Beaconsfield tickled the pride and conceit of the English aristocracy, but the English workingman was starved. Because Gladstone has refused to trade the rights of the poorer citizens for a little tinsel ware, because he has shown himself to be the servant of the whole people, and not the slave of arrogance, he is accused of a direct attempt to tarnish the national glory.

The Egyptian expedition and the campaign in the Soudan were, indeed, failures. But why? Was it due to the mismanagement of the prime minister? There was vacillation, but it was in the parliament itself and was caused by the very men who charge Gladstone with criminal neglect. The House of Commons was torn with selfish and anarchic factions. It was impossible for the government to take a decided policy, for there was no steady impulse to support it. Every measure for relief was dogged with stubborn and selfish opposition; the minds of the people were distorted and poisoned with false reports; the ministry was undermined with deceit and hypocrisy. Gladstone fell, but he fell with honor, while Salisbury and the conservatives came to power by traducing their own country.

Turn, now, from the narrow judgment of a class, to the unselfish attachment of a whole people. The hearts of the lovers of liberty are the truest test of a statesman's integrity. There Gladstone occupies an exalted position. They have seen him relinquish the principles, ideals, and associations of his youth for conscience's sake; they have seen him at the head of Reform, willing to lead where few would follow; they have seen him suffer a Waterloo in the political arena rather than bend one jot from his sense of right; they have seen his whole life and soul given to one purpose—to one policy—the counteracting of the evil results that were emanating from acts of despots and imperialists—the rendering of redress where justice had been subverted—the giving of liberty where liberty had been denied. They do not assert his political infallibility but they love him with a

world-wide love, and choose him as their leader, not because he is a great orator, not because he is a great statesman, but because he has ever been faithful to their interests.

If the world refuses to render justice to this man, it is because he is beyond the world. The crown of Christ was a crown of thorns. In future years when Love shall have established its rule upon earth, when self-interest shall have ceased to be the ruling spirit of men, then can the work of Gladstone be appreciated. His path has been one of Christian progress. The statesmen who came before him, built up the power of British arms, built up the material wealth of the Empire, and extended her rule around the earth. He has given his life to the building up of the moral power of England, and he has succeeded. The influence of his political honesty is a power for right throughout the Queen's dominions. The constitution has been invigorated with the spirit of Christianity by the personal purity of its protector. Justice has gained a place in the hearts of Englishmen, from which she can never be driven.

Gladstone has been the confessor of the soul of the British Empire.

Notwithstanding the gloomy aspect of the weather, a large audience greeted the Woodford orators last evening in the Armory. The contest was exceedingly close, and, barring numbers, may be regarded as successful as like contests of former years. The winner of the prize, Mr. Horace White, of Syracuse, N. Y., is certainly to be congratulated upon the excellence of his oration and upon the manner in which he delivered it. We print above the orations in full and of their merits our readers may judge for themselves. On account of our limited space, we can only say that, in matter of delivery, each speaker had his excellencies as well as his defects, and that, even to be defeated in such a contest, is glorious.

#### NOTICE.

SENIORS.—The time remaining in which sittings for photos may be had is short, and as yet only half of the class have made their appearance. In order that Mr. Evans may give you satisfaction, we urge that you have a sitting some time during the *present* week.

#### PHOTOGRAPH COMMITTEE.

—The want of a suitable track for running is again felt this spring. We can't expect our athletes to do anything when they have no facilities for outdoor practice. Let '87 show her spirit by providing something for the permanent interest of athletics. The old womanish ideas of memorial windows and the like should be dropped at once and the class ought to take action immediately upon some sensible progressive scheme.

—Athletics to the front! Cornell *can* and will take the lead.

#### BASE BALL.

On Thursday the University Nine played its first match game of the season, having for opponents the Rochester International Team. The attendance was not large, but smaller than was to be expected. Those that stayed away missed seeing a fine exhibition of ball-playing, and one that should be eminently satisfactory to all supporters of base ball at Cornell.

After each team had become warmed up by a little preliminary practice, the game commenced, with Cornell at the bat. Dimon opened the ball with a single to right-center, which he tried to stretch into a double, and was thrown out at second. Parshall sent a hot grounder to right-field and came all the way home when the ball passed the right fielder. Taylor couldn't hit the ball in four trials, and Wilkinson went out from short to first. For Rochester, Cline took first on five balls, Etnyre caught Lewis's pop fly, Parshall threw Kennedy out at second, and Cline scored. Visner hit safely and ended the inning by being thrown out at second. Each side went out without a run in the second, although Rochester had three on bases. Cornell scored one in the fourth on Parshall's single, sacrifices by Taylor and Wilkinson and Kennedy's error; four more in the eighth on two errors by McGlone, Morrison's out, Rackemann's timely three-bagger and Aldrich's single; and one in the ninth on Taylor's single, his steal to second and outs by Wilkinson and Etnyre. Rochester counted three times in the third inning on three hits, a base on balls, and two outs; three in the fifth on Rackemann's excusable error, three hits and two sacrifices; five in the sixth on two singles, a double, errors by Wilkinson, Taylor and Morrison, two bases on balls and two outs; and one in the seventh on Wilkinson's excusable error, on Dugdale's hot grounder, and two outs.

The most pleasing parts of Rochester's game were the batting of Kennedy, Visner, Cline and McGlone, and the pretty fielding of McGlone and Kennedy. The features of Cornell's playing were the hard hitting of Parshall and Dimon, Dimon's steady short stop play, and Parshall's beautiful throwing from center field.

Taken altogether, the play of the new Cornell nine was excellent, they showing a steadiness and an ability to "catch on" to the points of the game, seldom found in college players. Aldrich behaved finely under the new rules, and did himself credit in holding the Rochesters down to twelve *bona fide* hits. Etnyre caught well, but should show a little more quickness in his work. Barring a misjudge-

ment of a grounder, Morrison was all that could be desired at first, and "Sandy" took care of his garden in fine style. Appended is the complete score,

| CORNELL.                 |     |    |     |     |    |    |
|--------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
|                          | AB. | R. | BH. | PO. | A. | E. |
| Dimon, s. s. . . . .     | 5   | 0  | 3   | 0   | 4  | 0  |
| Parshall, c. f. . . . .  | 4   | 2  | 3   | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Taylor, 2 b. . . . .     | 5   | 1  | 1   | 6   | 1  | 1  |
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .   | 5   | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 2  |
| Etnyre, c. . . . .       | 5   | 1  | 0   | 3   | 1  | 0  |
| Morrison, 1 b. . . . .   | 5   | 0  | 2   | 11  | 0  | 1  |
| Sanderson, 1. f. . . . . | 5   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 0  | 0  |
| Rackemann, r. f. . . . . | 5   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 1  |
| Aldrich, p. . . . .      | 4   | 1  | 2   | 0   | 1  | 0  |
|                          | 43  | 7  | 14  | 24  | 9  | 5  |

| ROCHESTER.            |     |    |     |     |    |    |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
|                       | AB. | R. | BH. | PO. | A. | E. |
| Cline, s. s. . . . .  | 5   | 2  | 2   | 1   | 4  | 0  |
| Lewis, c. f. . . . .  | 5   | 3  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Kennedy, 1 b. . . . . | 5   | 3  | 3   | 11  | 1  | 1  |
| Visner, 1. f. . . . . | 5   | 2  | 4   | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Knowles, 2 b. . . . . | 5   | 1  | 1   | 4   | 5  | 0  |
| Dunn, r. f. . . . .   | 5   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 1  | 1  |
| McGlone, 3 b. . . . . | 4   | 0  | 3   | 1   | 4  | 2  |
| Dugdale, c. . . . .   | 4   | 1  | 1   | 8   | 1  | 0  |
| Baker, p. . . . .     | 4   | 0  | 1   | 1   | 6  | 0  |
|                       | 42  | 13 | 17  | 27  | 22 | 4  |

Earned Runs, Cornell 2, Roch. 1; Three Base Hit, Rackemann; Two Base Hits, Cline, McGlone; Left on Bases, Cornell 6, Roch. 4; Struck Out, Cornell 5, Roch. 0; Bases on Balls, Dimon, Wilkinson, Cline, Visner, Knowles, Dunn, Baker; Passed Balls, Etnyre 3; Wild Pitches, Aldrich 2. Umpire, Mr. Humplries.

### CORNELLIANA.

—The Junior speakers have been chosen.

—The crew is out on the water regularly.

—The class in Botany is very large this spring.

—The gymnasium is very well attended for this season of the year. Our track athletes are doing much earnest work.

—The class in Social Science is very large this year. The excursion to Elmira to visit the Reformatory there was the largest that has ever made the trip.

—Those who were fortunate enough to hear the chapel choir last Sunday were much pleased with the music, the only criticism being, that there was a lack of tenors.

—The visit of C. K. Ober, College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., to Cornell will not take place this week as announced last Sunday. It has been postponed until next month.

—The new method of applauding, suggested by Dr. Wilder, has been adopted by the class in Sophomore physics, but in classes of less numbers the old method is still in vogue.

—A report, already in type, of the banquet of the western division of the Sibley College Inspection Tour, has been crowded out of this issue, but will appear in that of next week.

—The prospects for a good crew are very fair at this time. It is true the men are green, but they are all hard workers and will leave nothing undone to achieve more fame for the Cornell navy.

—The base ball nine is doing excellent work. It is by far the best nine that Cornell has ever had and cannot but make a brilliant record in the east. Down with the cranks and soreheads and dyspeptics who don't believe in athletics!

—The speeches of our new professors at the Cornell banquet in New York were full of common sense. They are young, progressive, and learned, and are the kind of men Cornell needs to look after her interests in the educational fields.

—The following are the names of the men chosen as the contestants for the Junior Prize in Declamation: Messrs. E. B. Barnes, W. H. Bostwick, E. S. Potter, R. T. Newberry, C. M. Reynolds, C. W. Stuart, G. J. Tansey, H. L. Taylor, A. S. White.

—All who saw Agnes Herndon last night in the "Tourist's Bride," went away feeling that that they had certainly had a treat not soon to be forgotten. Throughout the play Miss Herndon was sparkling and bright, and charmed her audience not less by her beauty than by her acting. She will appear to-night in "A Remarkable Woman."

—All the men in training for the crew met for the first time last Monday and were at once put to work by the coach. A six oared gig has been fitted up and this together with the four oared shell will be used daily until the crew has been chosen. As soon as the four men who are to constitute the crew are chosen, they will be put into the four and daily races will be rowed either with the commodore or with the coach.

### PERSONALS.

MISS LOTTIE EARLL, formerly '88, has returned to the University.

H. C. Charriot, '86, was in town this week, visiting friends. He looks as well as ever.

MESSRS. MILLER, '87, KUYKENDALL, '87, and Wyckoff, '88, attended the Chi Psi convention in New York last week.

The degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred on ex-President White and Professor Tyler by Columbia on the occasion of the celebration of her 100th anniversary.

## EXCHANGES.

The *Harvard Advocate* may be taken as a representative of the best class of college literary papers. Its editorials are easily seen, even by a person entirely unconnected with Harvard, to be upon subjects which are of interest to its readers. The articles which make up the middle of the paper are, it is true, not very heavy, but are just the kind that the average college man likes to read. In its book notices the *Advocate* is different from the ordinary college paper; for they give the reader the impression that the critic has read with some care the book he is reviewing. Such a paper should be well patronized by Harvard men, and ought to retain its hold over them long after they have left college.

The last issue of the *Colby Echo* contains among other good things an article the title of which is very deceptive. In the form of an autobiography of a Freshman is given, instead of the nonsense usually gathered under such a head, an account of the privations endured by a Colby student of the class of 1837, and the way he has made the distress of his college, his own, and has rejoiced in her prosperity.

In a recent issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette* which came to our notice a few days ago we saw at the head of the local column the only possibly apology for the boyish personal allusions which many of our exchanges delight to print. It runs as follows: We wish our contemporaries to note that this column is not intended for the public, but belongs exclusively to the students at present attending college, who are alone expected to understand its contents.

## AMUSEMENTS.

## COMMERCIAL TOURIST'S BRIDE.

As Miss Agnes Herndon is due at Wilgus Opera House on the same night that the Woodford contest takes place, the manager has, by special request of several admirers of Miss Herndon, prevailed upon her to remain in town both Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday night Miss Herndon will present the comedy entitled, "A Commercial Tourist's Bride," and on Saturday night she will appear in a new drama entitled, "A Remarkable Woman." Miss Herndon's beautiful costumes were made by the best Parisian artists. This arrangement will give all students a chance to see the celebrated actress.—*Sun*.

## FRA DIAVOLO.

Auber's beautiful opera "Fra Diavolo," was well presented by the Amy Gordon Opera Company at the Opera House last evening, before a large and apparently well pleased audi-

ence. The company proves itself capable of doing the grand opera as well as the comic. Miss Gordon made a decided hit "Zerlina" and added to her growing popularity. Miss Dressler as "Lady Allcash" was also very fine. Mr. Morgan in the title role was excellent, and Mr. Christy won great favor with the audience as "Lorenzo." Messrs. Freer and Alsop, the comedians of the troupe, personated "the Robbers" in a manner which kept the audience in a very pleasant frame of mind. It was altogether a very enjoyable entertainment.

To-night the company will present, in a manner entirely worthy of the production, Offenbach's great Military Opera, "The Grand Duchess." There will be fifty people on the stage, including Whitney's band.

To-morrow night the French Comic Opera "La Perichole" will be given.—*Olean Times*.

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FOR some time we have heard nothing in regard to the Glee Club. Are we to know nothing of this organization except that it exists? Frequent rumor has had it that we are to be favored with a joint concert of the Glee Club and the Orchestra. The term is rapidly passing and soon the interest of the students will be centered upon base ball, boating and general athletics and, unless the concert be giv-

en soon, there is danger that it will not have the support which it would otherwise receive. Such concert ought, in reality, to have been given last term for that is the term best suited to indoor amusements. However, it is not yet too late for the Glee Club to make its *debut* and show that it is possible for Cornell to support such an organization. The material for a first class club has not been wanting and under the skillful direction of Prof. McKinney, we doubt not that great proficiency has been attained by individual members and by the club as a whole. By all means let us have a concert in the near future and one that will rouse into activity all the latent musical ability of the University. Nothing can be more beautiful than a chorus of student voices harmoniously blended and giving utterance to the songs which tell the joys of college life and speak the praises of her who fosters them through four years of mental growth and discipline.

THE signs of the times indicate that Cornell's old enthusiasm in boating is about to be revived, after having been in a comatose state for a year or more. We are certainly glad to see the attention of so many of the students attracted towards the lake, for this betokens an interest in aquatics that will surely lead to the sending out of a good crew to represent Cornell. While we read in a number of our exchanges of the work that is being done by various colleges in the interest of boating, we cannot help thinking that Cornell might profit by example and take a step forward in this respect. In the way of coaches the crew has this year, in the persons of Teemer and Hamm, all that could be desired, but something besides a good coach is necessary to a good crew. A spring regatta has been talked of and we see no reason why the plan may not be carried out. Surely there is enough material in the University to man three or four shells with crews of four each

and to provide a single sculler or two. The benefits that would result from such a regatta are many and the occasion would be one of extreme interest to most members of the University. If boating is to have any support at all, it is almost absolutely necessary that rowing matches be had, either between classes or between crews picked from all the classes. If such events were customary, the boat house would be swarmed every day with ambitious oarsmen, and the Cornell Navy would soon have an increased number of enthusiastic supporters.

"THE Student Statesman," is the subject of a new publication which recently came to our notice. The *Statesman* is an inter-collegiate quarterly devoted to problems of practical politics and cannot fail to be interesting to those who take either an active part or an active interest in live political questions. Young men and especially college young men can never become too well informed in political matters, since upon them will devolve the responsibilities of the future. They will be called upon to lead and to shoulder the burdens carried by their fathers. The nation needs young men who are independent thinkers, unfettered by prejudice, and who have the gumption to break away from the leading-strings of any party and to espouse the side which they believe is right. For the purpose of helping young men to attain to such a position, the *Statesman* has been published, and we predict for it the measure of success which its purpose merits. The editor, W. T. Mills, is himself a young man and abundantly qualified both by ability and experience to edit such a paper. The *Statesman* says, "It has come to stay and to take a fearless part in the struggle for honest rule. It believes that there are more good men than bad, and that the good ought to govern. It does not believe that monopolists, bummers and spoilsmen can long withstand the pressure of the unselfish devotion of industrious, intelligent, sober and honest citizens actively interested in the questions of public welfare. It rejoices in the manifold proofs that these forces are quickening into political activity. It be-

lieves that the young manhood of our country can and will bring to bear on public discussions, a manlier, franker, fairer spirit. The *Student Statesman* will strive to realize its hopes for others in the spirit of its own work."

IT seems that an item which appeared in a recent issue of the ERA, has received very liberal interpretation. It is not the desire of the ERA to deprive anyone the pleasure of listening to Professor Schurman's lectures. We are exceedingly sorry that such an idea could have found a bidding place in the mind either of pupil or visitor. The item referred to was merely intended to apply to "quiz" days and as such ought to occasion no diminution in the number of visitors who attend the lectures. We would rather encourage the presence of visitors, for, in so doing, we invite others to enjoy what is a pleasure to ourselves. We are fully aware of the great good which comes of listening to Professor Schurman in the lecture room, and so would encourage not only visitors from town but also students not registered in his classes, to avail themselves of the privilege of hearing him lecture. Many are prone to look upon Christian Ethics and Philosophy as dry and uninteresting subjects, but, in fact, there are no other subjects taught in the University from which students may receive greater benefit. The chair of Christian Ethics has been established not quite a year and yet we venture the assertion that all who are interested in the progress of Cornell, even those who opposed the establishment of such a chair, have ere this seen the wisdom of the step. While a college may be under the control of no sect yet there should be a positive religious influence brought to bear in some way upon the minds of the students. Such an influence Cornell students can appreciate and enjoy although there is no compulsion employed to bring them under it. In this respect Cornell stands alone and the experience of twenty years furnishes abundant proof that a university may be non-sectarian and still possess the means of accomplishing great good from a religious standpoint.

## MEMORIES OF CORNELL.\*

If we could sing the songs that rise  
 Almost upon our lips,  
 Or wake the subtle chord that lies  
 Beneath our finger tips,  
 There would be fewer hearts to break  
 When song and melody forsake.

If we could have it all at last  
 That gives our life its light,  
 If all the blessed shores we passed  
 Hung evermore in sight,  
 There would be fewer hearts to ache  
 When all our airy castles quake.

Between the iron walls of fate  
 Will many a song arise,  
 Of memories that have lingered late  
 Of widening summer skies ;  
 The humble light the flower displays  
 Reflects the sun's eternal rays.

Forgive the lowly soul its song,  
 Forgive the flower its hue ;  
 A thousand memories ring among  
 The words I send to you ;  
 Above the scratching of the pen  
 Our early chimes resound again.

I scent the fetid sulphurous smoke  
 From each sectarian gun ;  
 I hear the lies the envious spoke  
 Of him whose work is done ;  
 Forgive the spite of little things  
 That soared on such ephemeral wings.

I see a quiet man whose power  
 May rule a wider scope ;  
 Reliant, when the darkening hour  
 Mocked unsubstantial hope ;  
 A leader, fearless foe or friend—  
 In one familiar picture blend.

And all are there—the tried and true  
 That climbed the hill with me ;  
 What lots of useless things we knew  
 In seventy-two and three !  
 The oracle's internal smile  
 Lurks in the modern teacher's style.

If we could join our hands again,  
 As in the other days  
 And, quite forgetting we are men,  
 Look on our devious ways,  
 How many better paths would lie  
 Before the unprophetic eye.

Our way is made by other hands,  
 We mock in vain at fate ;  
 The shattering touch of hidden sands  
 The skillfullest may wait,  
 We raise aloft our slender sails  
 And watch for fortune's favoring gales.

But when the nearer shore declines,  
 When all the islands sink,  
 And we who sail by earthly signs  
 Steer down the darkening brink ;  
 We'll set our colors in farewell  
 And dip them thrice to old Cornell.

CHARLES F. ALLEN, '73.

## BANQUET OF THE N. W. A. A.

The N. W. Cornell Alumni Association held its tenth annual banquet last Friday evening at the Tremont House. Philip H. Perkins, President of the association, presided, and David S. Jordan was toastmaster. The following toasts were responded to : "Our Old Professors," by William Rane Lazenby, '74, Columbus, Professor of Botany in the University of Ohio ; "Our Old President," J. H. Pierce, '74 ; "The Cornell Idea," Charles Ward Raymond, '76, Chicago ; "Cornell in Science," John C. Brauner, '73, Bloomington, Ind. ; "The Chimes," James O'Neill, '71, Neillsville, Wis. President C. K. Adams was unable, by reason of official duties, to attend, but sent a letter. In it relative to the establishment of a new law department and other items of interest, he writes :

"The work in American Constitutional history and law will be done by Professor Tyler, and that on the corresponding English subject by Professor Tuttle. At least six non-resident lecturers of distinction will give special lectures on selected subjects. The school will open in the fall of 1887, and there is every prospect of a successful inauguration of the enterprise. The department of Physics has continued to grow under the guidance of Professor Anthony. This year no less than eighteen students from other colleges are studying advanced physics in our laboratory. The number carrying on advanced work during the first term was seventy-two. The department of architecture was never so prosperous as now. Indeed, at the present moment it is the largest architectural school in the country. Special efforts have also been made to strengthen the course in arts. A professor of comparative philology has been appointed, and he has at once taken a prominent place among the most popular professors of the university. The new professor of philosophy and ethics, occupying the chair endowed by Mr. Sage has justified all our expectations. His lectures are very largely attended, not only by students, but also by people of the town. You have doubtless all learned of the new expression of generosity toward the university on the part of our dear and common friend, ex-President White. He proposes to transfer to the university the whole of his library of history and political science as soon as the proper building is erected for its reception. The number in attendance during the present year is 827. This is 178 more than last year, when there were 649 upon our rolls. The same increase another year would carry our list up to a thousand."

Letters were also read from ex-President A. D. White and others. The speeches of the occasion were felicitous, and the evening passed most pleasantly amid a feast of reason and a flow of soul. Among the Cornellians present were : A. W. Bulkley, '75 ; Charles Levings, '74 ; J. K. Cady, '76 ; Professor J. H. Brayton, '75 ; W. B. Throop, '77 ; Professor J. C. Branner, '74 ; J. F. Sweet, '86 ; E. B. Macy, '79 ; H. B. Suley, '75 ; C. S. Hannon, '75 ; D. F. Flannery, '76 ; C. W. Hunckley, '78 ; J. M. Shack-

\*Read at the banquet of the Cornell Association of New York City, held at Delmonico's on the evening of April 1, 18887.

ford, '76; Henry Tiffit, '74; George D. Bills, '74; J. H. Pierce, '74; P. H. Perkins, '75; the Hon. James O'Neill, '71; Professor D. S. Jordan, '72; Professor W. R. Lazenby, '74; Professor D. R. Martin, '78; E. L. Jayne, '73; Willard Gentleman, '77; F. S. Washburne, '83; Russell Ulrich, '88; L. S. Morris, '79; J. T. Leary, '80; Charles E. Nivon, '79. A permanent Cornell University organization was effected and a new constitution submitted and adopted. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, Professor D. S. Jordan; Vice Presidents, the Hon. Willard Gentleman, Illinois; the Hon. James O'Neill, Wisconsin; H. W. Gillett, Iowa; M. Mosher, Pennsylvania; Registrar, D. F. Flannery, Chicago; Secretary, J. W. Cady, Chicago; Treasurer, George D. Bills.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

#### RESOLUTIONS

Adopted at the third annual reunion and banquet of the Alumni Association of Minnesota.

*Resolved:* That we congratulate the University on the recent election of Andrew D. White, our distinguished and beloved ex-President, to a place in the Board of Trustees, and hail his return to the governing body as an event in itself, and proof that his masterly administrative ability is not lost to the University with his retirement from the more active office of President.

*Resolved:* That the Secretary of the Association be instructed to transmit copies of these resolutions to Andrew D. White and to the University press.

#### HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MEETING.

The History and Political Science Association was addressed last Wednesday evening by Dr. Bemis of Springfield, Mass., on Cooperation and Profit Sharing. The meeting was not largely attended owing to the fact that proper notice had not been given.

Dr. Bemis spoke for an hour and a quarter, used no notes and held the attention of the audience very closely. He first spoke of Distributive Cooperation and the advantages and needs of this system. He gave several examples of the success of the system, the most noteworthy being the Trenton Cooperative Company of Trenton, N. J.

Productive Cooperation without profit sharing was next treated and then productive cooperation with profit sharing. The principal need of these systems was stated to be a competent manager.

The next topic treated was profit sharing and

this was strongly supported by the speaker. He answered the objections which have been raised to it and he showed conclusively that this system was of the greatest benefit to both the employers and the employed. As examples of firms using this system Wanamaker of Philadelphia and Rogers, Peet & Co. of New York were mentioned.

The last subject was Cooperative Banking. This is a new scheme and understood by but few, but Dr. Bemis explained its workings fully as seen in Massachusetts and showed of what great benefit banks of this kind were to the workingmen.

This ended the address, but questions were asked by President Adams and ex-President White and were answered by Dr. Bemis.

President Adams announced that Dr. Goldwin Smith would deliver two lectures next week, and Dr. Washington Gladden, three, the week following.

#### A CHARMING LECTURE.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the Rev. T. F. Clark was greeted with a large and appreciative audience at the State St. M. E. Church last Friday evening. His lecture entitled "From New York City to Central India" is one vivid picture of interesting incidents and experiences portrayed by Mr. Clark in a most amusing manner. The remarkable intuitive power and perfect conception of ideas, with which the speaker is endowed, added to the vividness of this picture. The large store of practical knowledge from which to draw, the precision and exactness with which he applies his draughts make Mr. Clark's lecture both interesting and instructive, while at the same time his ready wit furnishes cause for abundant laughter. Mr. Clark possesses that quality which few lecturers attain viz. of creating a lasting impression upon his hearers. This result is acquired by a perfect command of language, a richness of gesture and the high standard of oratory which the gentleman employs. It is to be regretted that this is the last of this instructive course of lectures. Though last in point of time Mr. Clark's effort was certainly first as regards quality and standard of eloquence. Truly may it be said that the gentleman possesses rare qualities as a lecturer.

—Ex-President White has kindly consented to deliver his lecture "The Cathedral Builders" for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., next Friday evening in Library Hall. The lecture will be profusely illustrated with stereopticon views.

BASE BALL.

The second game of the series with Rochester was played Wednesday. Its principal feature was Rochester's slugging. Newberry was handicapped both by the new pitching rules, and by the fact that it was his first appearance in the box. Our team seemed to have the worst of the luck and did well, considering the strength of the opposition in the field and especially at the bat. Features were the good fielding and sure hitting of Wilkinson and Sanderson, the latter hitting safely every time he went to bat. The first five men on Rochester's list batted terrifically, and all, Knowles excepted, fielded well.

The complete score is as follows :

| CORNELL.                 |    |     |     |     |    |    |   |
|--------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| AD.                      | R. | BH. | SB. | PO. | A. | E. |   |
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .   | 5  | 0   | 3   | 0   | 3  | 2  | 0 |
| Parshall, c.f. . . . .   | 5  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| Taylor, c. & 2b. . . . . | 4  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 5  | 0  | 2 |
| Dimon, s.s. . . . .      | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1 |
| Etnyre, 2b. & c. . . . . | 4  | 2   | 0   | 2   | 3  | 1  | 1 |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .    | 4  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 7  | 0  | 1 |
| Sanderson, lf. . . . .   | 4  | 0   | 4   | 0   | 2  | 0  | 0 |
| Schreiner, rf. . . . .   | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Newberry, p. . . . .     | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 3  | 2 |
|                          | 38 | 3   | 10  | 2   | 24 | 7  | 7 |
| ROCHESTER.               |    |     |     |     |    |    |   |
| AB.                      | R. | BH. | SB. | PO. | A. | E. |   |
| Cline, ss. . . . .       | 6  | 4   | 5   | 1   | 0  | 1  | 1 |
| Lewis, cf. . . . .       | 6  | 1   | 3   | 1   | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Kennedy, 1b. . . . .     | 6  | 3   | 3   | 1   | 8  | 1  | 1 |
| Visner, lf. . . . .      | 6  | 2   | 3   | 0   | 3  | 1  | 0 |
| Knowles, 2b. . . . .     | 5  | 1   | 4   | 1   | 4  | 2  | 3 |
| Dunn, r.f. . . . .       | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0 |
| McGlone, 3b. . . . .     | 5  | 1   | 2   | 1   | 2  | 0  | 1 |
| Humphries, c. . . . .    | 4  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 6  | 1  | 0 |
| Parsons, p. . . . .      | 4  | 2   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 2  | 0 |
| Connors, r.f. . . . .    | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Zimmer, c. . . . .       | 1  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2  | 1  | 0 |
| Dooley, c. . . . .       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Blakely, p. . . . .      | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Grover, p. . . . .       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0 |
|                          | 49 | 15  | 22  | 5   | 27 | 11 | 6 |

Earned Runs, Cornell 0; Roch. 6; Two Base Hits, Parshall, Cline 2, Lewis, Knowles, McGlone; Three Bagger, Visner; Double Plays, Roch. 2; Struck Out, Dimon, Morrison, Schreiner 2, Dunn, Connors, McGlone, Blakely. Bases on Balls, by Newberry 3, by Parsons 1; Passed Balls 0; Wild Pitches 0.

The third game was played yesterday, and the score at the end of the eighth inning was fifteen to three, the same as that of Wednesday. The Varsity team played somewhat more loosely than on the previous days, but not exceedingly so when the hard hitting of the Rochester's is taken into consideration. There was some pretty fielding done by the Cornells, however, and the lowness of their score in runs was due to batting that was not poor but

extremely unlucky. The team from the Flour City has five left-handed batters, which partly accounts for the fact that Newbury was hit harder than Aldrich. Neither of our "twirlers" should be discouraged by the result of these games, but should consider who their opponents were, and endeavor to profit by their experience against them. The complete tale of our woe is as follows :

| CORNELL.               |    |     |     |     |    |    |   |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| A.B.                   | R. | BH. | SB. | PO. | A. | E. |   |
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . . | 4  | 2   | 2   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Taylor, 2b. . . . .    | 4  | 0   | 1   | 1   | 8  | 5  | 1 |
| Parshall, c.f. . . . . | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 1 |
| Sanderson, lf. . . . . | 3  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Dimon, s. s. . . . .   | 3  | 0   | 2   | 0   | 1  | 4  | 1 |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .  | 3  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6  | 0  | 3 |
| Gilman, r.f. . . . .   | 3  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  | 1 |
| Humphries, c. . . . .  | 3  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 5  | 3  | 2 |
| Newberry, p. . . . .   | 2  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0  | 3  | 0 |
| Aldrich, p. . . . .    | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0 |
|                        | 30 | 3   | 7   | 1   | 23 | 18 | 9 |
| ROCHESTER.             |    |     |     |     |    |    |   |
| AB.                    | R. | BH. | SB. | PO. | A. | E. |   |
| Cline, s. s. . . . .   | 5  | 1   | 2   | 1   | 0  | 1  | 1 |
| Lewis, c.f. . . . .    | 5  | 4   | 4   | 3   | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Kennedy, 1 b. . . . .  | 5  | 4   | 4   | 0   | 6  | 0  | 1 |
| Visner, lf. . . . .    | 4  | 1   | 1   | 0   | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Knowles, 2 b. . . . .  | 5  | 2   | 1   | 1   | 6  | 3  | 0 |
| Dunn, r. f. . . . .    | 4  | 0   | 3   | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| McGlone, 3 b. . . . .  | 4  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2  | 1  | 0 |
| Dugdale, c. . . . .    | 2  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 4  | 2  | 1 |
| Baker, p. . . . .      | 1  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 3  | 0 |
| Dooley, c. . . . .     | 2  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 4  | 0  | 1 |
| Grover, p. . . . .     | 2  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0  | 3  | 0 |
| Connors, lf. . . . .   | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
|                        | 40 | 15  | 18  | 9   | 24 | 14 | 4 |

Earned Runs, Cornell 0; Roch. 2; Double Plays, Dimon to Taylor to Morrison; Knowles to Kennedy; Wild Pitches, Newberry 1; Bases on Balls, Dimon, Lewis, Dunn, Dooley; Struck Out, Dimon, Gilman, Humphries, Aldrich, Wilkinson; Left on Bases, C. 3, R. 3.

"MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM."

It was a delighted and appreciative company representative of the best intellectual life of the city, that welcomed Professor Hiram Corson back to Springfield last night, at The Elms, and listened to his reading of the "Midsummer Night's Dream," with the accompaniment of Mendelssohn's music, performed under the direction of Mr. E. B. Story. There could not have been a more pleasing and appropriate introduction to the course of ten lectures on English literature which Professor Corson began this afternoon, than such a performance of Shakespeare's most exquisite creation, so perfectly blending entertainment with interpretation. As music and reading proceeded, each revealing subtle meanings and beauties in the

other, it was impossible not to appreciate the superiority of such a rendering to the ordinary stage performance, in imagination quickening quality, and the listeners felt that they were entering for the first time into the real spirit of the play.

Professor Corson's reading is a good example of the reader's art at its best, as definitely distinguished from the arts of the actor and the orator. He conveys his meanings by the simplest possible means. Standing almost motionless, he uses neither gesture nor pantomime, though his face lights or clouds, or becomes impassive, in quick sympathy with the lines. The same absence of customary devices is noticed in his utterance. There is none of the "elocutionist's" machinery. The modulations are unaffected, and unusually slight, but each is so distinctly expressive of some shade of thought or feeling that very definite effects are produced without apparent effort. It was with the least possible change of tone and pitch that he passed, last evening from the words of *Hermia* to those of *Helena*, or from those of *Lysander* to those of *Demetrius*, or more difficult still, from those of *Oberon* or *Titania* to those of *Puck*, yet each voice had always its own unmistakable individuality. The most delicate suggestions of meaning were never lost, and the most difficult transitions, as those of the scene where *Puck* is misleading *Lysander* and *Demetrius*, or of the scene between transformed *Bottom* and *Titania* and her fairies, or that in which *Bottom's* awakening soliloquy occurs, or, finally, the fantastic scenes of the fifth act, were rendered with exquisite discrimination. Such perfect expression is attained only through a rare power in the reader to identify himself in sympathy and idea with each character that he voices, and Professor Corson thus exemplifies very happily in his own reading the principle he insists on in his lectures, that a true knowledge of literature is always a sympathetic and intuitive knowledge, not a mere intellectual understanding.—*Springfield Union*.

#### HOW IT ENDED.

Friday evening, April 8th., Sam Goddard's Dining Hall was the scene of considerable jollity. The occasion was the banquet of the western division of the Sibley College Inspection Tour. There were present, in addition to those who formed the excursion, two who represented the college press. In its entirety, the company numbered thirteen, and seemed to enjoy to the utmost the good cheer for which Goddard's table is so well known among the students.

A unique feature of the evening was the menu cards. In design they were entirely original and exactly suited to the occasion. The picture of the rear end of a passenger coach greeted our vision as we opened the card for the first peep at what was in store for us. Upon the platform of the coach were represented, in miniature, some members of the trip, doubtless enjoying the beautiful scenery through which the A. V. R. passes.

When the party had done justice to the viands placed before them, Instructor Van Vleck was appointed chairman of the meeting which was thus formed into a business session. In obedience to the will of the meeting, Messrs. Darling, Peck and Whaley were appointed as a committee to express to Dr. Thurston the thanks of the party for his efforts which secured them such a pleasant and profitable trip. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Van Vleck, Ames and Whaley was also appointed to draw up resolutions and to send them to the different companies visited during the trip, expressing the thanks of the party for the courtesy and kindness shown them.

The following are the toasts in order :

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| The "Sunny South," . . . . .         | F. Van Vleck           |
| Waterfalls, . . . . .                | M. V. Allen            |
| Windfalls, . . . . .                 | E. A. Darling          |
| Natural (gaze) . . . . .             | W. H. Peck             |
| Buffalo Belles, . . . . .            | W. Bonaparte S. Whaley |
| The "Die" Press, . . . . .           | W. Z. Morrison         |
| The Johnstown Ladies, . . . . .      | J. R. Mott             |
| Oh! Ah! . . . . .                    | Geo. Mashek            |
| Inter-state Commerce Bill, . . . . . | H. T. Coley            |
| "Progress and Poverty," . . . . .    | G. W. Ames             |
| Pneumatics of Pneumonia, . . . . .   | Grant McCargo          |
| Stovepipes, . . . . .                | J. B. Scaife           |
| Sunday Companionships, . . . . .     | A. H. Loomis           |
| Art Gallery Flirts, . . . . .        | H. C. Duncan           |

Toastmaster, Darling, was the occasion of not a little merriment and everyone seemed to be full of pleasing anecdotes respecting the various events of the trip. After the toasts the time was occupied with merry song and jest until the hour for departure came. Surely all felt that it was good thus to have ended in pleasure a tour which combined both pleasure and profit.

—On Saturday a practice game will be played between Dimon's nine, consisting of Newberry, p., Johnson, c., Parshall, c. f., Morrison, 1 b., Schreiner, 2 b., Adams, 1. f., Becker, r. f., Sands, 3 b., Dimon, s. s., and Taylor's nine, consisting of Aldrich, p., Etnyre, c., Wilkinson, 3 b., Sanderson, 1. f., Rackemann, 2 b., Gilman, r. f., Upton, c. f., Stern, 1 b., Taylor, s. s.

## THE EASTERN TRIP.

Editors of the Era :

GENTLEMAN: I have noticed several recent items in the daily as well as in the college press to the effect that Cornell intends to send her crew and her baseball nine east this spring to compete with some of our older colleges.

Now, Cornell is almost completely unknown here, and for me to meet a person knowing anything more about Cornell than that there is such an institution, is quite an exception, and produces a feeling of warm friendship. Here everything is Yale and Harvard and to the common observer, the college which is most prominent or successful in athletic sports, is the best college. If Cornell will send representatives who can make any kind of a showing against Yale, it will do her more real good in the mind of the general public of the east than any other kind of advertising.

We know that Cornell is destined to rank among the first American Colleges, in every respect; here is an opportunity to push in this direction. I hope the plan will be carried out, and that we may see Cornell matched against the present leaders in base ball and rowing this season. Let it become an annual eastern trip and we will find more names of students from eastern states in Cornell's catalogue.

Hoping to see and hear more concerning the Eastern Trip, I remain always faithful to Cornell.

C. B. DANN, '84.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., March 23, 1887.

## NOTICES.

—Seniors are earnestly requested to sit for their pictures before May 1st. Otherwise the same degree of care in the execution of the work cannot be expected. If you wish to have the best picture possible, sit at once.

## PHOTOGRAPH COMMITTEE.

SOPHOMORE ESSAYS.—Essay VII is due to-day and may be handed in to-day or to-morrow at the recitation room in White Hall. Sophomores will please notice the list of appointments for reading essays, which will be posted in the room to-morrow.

E. E. HALE, JR.

—There will be a meeting of the Bench and Board at the Zeta Psi House, Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

—A copy of the pamphlet containing ex-Mayor Low's recent address before the Historical and Political Science Association on "Municipal Government," has been sent to each member of that association with the compliments of President Adams.

## THE STUDENT STATESMAN.

The first number of the new Inter-Collegiate Quarterly, *The Student Statesman*, was mailed April 5th. The finest and heaviest grade of Eastern Book Paper is used in this Journal; it contains thirty-two pages, handsomely bound in *plated laid fawn*.

The Quarterly is edited by WALTER THOMAS MILLS, Secretary of the National Inter-Collegiate Association, author of "The Science of Politics," (Funk & Wagnalls) formerly of *The Voice* Staff, and probably the best posted and most philosophical thinker on topics of practical politics among the young men of this country. Each number will contain:

(1.) A prize Essay, on some political topic written by some under-graduate of an American College.

(2.) A leading article by some noted Educator on some topic of practical politics in current political discussion.

(3.) Full reports of the College Prohibition Clubs for the quarter's work.

(4.) Correspondence from every portion of the nation.

(5.) Editorial notes and reviews of current strictures in the great magazines on the policy of prohibition.

(6.) A Question Box.

The first number contains a full report of the National Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 3d and 4th, 1887, together with the correspondence, including letters from more than one hundred institutions of learning, besides letters from Joseph Cook, Herrick Johnson, Francis E. Willard, and more than twenty college presidents. It contains an address to the young men of the United States, prepared by leading educators, and also a Question Box by Prof. Wm. Goodell Frost, of Oberlin College. In the frontispiece is given a fine full page cut of Mr. A. E. Jennings, of Michigan, President of the Cleveland Convention.

The Quarterly will be furnished at 50 cents per year, or in clubs of one hundred at one-half this price.

J. T. MORRISON, PUBLISHER,  
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—The training table is now in good running order.

—Pay your athletic and ERA subscriptions.

—The four can row over the course now in ten minutes.

—The snow storm of last Monday was a genuine surprise to all.

—The proposed race between the '89 crew and a picked crew has been given up.

—The ball grounds have been rolled several times and are now in very fair condition.

—There was a good meeting of the chess club Tuesday evening at the D. K. E. House.

—A very interesting meeting of the Mock Congress will be held Saturday evening. Every one is invited.

—What has been done about a new Library building? The risks will be as great to-morrow as they are to-day.

—'88 takes the lead this year. Several of her prominent members have thus early been seized with the "spring fever."

—A well-known professor covered himself with glory in New York lately by leading the boys in the Cornell slogan.

—The autographic fiend is again at work, and notices not protected by the case are having their signatures cut out.

—The Campus has been favored this week by several visits from the lady members of the Grau-Gordon Opera Company.

—The play now being rehearsed daily under the direction of Mrs. Corson, will be presented at the Wilgus Opera House early in May.

—The Rochesterers have gone. We shall miss them, oh, so much. They made it exceedingly lively for our ball tossers during their stay.

—A goodly sprinkling of mortar-boards have appeared. It is hoped that the warm weather coming on will serve to bring out more of them.

—Now that a School of Pharmacy has been established and also a Law Department, it seems fitting that Cornell should erect more buildings.

—The alphabetical list for this term has been issued and the usual surprised looks are seen on the faces of those who find they have been let down one number.

—The students will be pleased to learn that the free delivery system is to be one of our future blessings and by next fall mail will be left at your door twice a day.

—The Juniors in Civil Engineering will have their spring examinations between May 13 and 20 and will start on their trip down the lake not later than the 20th.

—Professor H. C. Adams will devote two hours to the consideration of the Inter-state Commerce Bill. The "long and shorthaul" articles will be fully discussed.

—There are a few sub-freshmen in town. The number will doubtless rapidly increase as the term proceeds, for the June examinations are said to be comparatively easy.

—The latest additions to the art collection in the Annex are a screen covered with specimens of his work, presented by Howes, and a photo of Mike Conley, Ithaca's pugilist.

—Arrangements have been completed for issuing a new book of Cornell songs. Students who may know any new songs are requested to leave copies at Andrus & Church's.—*Sun.*

—The Mock Congress will meet Saturday evening at 7.30. There will doubtless be an interesting meeting and one from which the members will receive great benefit and enjoyment.

—The numerous visitors to the shops speak very flatteringly of the work done there. A visit to the University is not complete unless one inspects the shops and foundries of Sibley College.

—The Natural History Society held a very successful meeting last Monday night. Dr. Wilder lectured upon "The Brain of the Ceratodus," and was listened to with much interest.

—We are now in the sign of the "goat," as is shown by the appearance of his goatship in the windows of the various *Gasthäuser*, and so, even more than formerly, are heard the words "noch ein."

—President Adams lectured before the Mechanical Engineering Association this afternoon on "The Revolution of the Inventors." The attendance was large and the lecture was well received.

—Owing to the fact that our pitcher and catcher, Newberry and Taylor, have been chosen as contestants for the Junior Prize in declamation, the contest will probably be changed to May 11th or 12th.

—On last Monday at the close of his lectures for the term, Professor Babcock was presented with an elegant gold-headed cane by the architectural students. The Professor will shortly leave for Europe. *Bon voyage.*

—The examinations for promotion in the Military Department are said to be very thorough

and rigid. We are glad to hear it. Nothing is so demoralizing to a soldier as being under an inefficient officer.

—The McGraw-Fiske will case comes up for argument on appeal on the 27th inst. at the general term of the Supreme Court at Utica. In all probability the case will be carried up to the Court of Appeals.—*Ex.*

—The formation of a University Club is among the probabilities. It seems to us that this is an admirable scheme. The social side of life at Cornell needs much development and this is surely a step in that direction.

—There are "kickers" in all fields of life and sometimes we find them on the ball field. The many would-be critics of the nine would do far better to take a sensible view of the matter before they air their weighty (?) opinions.

—The Rochesters leave for home to-day. The visit has been of mutual benefit to the nines. Our nine has secured many valuable points and the training received from the Rochesters will show itself when our nine plays with other colleges.

—To-morrow afternoon, by special request, the Grau-Gordon Opera Company will present the "Mikado" once more. The performance of last Wednesday evening met with much favor and a good house should greet the company at the matinee.

—From present appearances an unusually large number will attend the Athletic Meeting at Syracuse; Columbia will also be well represented there. How would it be to arrange a ball game between Columbia and Cornell to be played at Syracuse the morning of the day of the contest?

—"Paul Pry," the popular comedy, is being rehearsed by members of the University. It is being rehearsed in the Cascadilla parlors, but will be put on at Wilgus Opera House. It is to be given under the auspices of Mrs. President Adams for the benefit of the Ithaca branch of the Packer Hospitable fund.

—At the Senior meeting on Wednesday the reports of the supper and music committees were received. Gartland's Band of Albany will furnish the music for commencement week. The resignations of Messrs. Kuykendall and Sternberger from the respective positions of Historian and Pipe Custodian, were not accepted.

—The Irving Literary Society will hold its regular weekly meeting to-night in their rooms in White Hall. The following interesting pro-

gram is announced: Reading, Miss Strong; Paper, C. U. Lake Survey, W. E. Greenawalt. Recess. Budget, E. F. Brown; Paper, Political History of Japan, G. R. White. All are cordially invited to attend.

—A word to students who attend the ball games: All are expected to contribute the small price asked for the game. There can be no excuse for anyone refusing to pay. Such refusal shows a mean disposition which is certainly to be deplored. If you don't intend to pay for the games, by all means stay away; your presence can be easily dispensed with.

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PERSONALS.

J. H. McDOWELL, formerly '89, is in Denver, Colorado.

C. F. WELTY, '89, is now studying medicine at his home, Canton, Ohio.

H. W. TREAT, '88, has entered Harvard, where he expects to finish his course.

PERCY E. CLARK is in the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

DIX, '88, has left the University. He will take charge of his father's manufacturing interests.

G. B. PENNY, '85, is musical director of the Dalhousie College Glee Club. He is also professor of music there.

COVILLE, '86, has returned from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York to pursue some special work under Dr. Wilder.

DR. WILDER will present before the National Academy of Science, at Washington, a paper on the "Brain of Ceratodus," the wonderful Australian fish.

PROF. JOHN C. BRANNER, '82, has received the appointment as State Geologist of Arkansas. He was lately Professor of Geology in Indiana State University.

MISS MARY LOUISE MUNSON was married to George Henry Thayer on April 13th, at Chicago, Ill. Mr. Thayer is an old Cornellian, and the ERA extends congratulations.

Prof. Corson will finish his course of ten lectures at the above place to-day, and to-morrow evening will read in Hartford, at Chas. Dudley Warner's, before the Browning Club there.

PROF. CORSON, of Cornell University, began his course of lectures on English literature at The Elms this afternoon at 3.30, and will also lecture at 8 o'clock this evening.—*Springfield Union*.

MR. DOLE has been called to New Haven by the death of his father, Professor William C. Dole. Professor Dole was one of the oldest and most noted athletic trainers in the country, and many of Yale's best athletes owed their success to him. He will be greatly missed.

#### EXCHANGES.

Yale, Princeton, Harvard, and Cornell each have a daily paper.—*Ex.*

\$45,000 has been subscribed by the members of Cornell Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of erecting a building for the Association.—*Echo*.

Persian is taught at Cornell.—*Columbia Spectator*.

"All members of the Amherst faculty are graduates of that college." "The number of students at Amherst has been limited to 300." These two statements have appeared in nearly every exchange of the *Student*, and are now on their second round. For the benefit of our exchanges we would state that they are untrue.—*Amherst Student*.

The new inter-collegiate base ball association to be formed in the spring will be composed of the following colleges: University of Penn., Dartmouth, Cornell, Trinity, and probably Columbia and Wesleyan.—*Ex.*

The above items are clipped as evidence that the college news found in college journals is exceedingly unreliable. The first item would be correct, if Princeton were omitted. It is difficult to imagine how the second bit of news could have started on its way. Members of the Cornell Association and other students have subscribed not far from one fourth of the amount stated. It is true that Persian was once taught at Cornell, but such is no longer the case. The next clipping is self-explanatory. The last item is so far from the truth that such a league has never been proposed by or to Cor-

nell. The method by which such statements are set going may be traced in almost every one of our exchanges. Now comes a paper with the note: "It is said that Lafayette never received a legacy." The next comes, and lo! "Lafayette has never received a legacy." We do not know whether the statement made just above as an illustration of this process, is true or false; but it and the few clippings given at the first of this article show that until some systematic way of transmitting "college news" is found out, it is not quite safe to accept all the news that college papers, the ERA not excepted, give their readers.

It seems from the exchange column of the *Troy Polytechnic* that the Union College *Concordensis* has been claiming that the Union foot ball team was unfairly treated by the umpire in a game with the Polytechnic eleven. It is surely too bad if Union cannot secure justice in any department of athletics. Cornell men will remember the slight disagreement between Cornell and Union in the matter of the 100 yards, run at the last meeting of the N. Y. S. I. C. A. A.

The *Occident* is small for a weekly from so good an institution as the University of California, and in most respects is not noticeably good; but it usually contains a good amount of interesting general college news.

The *University Herald* of Syracuse presents an attractive appearance. The editorials, unlike those of the ERA, are many and very short; but, for all that, each is long enough to contain some point. The range of subjects is wide, reaching from spring all the way up to the bearings of the Inter-State Commerce Bill upon colleges. In its literary matter the *Herald* is strongest. In the last issue are well-written articles on "German Opera in New York," "The Character of Socrates," and others of nearly equal merit. In striking contrast with the rest of the paper is the local department, consisting of nearly ten columns. Of course the *Herald's* editors are better able to judge than are we; but the larger part of its local matter seems to us unworthy of print. On the other hand the Personals and the Exchange column are more in keeping with the better parts of the paper.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Syracuse is to have an observatory.

Vassar is to build a \$20,000 gymnasium.

Johns Hopkins has never had a case of college discipline.

The Yale base ball team takes thirteen men on its eastern trip.

Washington University rejoices in an unusual prospect for athletics.

Professor Olney's brain weighed 5 ounces more than that of Webster.

The Rutgers library has just received a gift of 4000 volumes from an alumnus.

The Rutgers glee club gave concerts at Elmira and Geneseo during the vacation.

The oldest man in the Princeton Seminary is seventy-one, and the youngest seventeen.

The Harvard pitchers are being trained in acquiring the trick of the new delivery by Clarkson of the Chicagos.

The management of the new Rensselaer Polytechnic Gymnasium is in the hands of eight students chosen from the several classes.

The Chicago Alumnae of Vassar have founded a \$400 scholarship, open to any girl who cannot otherwise afford a college education.

The Oxford football season has recently been brought to a close with the championship of the university undecided between Trinity and New College.

It is said that the students of a Spanish college recently tarred and feathered a member of their faculty; and yet America is often called a land of freedom.

For the benefit of Freshmen who have just received their marks, we will repeat that Henry Ward Beecher had an average grade of 57 per cent on a scale of 100.

A local secret society has been formed at Tufts with purpose and aim entirely different from that of any other college organization. It is called Kappa Gamma Rho.

Yale boasts of a Criminal Club consisting of men who have been under arrest during their college course.—*Targum*. A suggestion for the underclassmen of Cornell.

Brown is evidently suffering from the same kind of a nuisance as has for some time vexed Cornell. The *Brunonian* warns the college reporter of the *Courier* to insure his life.

Yale has furnished the first president for seventeen of the leading colleges in the country, among them, Princeton, Columbia, Williams, Dartmouth, Cornell, and Johns Hopkins.—*Yale News*.

Harvard has recently adopted a system of marking somewhat like that now followed at Cornell. The following letters are employed: A, above 90; B, 78 to 90; C, 60 to 78; D, 40 to 60; E, failure.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has among its freshmen a man who served as major for the government troops during the recent insurrection in Columbia, and another who was lieutenant for the insurgents.

A recent number of the *Bowdoin Orient* had in different columns these two items: "Yale first published a college paper in 1806, Dartmouth in 1835," and "The first college paper in this country was the *Dartmouth Gazette* of which Daniel Webster was an editor."

The following list of ten leading colleges of the United States will give an idea of the importance of a gymnasium in the estimation of the best educational institutions in the country: Harvard, cost of gymnasium, \$110,000; Yale, \$125,000; Princeton, \$38,000; Amherst, \$65,000; Columbia, \$156,000; Williams, \$50,000; Cornell, \$40,000; Lehigh, \$40,000; University of Minnesota, \$34,000; Dartmouth, \$25,000.—*The Chronicle*.

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*Plane Geometry, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 8 P. M.*

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more students of a literary turn of mind to Cornell. May we not hope to see, before another year has run its course, many new facilities offered which will enable all students so disposed, to acquire greater proficiency in the orator's art?

IN another column may be seen the cast of characters for the popular comedy "Paul Pry," which, now in progress of rehearsal, will be presented at Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday night, May 3d, for the benefit of the Ithaca Branch of the Packer Hospital fund. The Ithaca Branch Society of this Hospital is presided over by Mrs. President Adams, under whose auspices the play will be given. By a reference to the cast of characters it will readily be seen that the best dramatic talent of the University has been enlisted to take part in the presentation of this play, and hence those who have in mind to attend, may expect to see a performance that will surpass in many points of excellence, "Engaged" as presented by members of the Dramatic Club in Cascadilla Hall last term. The object for which this entertainment is given, is so praiseworthy that it ought to enlist not only the sympathy but also the support of every student who takes delight in alleviating the sufferings of his fellow men who have been so unfortunate as to receive bodily injury while engaged in their work as railroad employees. Aside from the benevolent purpose of the presentation of the play, there are other considerations which ought to influence many to add their encouragement and support. The success of former entertainments of a like nature almost insure success in the present instance. Then, too, Mrs. Corson, whose dramatic talent is so well known to University circles, has had immediate supervision of the rehearsals and, from her experience, has undoubtedly been able to give practical suggestions as well as take an active part as one of the cast. The Cornell Orchestra will furnish the music and thus we need not despair of hearing, at least once more, the sweet strains of this, the most prosperous, perhaps, of Cornell musical organizations. Do not fail to be

present for you will certainly be well entertained.

WITH steady advancement in the departments of instruction, Cornell is each year more nearly approaching the ideal University. During the past year Schools of Law and Pharmacy have been established, and the courses in History and Political Science, with the magnificent endowment of President White's library, and bearing his name, have been made a separate school. The Law department, the announcement of which is just issued, has perhaps received the most criticism. Yet few persons at present dispute the importance of Law Schools to the legal profession. The two should stand in the same relation to each other as the schools of medicine and the medical profession. The systematic study of law, under the direction of experienced instructors, and with the stimulus of aspiring associates, must give a more logical understanding and a more comprehensive grasp of its leading principles, than a desultory, perhaps ill-directed, course of reading at a lawyer's desk. The school at Cornell is not an experiment, but has been established after mature deliberation by men, whose wisdom in the management of the University has been proved, and whose watchful care will make it as advanced and thorough as the other departments. Its Professors and Lecturers are men who have earned reputations for ripe scholarship and professional ability. They will give to the school from its opening a reputation for thorough and progressive work. The course, extending over two years, will give not only a well grounded knowledge of legal principles but also experience in their practical application. The objection may be made that Ithaca is too small a town for a Law School, because it furnishes little or no opportunity for listening to cases conducted by men foremost in the ranks of the profession. Merely listening to a case, however ably conducted, is but a small part of the benefit to be derived from them. Their greatest value to the students lies in the thoughtful and analytical study which is directed by able instruction. Such study

can be made of reports which are always accessible. The direct connection of the school with the University is an important consideration. The courses in the President White School of History and Political Science are open to the students of law, who are encouraged to avail themselves of the privileges of that department. The superior advantages which the school offers should draw a large number to enroll themselves in its first class.

*TO PROFESSOR H. S. WHITE,  
IN EUROPE.*

'Tis many a month since last we saw thy face,  
That face which never wore a look unkind,  
Fit emblem for the heart our love has shrined  
Among the precious flowers in mem'ry's vase.  
Whate'er the course thy distant journeys trace,  
May'st thou sweet joy in all abundance find,  
May peace and learning's truth throughout  
thy mind  
Their golden threads forever interlace.  
When comes the time to leave Europa's strand,  
May Nature clasp thee with a loving hand  
And bear thee to Columbia's happy shore,  
Where friends await thee in thy native land  
And long to greet thy kindly smile once more.\*

*PROFESSOR GOLDWIN SMITH.*

This week the students of the University and the people of Ithaca have enjoyed the privilege of again listening to one of the most brilliant lecturers and essayists on historical and political questions that this country has produced. For many years Professor Smith delivered a course of lectures in the University annually, but for the last few years his health has precluded the possibility of his doing this. He is now on his way home from the south, with his health recruited after a considerable period of travel, and finds it possible to deliver two lectures on British polity, a subject which is at present of vital importance, and upon which he is perhaps, as well qualified to speak as any man living. In view of Professor Smith's long absence, it may be well to recall to mind some of the most important incidents of his life, and in particular the peculiar and beautiful relations which he has held to Cornell University. Nearly thirty years ago Goldwin Smith was appointed to the Regius professorship of Modern History in the University of Oxford. His previous career as a scholar had been brilliant. At Oxford he had taken the chancellor's first prize for Latin verse, and the first prize for both the Latin and English essay. In 1847 he had been called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn, and the same year

was elected Fellow of University College. As a member of both the commissions appointed to reorganize the University of Oxford, and secretary of the first, his voice was perhaps more influential than that of any other person in determining the reforms that were instituted in the management of the University. From his appointment to the Regius professorship he at once took rank as one of the most brilliant public lecturers in England. Though he treated of history, he made his lectures bear with telling effect upon the stirring political questions of the day.

When the war for the American Union broke out Professor Smith was one of the foremost champions of the Union side. With his accustomed vigor and force he wrote and spoke against slavery, and for the Union. His conduct in this instance was in marked contrast with that of many leading Englishmen. He visited the United States in 1864, and was everywhere enthusiastically received. Brown University at that time conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

In 1868 Professor Smith accepted the professorship of English History at Cornell University, and cast in his lot with the fortunes of the new institution in the breadth of whose foundation he had faith. From the classic shades of Oxford to the rugged and unattractive surroundings of Cornell as it was in those days, was no slight change, but Professor Smith threw himself generously and enthusiastically into the work of building up the university. His fame went far towards attracting students here, and his influence inside the university was very great. He was actively interested in all the affairs of the students, wrote often for the college press, entertained students in a social way, and strove to create an atmosphere of friendly relationship between the students and professors. Finding the students hampered in their historical study by lack of books, he sent for his own rich library of 3,500 volumes and made a gift of it to the university. His many acts of kindness and generosity to struggling students will never be known.

In 1871 he took up his residence in Toronto, where he has since resided. He has continued his connection with the university, however, as a non-resident lecturer, and his lectures have been always one of the events of the year. In Canada he has been prominent in educational and political affairs, and has written much for the press. His essays have covered almost every variety of topic, and have been distinguished by independence of thought, breadth of view and fearlessness of expression.

Professor Smith's great services to the University have been all a free gift. Pecuniary recompense of any kind he has never been willing to accept.

Of late years Professor Smith has often been urged to accept a seat in the British parliament but has always refused. In his political views he has always been a Liberal, though he has not always agreed with the leaders of that party. In the recent home rule controversy he has borne an important and influential part.

As a master of English, Professor Smith has few equals. He is everywhere recognized as one of the most brilliant of extempore speakers, and all students ought to have heard him for this, if for no other reason. Although he speaks entirely without notes his sentences as they fall from his lips are perfectly and elegantly formed, and ready without revision for the merciless type.

#### NEIGHBORING COLLEGES.

A few facts are here presented, showing the present condition of some of our near neighbors, the number of students, price of board, and other matters which may prove of interest.

##### HOBART.

This college, situated at Geneva on the west shore of Seneca lake, is under Episcopal supervision. The condition of the college has materially improved of late under the active administration of the new president, Eliphalet Nott Potter. The faculty consists of the president and nine other professors. There are three courses offered at present; these are, the classical, the course in letters, and the intermediate. The strength of the college lies in its classical course, the number of students in this course being larger than in the other two courses combined. The number of students in the college is sixty-six, besides two post-graduates. The students room in dormitories, of which there are two, called respectively Geneva and Trinity Hall. Nearly every student belongs to some one of the four fraternities which are about equally divided in the college. The annual expenses for a student are estimated at \$350.

The library building, which was destroyed about two years ago, has been replaced by a handsome fireproof structure, formally opened last June and at present containing 14,000 volumes.

In connection with the college is the Delancy Divinity School, in which the college professors give instruction to those students who are preparing for the ministry. There is a well equipped gymnasium and good facilities

are offered for boating. In athletics Hobart has always displayed considerable interest, especially in base ball, directing nearly all her efforts towards the contest for the pennant.

##### ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

This is a Baptist institution; the faculty consists of eleven members with Martin B. Anderson as president. Two courses of instruction are offered, the classical and the scientific. There are several well equipped museums for affording instruction in the different departments, including cabinets of geology, mineralogy, archæology and arts. The cabinet of geology and mineralogy is considered to be exceptionally fine as it contains over 40,000 scientifically arranged specimens. There is also a library of 22,000 volumes. A large memorial laboratory has just been erected at an expense of \$25,000. It is three stories in height and equipped with all the modern appliances. There are at present 159 students in the university. They do not room in the buildings, but obtain board in the city at from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per week. A large number of students defray a portion of their expenses by employing their spare time in various kinds of industrial work and by acting as tutors in the city.

##### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

This university has made considerable advance within the past few years and now possesses property to the value of \$800,000. It has a faculty of 26 professors, 13 instructors and two lecturers, with the Rev. Chas. N. Sims as chancellor. The university is divided into three colleges as follows: the College of Fine Arts, presenting a course in architecture and a course in music; the College of Liberal Arts, presenting classic, Latin-scientific, scientific and civil engineering courses; and, lastly, the College of Medicine, which, though under the supervision of the university, is situated in a different part of the city. The students of the College of Medicine take but little interest in the affairs of the university proper and virtually constitute a separate institution. There are at present 437 students in the university of whom about a half are ladies. The students do not room in dormitories, but obtain board in town at from \$3.50 upwards, and many of the students reduce their expenses materially by forming clubs. There are six gymnasia or preparatory schools, situated in different parts of the state, which operate in connection with the university, and from which students are admitted without entrance examinations on presenting certificates showing that the required preparatory work has been accomplished.

BASE BALL.

The nine had no opponents from out of town for Saturday, so a game was arranged between two teams picked from the various candidates for the University nine. A very fair game resulted. Dimon's team finally winning by a score of 13 to 11. Both Newberry and Aldrich were hit quite freely, the former especially so in the ninth inning. The score by innings was as follows:

SCORE BY INNINGS.

|                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
|                          | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9    |
| Dimon's Nine, . . . . .  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0—13 |
| Taylor's Nine, . . . . . | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6—11 |

On Tuesday the nine played its first out of town game at Elmira with the Rochester professionals. The air was somewhat chilly and the sky threatened rain; however a good crowd was out to see the fun, a crowd that appreciated the strength of Cornell's opponents and was anxious to see the "boys" make a creditable showing. They were not disappointed. Although the nine made but five hits, it may be seen, from the fact that but one of our men struck out, that everyone was hitting the ball. The Rochesters, as was to be expected, hit hard, but were kept down by Newberry much better than when he faced them here. Their thirteen hits were well scattered, and our nine did exceedingly well to keep their total within single figures. Our team had hard luck in their batting, several seemingly safe hits being fielded by sharp work on the part of Rochester's infield; Cline, in particular, was on the alert, and his fine stops and throws, assisted by the sure work of the ever-reliable "Doc" Kennedy at first, several times nipped the aspirations of our hitters in the bud, as it were. In addition to Rochester's fine fielding, no less than eight Cornell men went out on fouls that flew just high enough and far enough back to make easy their capture by the opposing catcher. The first sign of a run for Cornell was in the fifth inning, when, with Morrison on second and Aldrich on first, Newberry made a fine drive to center for one base; Morrison came all the way in, but in trying to avoid running against the catcher at the plate he ran so far out of the line that he was called out. In the sixth, Parshall, in leading from second, was caught napping slightly by the pitcher to Cline; the little short stop muffed the ball and Parshall went for third; McGlone, too, muffed Cline's throw, and, being directly in the line, was sent sprawling on the ground by our feather-weight (?) center fielder. Parshall never stopped, and with blood in his eye dashed for the plate. McGlone got the ball, but, being

slightly hurried, as well as exceedingly ruffled in temper and appearance, he threw a little wildly and Cornell got a run. The whole "act" was very ludicrous, and the people threw up their hats, waved handkerchiefs, and yelled themselves hoarse with delight. The run finally proved to be the only barrier between a count and a shut out. Sanderson played a magnificent field, capturing two difficult ones after long runs. Morrison fairly excelled himself at first, making several plays that bordered closely on the phenomenal, besides leading the team at the bat. He seems to have overcome his former nervousness, and promises to be a good, sure player. Here is the whole story:

ROCHESTER.

|                       | AB. | R. | BH. | PO. | A. | E. |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Cline, s. . . . .     | 5   | 1  | 2   | 2   | 5  | 0  |
| Lewis, c.f. . . . .   | 5   | 1  | 2   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Kennedy, 1 b. . . . . | 5   | 2  | 2   | 9   | 1  | 0  |
| Visner, l.f. . . . .  | 5   | 0  | 2   | 3   | 0  | 0  |
| Knowles, 2 b. . . . . | 5   | 2  | 3   | 1   | 2  | 2  |
| Dunn, r. f. . . . .   | 5   | 1  | 1   | 2   | 0  | 0  |
| McGlone, 3 b. . . . . | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 1  |
| Dooley, c. . . . .    | 4   | 1  | 1   | 9   | 0  | 0  |
| Grover, p. . . . .    | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2  | 0  |
|                       | 42  | 9  | 13  | 27  | 11 | 3  |

CORNELL.

|                         | A.B | R. | BH. | PO. | A. | E. |
|-------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .  | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1  | 1  |
| Taylor, 2b. . . . .     | 4   | 0  | 0   | 4   | 2  | 1  |
| Parshall, c.f. . . . .  | 4   | 1  | 0   | 3   | 0  | 1  |
| Sanderson, l.f. . . . . | 4   | 0  | 0   | 3   | 0  | 0  |
| Dimon, s. s. . . . .    | 3   | 0  | 1   | 0   | 4  | 2  |
| Ethyre, r.f. . . . .    | 3   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .   | 3   | 0  | 2   | 12  | 0  | 0  |
| Aldrich, 2b. . . . .    | 3   | 0  | 1   | 2   | 2  | 1  |
| Newberry, p. . . . .    | 3   | 0  | 1   | 0   | 1  | 2  |
|                         | 31  | 1  | 5   | 24  | 10 | 8  |

BY INNINGS.

|                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
|                      | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9   |
| Rochester, . . . . . | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | *—9 |
| Cornell, . . . . .   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0—1 |

Bases on Balls, Aldrich, Knowles; Two-base Hits, Knowles, Kennedy, Dunn; Left on Bases, R. 8, C. 2; Struck Out, Dimon, Dooley; Wild Pitch, Newberry 2; Passed Balls, Taylor 2. Umpire, Baker.

NOTES.

- Newberry showed up well Tuesday, and pitched in his old form of last year.
- A date will probably be arranged with Hobart for Tuesday or Wednesday.
- Hall, formerly '85, saw the Elmira game, and was greatly pleased at the fine showing of Cornell.
- If the weather permits to-morrow's game to be played, the "Nide" will be picked on Monday.

—Don't miss the game Saturday with Rochester University. The team is re-organized from last year, and will give us a good fight.

Grover and Dooley, Rochester's trial battery, were released by Manager Humphries at Elmira, Tuesday eve, after the game. Cause, too many other good batteries on the salary list.

—On account of a disagreement between ball-playing and the weather yesterday, no game was played with the Ithaca-Tramansburg combination. The contest was postponed until next Thursday.

—The fact that the Yale nine defeated Boston on Tuesday by a score of two to one, should make still plainer to the nine the truth that we still need much practice, and especially in *team work* and *base-running*. Playing ball for fun is all very well, but nevertheless discipline on the field is necessary and, before we go East, it must be observed. During the last game or two, the players, excepting of course two coaches, have kept their places on the bench tolerably well. There is yet, however, a tendency in most members of the team to rise in their majesty and shout at a trying moment. Of course this is bred by excitement and not by a desire "to have some of the say," but still it should be carefully guarded against. Nothing so "rattles" a base-runner, especially a green one, as this universal yelling. This is about the first thing the team should learn. Then we have still a weakness in team play, an inability to do the proper thing at the proper time, e. g. our pitchers not backing up first after a ground hit to the infield, which should be remedied as soon as possible. The time to do all this is in our practice games, and the greatest aid to the accomplishment of the best results is for each man to "read himself aright," and to try to correct his own faults. Every man should accustom himself to having his wits about him so well that he knows, every time an opponent comes to bat, what to do with the ball if it comes to him. A few of our men, to be sure, are thus watchful, but the majority are sadly in need of improvement in this line. They seem to be lost every time they get the ball in their hands, and before they find themselves, a point has been gained by the other side. The ERA next week will contain individual criticisms of the members of the team. The comments will be severe, but as just as possible. No "taffy" or praise will be indulged in, and only weak points will be touched upon. Let every man look out for them, and profit by them.

—First set of Junior Essays due May 9.

CORNELL AND THE LAND GRANT.

PRESIDENT'S ROOMS,  
CORNELL UNIVERSITY,  
Ithaca, N. Y., April 28, 1887.

To the Editor of the Era :

SIR :—The question has often been raised as to whether Cornell University is fairly fulfilling the requirements of the Land Grant. While there is no doubt on this question among those who have carefully studied the subject here at the University, the question has sometimes been raised by those outside who have observed that we teach a great variety of subjects. With a view to ascertaining very definitely the opinion of the author of the Morrill Grant a letter was addressed to him some weeks ago. The following letter has been received in reply :

SENATE CHAMBER,  
Washington, April 21, 1887.

DEAR SIR :—Your favor of the 10th inst. has been received.

I have thought ever since I was at Cornell University that you were doing even more than the organic law in relation to Land Grant colleges required, because you seem to be giving practical instruction as well as scientific in the mechanic arts, etc. It is true you are giving instruction in many directions outside of what relates to agriculture and the mechanic arts, but if you give all there is or a chief part of the scientific instruction relating to agriculture and the mechanic arts I do not see how there can be any ground for complaint.

Thirty years ago Greek and Latin absorbed not only the leading position in colleges and universities, but also the chief part of student life. It was intended to give a broader and wider instruction in land-grant colleges so that the masses of the country as well as those who designed to pursue the so-called learned professions, might obtain a higher education. There was no intention of excluding anything that was good, but it was intended to give to those who conducted the business of the country a chance to learn more of the practical sciences instead of what has been called the "humanities" of the old colleges.

But I have no time, and shall not have, to write at greater length.

Very truly yours,  
JUSTIN S. MORRILL.

This ought to set the question forever at rest.  
Very respectfully yours,

C. K. ADAMS.

—The Register is out.

PRESENTATION OF PAUL PRY.

The popular old comedy of "Paul Pry" will be presented at Wilgus Opera House, Tuesday night, May 3d, for the benefit of the Ithaca Branch of the Packer Hospital Fund. The play has been frequently rehearsed under the management of Mrs. Professor Corson and every indication points to an entertainment that has rarely, if indeed ever, been equaled by student talent at Cornell. Mrs. President Adams presides over the Ithaca Branch Society of this Hospital and it is under her auspices that the play is given. Students, and town people as well, are asked to lend their support to the undertaking. It is rarely the case that an opportunity of giving for a charitable purpose is combined with one where direct personal enjoyment may be had in addition to the mere pleasure of giving. In the present instance all who attend the presentation of "Paul Pry" will doubtless be deeply impressed with this fact.

The Cornell University Orchestra kindly volunteers the music, thus adding an additional attraction to what would in itself prove very entertaining.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Colonel Hardy, . . . . .   | Mr. C. H. Thurber.    |
| Frank Hardy, . . . . .     | Professor Marx.       |
| Witherton, . . . . .       | Mr. H. W. Powell.     |
| Somers (Willis), . . . . . | Mr. W. H. Robinson.   |
| Old Stanley . . . . .      | Mr. A. L. Soulé.      |
| Harry Stanley, . . . . .   | Mr. H. D. Averill.    |
| Paul Pry, . . . . .        | Dr. E. Hitchcock, jr. |
| Grasp, . . . . .           | Mr. C. H. Blood.      |
| Doubledot, . . . . .       | Mr. A. L. Soulé.      |
| Simon, . . . . .           | W. H. Bostwick.       |
| Mrs. Suttle, . . . . .     | Mrs. Corson.          |
| Eliza . . . . .            | Miss A. L. Benham.    |
| Phebe, . . . . .           | Miss J. Jacks.        |
| Marian, . . . . .          | Miss E. T. Barrett.   |

BABYLONIAN EXPLORATIONS.

Dr. Ward, the Sage Chapel preacher of last Sunday, and the conductor of a recent expedition sent, at the expense of Miss Catherine Wolfe, to make preliminary explorations in the region of Babylon, was induced to lecture under the auspices of the Classical and Historical Association upon the results of recent excavations in that part of the East. At the lecture last Monday evening the Botanical Lecture Room was filled by interested professors and students. In a very pleasing manner Dr. Ward described the methods by which the first clues to the hieroglyphics unearthed were found; and then went on to trace the ingenious deciphering of the inscriptions. With so much of a start further discoveries and translations were comparatively easy; and the lecturer told of some of the most important results of

English and French investigation. Often in speaking of the peculiar obstacles due to the nature of the Turkish government, and of the clever devices resorted to by the explorer the Doctor caused hearty laughter. It was easy to see the interest he feels in the matter from the manner in which he described the rich field for exploration and the neglect and injury which valuable antiquities are constantly suffering at the hands of ignorant natures. Although the lecturer spoke with no previous preparation and without notes, his remarks were not only highly amusing and interesting, but of great value to his hearers.

NOTICES.

The Seabury Guild will meet on Sunday evening next at half past seven in the Christian Association rooms. Professor M. C. Tyler will give an informal talk on "The Choice of a Profession." All are invited.

ORCHESTRA MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the orchestra to-morrow at 3 o'clock. This will be the last chance for rehearsal before the entertainment and it is earnestly desired that all members be present.

Students registered for drill, but who have not reported for that work, or who have been repeatedly absent without explaining the cause of absence, are hereby notified that they will be at once reported to the faculty for said neglect.

METHODIST ALLIANCE.—The regular meeting will be held in Association Hall, Saturday evening, April 30th, at 7.45 p. m. The program will include No. III of the series of papers on Methodist Doctrines, a talk by Instructor A. S. Johnson, and other exercises. A fine musical program, consisting of instrumental and vocal solos, and duets with guitar accompaniment, will be presented with the assistance of town talent. All are welcome.

CORNELLIANA.

- "Paul Pry" next week.
- The Frontenac will begin her regular trips to Cayuga on May 10.
- Much improvement is noticeable in the drilling of the battalion.
- The jolly Fruijas will hold a symposium to-night at mine host Prager's.
- At Utica, last Tuesday, the argument of the Fiske will case commenced.
- The law department will occupy the rooms on the top floor of Morrill Hall.
- It appears that the ball nine's trip to Elmira was full of funny incidents.

—Our ball nine was much praised by the Elmira people who saw the game Tuesday.

—The term is progressing rapidly and in a few short weeks examinations will again be with us.

—President Adams and other visitors have been attending Professor Hewett's lectures on Goethe.

—A meeting of the Mermaid was held Tuesday evening, but little business was transacted as the members were not all present.

—A barber shop has lately been opened on the hill. It will be a great convenience to the students and is a step in the right direction.

—The game of ball that was announced to take place yesterday was prevented by the rain. It is hoped Saturday's game will make up for it.

—The track on the Fair Grounds is being put into good condition for our athletes. We are determined to win the cup at Syracuse if work can do it.

—Where is the Tennis Association? It is surprising that the members do not manifest some interest in the organization. Once more we say, brace up.

—Professor Crane's lectures upon the French literature of the seventeenth century, are full of interest to all wishing a thorough knowledge of this most important period of history.

—The hills are beginning to assume a greener color and the trees have begun to bud, so the ERA now ventures to say that spring has come, notwithstanding the wintry Ithaca weather.

—A prominent member of '87 seemed to be quite a favorite with the inmates at Willard Asylum, while a well-known '88 man appeared to attract the attention of the pretty attendants. '88 to the front.

—To-morrow afternoon the Rochester University nine will play Cornell on the campus. The game will be called at 2.30. This will be the first college game of the year and should attract a large crowd.

—Rumors are rife that we are to lose some of our leading professors. We sincerely hope they are groundless, for Cornell can ill afford to part with men who have brought so much credit upon the University.

—Horseback riding has lately come into favor with the students. They complain of the lack of good riding horses in town. In this part of the state there surely ought to be an abundance of good horses. The livery stables of Ithaca should look into the matter.

—H. White, '87, and Whitney, '90, members of the Cornell Gun Club, competed in a black-bird shoot last Friday, held by the Ithaca Gun Club. They both made good records, but showed a lack of practice.

—Boating will soon receive another boom; Courtney has challenged Hamm to a three mile straight away race and the latter will probably accept. The race if held, will be held here, about May 30th.

—The Agricultural Society elected the following officers at their last meeting, President, S. H. Crossman; Vice-President, L. C. Corbett; Secretary, C. R. Mace; Treasurer, G. D. Brill; Librarian, A. L. Downs.

—The life of a Senior at this time is not a happy one. His thesis will soon be due, his final examinations are patiently awaiting his pleasure, and his numerous financial friends in town help to make him miserable.

—The new boat purchased for last year's crew, but which unfortunately was not put to use, was removed from the Gymnasium and taken to the boat house yesterday. There is no doubt about its being used this year, however.

—Full information in regard to the new School of Pharmacy may be had by addressing Dr. Spencer B. Newbury, Secretary of the School of Pharmacy, Ithaca, N. Y. The Announcement of this School has just been published.

—Every student in the University should make it a point to be present at the performance of "Paul Pry," as announced in another column. It is for a charitable purpose and being a University affair, is doubly worthy of the support of the students.

—The Irving Literary Society will hold its regular weekly meeting to-night. The following interesting program is announced: Reading, Miss Palmié; Paper, Small nations, S. H. Crossman; Budget, W. W. Root; Paper, The Influence of the Jesuits upon the Five Nations, W. W. Rowlee.

—A new book of Cornell songs is now in press and will be out by May 15. This will fill a long felt want at Cornell for the present edition of songs is very meagre. Many new songs have been written in the last few years and the new edition will doubtless contain most of these. Look out for it.

—The many patrons of good music and singing in the University are frequently heard to inquire in regard to the progress of the Glee Club. If the club would give a concert in the

near future for the benefit of the Athletic Council, we are sure that they would be greeted by a large and an enthusiastic audience.

—The Boston Opera Co., of Boston, under the management of Chas. Atkinson, the well known manager of Aphrodite, will appear at Wilgus Opera House Saturday evening, May 7, in the grand revival of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera H. M. S. Pinafore. New scenery and appropriate costumes will be used on this occasion.

—The appearance of the *Cornellian* is anxiously looked for in all quarters. The book is said to be an unusually good edition, one that will do honor to '88 and reflect credit upon the University. The editors would do well to remember that "the early bird catches the worm" and the sooner the book is out the better will be its sale.

—The Announcement of the School of Law was issued this week. It contains full information in regard to the courses of instruction and other matters relating to the equipment and management of the new School. Copies of this Announcement may be had by addressing the Secretary of the Law Faculty, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

—The trip to Willard Insane Asylum by the class in Social Science, was a perfect success. A large number availed themselves of the opportunity to visit this renowned institution. There are 1800 inmates at present and they receive the very best treatment at the hands of skilled attendants. The grounds are kept in splendid condition and the large substantial buildings command a fine view of the beautiful Seneca lake.

—The Bench and Board met at the Zeta Psi House Monday evening. A new constitution was adopted and the following new members were chosen: W. W. Read, J. A. Leonard and George Fullerton. A banquet will be held Saturday night. This banquet is to be decidedly unique as the menu, the toasts and songs are all to be German, and a German poem has been composed and will be read by one of the members. A few students from the Senior class have been invited.

—Commodore Psotta and Coach John Teemer, according to previous announcement, selected the men, last Wednesday, who are to constitute our crew for this season. The lucky men are: stroke, Allen C. Balch, '89, Greenwich, N. Y.; No. 3, William H. Peck, '88, New York City; No. 2, George L. Fielder, '89, Geneseo, N. Y.; Bow, William Stranahan, '90, Athens, N. Y. The men are of nearly equal

weight, the heaviest being 168 lbs. and the lightest 162 lbs. They are all trained down and this weight represents nearly their racing weight. The contest for positions in the boat was very close and not until within the last week was it certain who the lucky ones would be. William Ittner, '87, J. S. Parker, '89, and L. F. Bellinger, '87, have trained up to Wednesday, and they, as well as the ones chosen, deserve great praise for the conscientious work they have been doing. This is undoubtedly one of the best crews we have ever had with the exception that they are all green men, but this the coach hopes to overcome by frequent trial races with himself and Mr. Hamm. Everything considered Cornell's chances are bright for once more bringing back the Child's cup.

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#### PERSONALS.

W. N. D. BIRD, '80, is in business in Emporia, Kansas.

S. CHATHAM JONES, formerly '87, is in the city visiting friends.

THEO. MILLER, formerly '88, and an ex-*Sun* editor, made us a pleasant call last evening.

GEO. McCANN, '86, is studying law in Elmira in the office of Reynolds, Stanchfield & Collin.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Last month Tufts organized a dramatic club. About \$200 was cleared by a boating ball at Brown.

Princeton claims to have a better nine than ever before.

The last triennial catalogue of Princeton is written in Latin.

The Princeton base ball nine made a net profit of \$6.11 last season.

Professor Max Müller has forty-two titles and suffixes to his name.

Cornell's library now contains 95,700 volumes and 26000 pamphlets.

At Racine College the examinations are now given without previous notice.

Harvard Freshmen number 280 students; Cornell Freshmen number 323.

\$400,000 has been subscribed toward founding a woman's college in Montreal.

The first president of Princeton who received a regular salary was paid £50.

Only seven students have graduated from the agricultural department of the Sheffield Scientific School.

The Michigan legislature has since 1867 given the State University \$1,000,000, or \$50,000 a year.—*Ex.*

The Vassar Faculty forbid the adoption of the Oxford cap and gown by their students.

\$25,000 recently received by Tufts is to be devoted to the establishment of a professorship of Natural History.

A German club has been formed at Syracuse, also two French clubs, one composed of ladies and the other of gentlemen.

Students are now permitted to go down town any time when it does not interfere with college exercises, only being required to register at the president's office.—*The Aurora*.

Three of Cornell's new Law School Faculty, Judge Douglas Boardman, '42, M. C. Tyler, '57, and C. A. Collins, '67, are graduates of Yale.

The Yale Law School, which is the only one in America with a four years' course, confers the degree LL. D. on the completion of the full course.

The Students' Board of Amherst has for the first time exercised its authority by expelling a man who, contrary to promise, used a pony in the class room.—*Haverfordian*.

Surely degrees do not mean much in America. The Iowa Agricultural College has recently conferred the degree M. D. E. (Master of Domestic Economy) upon two women.

An exchange tells of the way students at the Kansas State University use their influence in city elections, and states that at Ann Arbor and at Princeton college the students dictate the town policy.

In the class of '90 is to be found the tallest and the smallest, the leanest and the fattest, the lightest and the weightiest, the oldest and the youngest, the best looking and the ugliest men in the Institute.—*Troy Polytechnic*.

In the case of one Hill against the faculty of Dickinson College the courts recently decided that the faculty had not the right to dismiss a student without giving him a fair chance to disprove the charges brought against him.

There are but three men in the United States who have received the degrees of D. D. L. L. D., and Doctor of Literature. These men are Professor Wilson of Cornell, President McCosh, of Princeton, and President Barnard, of Columbia.—*Ex*.

The students' cards, given to students on entering a German University, admit the holder to theatres at half price, secure him from arrest by the civil authorities and give him free admission to many of the galleries and museums of Europe.—*Ex*.

The valuable historical library presented to Cornell by ex-president White has moved the Trustees to take measures for the erection of a

library building to cost \$300,000. It will without doubt be the grandest thing of the kind in the country.—*The Occident*.

### EXCHANGES.

Every week the ERA receives copies of college papers marked with the request that they be put upon our exchange list. The majority of such papers probably come as the first number of new volumes; but as the ERA is soon to complete the present volume and be turned over to a new board of editors, we do not think it best to make many changes in our present list. To all editors, however, who have sent us copies, we would say that when we retire from our positions at the close of this term, we shall hand over to the next board a carefully prepared list of the papers which, in our judgment, are best and most deserving of exchange. This list will include not only the papers with which the ERA now exchanges, but any others which may have been sent us and have not yet been accepted.

The *University Gazette* of McGill College is one of the best of the Canadian college journals. The articles of nearly all departments are of unusual literary merit. Yet for all this the *Gazette* is of rather slight interest to most of us. If one may judge from the subject matter treated in its columns, the organization of McGill College and the general features of student life must be quite different from what the American is familiar with.

The April number of the *Haverfordian*, which completes the volume, is a paper far above the ordinary run of monthlies. The most noticeable article is "Picturesque Haverford," illustrated with six fine views of college buildings and scenery. In another article, "Lafayette College," we find it explicitly stated that "Lafayette has never received a legacy." The college news is, as is not always the case in our exchanges, quite newsy; and further, we do not find a single untrue item in regard to Cornell. The local column, however, betrays the little college, where every student can understand and enjoy every joke at another's expense.

That excellent paper, the *Brunonian*, contains a series of "pen pictures" which are so good that we would advise you all to read them when the next bundle of our exchanges is put in the assembly room. They are life-like representations of college characters, most of whom are to be found in goodly numbers at Cornell. The pictures of "the obtrusive Freshman," and the "brilliant Junior," seem almost as if taken respectively from a certain man who has not been long in the University and from the Junior who listlessly enquires, as he strolls

into the recitation room, "Where is the recitation to-day?"

It is said, and we think truthfully, that as soon as the *Vassar Miscellany* is put in the assembly room, some admirer of either the paper or its editors, appropriates it to himself. At any rate a recent search failed to reveal a single copy among the pecks of other college papers on the reading table.

The value of a few good illustrations in a paper may be seen in the case of the *Columbia Spectator*. Every one who expresses an opinion of the *Spectator* says it is a fine paper; and if asked in what its merit consists is sure to refer to some recent cut. And rarely can any other excellence be found in that journal.

CLIPPINGS.

THE MODEL MAN.

He don't play the fiddle, part his hair in the middle,  
nor dress like an Anglican dude,  
When he goes to a party with Meigs or McCarty he  
never is noisy or rude.

He lives in frugality and sweet conjugality, and wants  
a pie but two times a day.  
He never eats onions nor treads on your bunions, nor  
growls when you get in his way.

He's polite and he's witty, persevering and gritty,  
and has a magnificent head;

He's all light and sweetness, he's thorough completeness,  
he's perfection in short—but he's dead.  
—*Lynn Union*.

A QUESTION OF GRAMMAR.

"They tell me, Miss Grace, that of grammar you  
know  
Much more than the average Miss,  
Pray answer this question, 'tis lighter than tow,  
What sort of a noun is a kiss?"

And, after a moment, the lady replied,  
Some bashfulness seeming to stop her,  
While her blushes to hide to no purpose she tried,  
"I should call it both common and proper."  
—*Yale Record*.

SHE AND I.

*Composed while dressing for a party.*

O sometime we shall meet,  
She and I.  
I have never seen her yet,  
But I know the hour is set  
By the fates;  
That she waits,  
In some pretty little cot,  
Until I  
Passing by  
Catch her eye—

Blessed moment that will never be forgot!  
Then my bliss will be complete.  
I will worship at her feet  
And lovingly divide with her my dollars.  
You must, I ween,  
Know whom I mean—  
A washer-woman that can do up my collars.  
—*Brunonian*.

MA CHARMANT.

"Through frowns, through smiles,  
Still she beguiles,  
She always is entrancing:  
First laughs, then sighs,  
Half shuts her eyes  
And sets my heart a dancing.  
Her wily grace,  
Her lovely face,  
Her words, at her discretion,  
Can make this poor heart leap for joy  
Or load it with depression.  
Ah, Circe of to-day, so rare  
Has nature made thy dower,  
I prithee let thy mercy care  
How thou shalt use thy power."  
—*Trinity Tablet*.

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THOSE who have attended the Sage Chapel services thus far this term, have surely been impressed with the excellence of the sermons. It is certainly a great privilege to be able to listen to such noted men as the liberality of Mr. Dean Sage has made it possible to bring here. Since, in general, there is a thorough appreciation of these sermons on the part of the students, there is all the more need that some arrangement be made so that students may not be compelled to stand through the services or else leave. It is very seldom the case that anyone has to leave, but frequently a large number have to stand, or stay away alto-

gether, especially at the afternoon meetings. We are loth to speak of this subject, but frequent complaint seems to justify it. It is not our wish by any means to deprive the town people of the great pleasure of attending services at the Chapel, but it does seem that some such plan should be pursued by the Chapel ushers as by the ushers in the city churches. This would avoid considerable inconvenience and would evidently attract more students to the Chapel services, thus providing greater opportunity for accomplishing good.

NOW that the weather has at last become settled, we hope to see our athletes get down to hard, steady, and persistent out-door work. Training, to be successful, must be regular, and no excesses of whatever kind must be indulged in by the athlete. In order to win the cup at Syracuse, we must make use of every facility within our reach, and, since nothing goes so far towards success in athletics as a thorough and systematic training, it stands us well in hand to make all possible use of the few weeks yet remaining before the contest which is to decide for one year the champion college of the State. Judging from former struggles of a like nature in the State, the coming contest will practically be one between Cornell and Columbia, and all the events promise to be most closely contested. This will be the first time that all our athletes will have been pitted against "foemen worthy of their steel," and a victory under these circumstances will be all the more glorious. To the victors belong the spoils and a triumphal return is the meed of conquerors. Think of these things, ye athletes, and measure your efforts according to the strength that is in you. In the present case a victory hardly won will be all the more worthy of praise because of the greater opponents to be overcome. Begin by putting yourselves in thorough condition for a close contest and we have no fear as to the probable result.

NEVER have there been in the University two classes more opposed to each other, in the fall and winter terms, than were Eighty-eight and Eighty-nine last year; yet, when the spring term came and the time drew near when they would no longer be Sophomores and Freshmen but Juniors and Sophomores, this bitter class feeling gradually died out, and to show that it was gone, they held their excursion and cremation together and added a new ceremony, that of burying the hatchet. The excursion was a complete success in numbers and in enjoyment and there was no display of class feeling whatever. No Sophomore year is complete without the annual excursion and no Freshman year without cremating the Freshmen's foe O. W. J. The time is near when these events usually take place and why should Eighty-nine and Ninety not combine as the classes did last year, drop all class hatred, and make this trip the largest and most enjoyable excursion yet held. Many upper classmen desire to go, but they cannot attend both and this is another inducement for combination, for the mysteries of Rho Kappa Tau can only be imparted by the upper classmen. We would suggest that a committee from each class be appointed to discuss this plan and see if satisfactory arrangements cannot be made.

TOWARDS the opening of the present college year, we had occasion to speak of the formation of a State Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Association. At the time we hoped that what we said would be the opening of a full discussion of the subject by the college press of the State. As yet, so far as we know, no such discussion has been ventured. There is much obvious good in such an association. The contest might be held on the night of the day on which the Spring Inter-Collegiate Games are held, thus interrupting the work of the several colleges no more than at present. In speaking of this subject we beg leave to quote from the *Randolph-Macon Monthly* as follows, making the necessary changes to suit the circumstances: "Many of our Western exchanges have lately contained accounts of the proceed-

ings of the College Oratorical Association meetings, recently held in many States. From all we can learn from these accounts, these friendly meetings between the various colleges are of a most interesting and pleasant nature. The spirit of friendly rivalry in oratory, and the manifest desire for closer intercourse between the colleges are commendable in the highest degree; and the progressive spirit which such organizations manifest is worthy of imitation by all States where there are many institutions of high standing. Why is it that no Eastern States have these Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Associations? Certainly the plan can be productive of none but the best results, and it should consequently be encouraged and tried. To come closer home: Why cannot New York have such an association? We are sometimes almost compelled to admit the charge made against us by the press of many of the Western colleges. They say that the Eastern colleges devote too much time to athletics and in this they claim a manifest defect in the training which we receive. There is little truth in the charge, but we cannot stop to refute it here. In New York, there are at least nine, if not more, colleges which could easily form an association of this nature, for they are not too far separated from one another, nor yet is there a lack of talent in them, which objections might be raised by some pessimistic student who always looks at the dark side of everything. From a Cornell standpoint, we see no reason why New York could not, as well as Ohio, Indiana, or any other Western State, have an Oratorical Association. We think that a careful consideration of such a useful innovation would result in the formation of an Oratorical Association of New York, which, by its annual meetings, would increase the college spirit; would bring about a closer bond of union between the colleges than that which now exists; would encourage the cultivation of the oratorical powers of the students, by exciting their ambition to excel; and, all in all, would result in general good." Let us hear the opinion of some of the other college editors of the State in regard to this matter. A dis-

cussion of the subject will at least do no harm and may lead to the formation of an association that would produce astonishing results.

### CRITICISMS OF THE NINE.

We publish herewith the promised individual criticisms of the members of the base ball team. The comments are short, but it is to be hoped that the fact that they mention only faults will insure their careful consideration. Of course, in alluding to weakness in various cases in fielding ground balls, the state of our grounds must be considered together with the criticism. The comments are taken from careful observations by one or two persons, whose names we do not need to mention, but who take a lively interest in the team's welfare.

Newberry is weak at the bat, though he has improved in this over last year; he is rather too careful of himself in base-running, and does not show the interest in this or in any other department of the game that he does in delivering the ball to the bat. He is weak in fielding his position, and should practice backing up first base on throws from the infield. He shows too little inclination to adopt any suggestions from others and to put them into practice. He evidently needs all the practice he can get before meeting the strong Eastern teams.

Aldrich, too, is careless in fielding his position, and shows hardly enough snap and vim in his general work. He would do much better to pay more attention to his own ball-playing, and less to fault-finding than he now does. He seems to have a habit of pitching on the ground when his catcher is up; he should be more careful in his delivery, and should take more time at critical points to see that his fielders are properly situated. This last applies to Newberry also.

Taylor seems to be a little off in his throwing as compared with his last year's work. His wildness may be due partially to a lack of vigilance in Newberry and Aldrich in watching bases. As captain, he shows a lack of experience, and perhaps a too great inclination to fault-finding with his men.

Morrison is a new man at first, and his work, though all the while improving in character, reveals that fact. He is weak in stopping grounders and in throwing. Should cultivate more activity in all his work. He seems to take adverse criticism too much to heart, as if it were intended as fault-finding. His base-running is improving, but there is room for still more improvement in this line. His evident anxiety to do well perhaps makes him nervous at cer-

tain times. He is very conscientious in his work and regular in his practice, and, after acquiring more agility in general, will probably be strong in his position.

Etnyre should be more attentive to practice than he has been. He is batting hardly as well as could be expected from his work in the rink, and he is lamentably weak in base-running. He should be more careful to have his feet together when facing a ground ball, and should show more decision and promptness in his general play.

Wilkinson shows altogether too much disposition to "guy" other members of the team, and is rather heedless in his practice work, and often in games. By being a little more on the *qui vive* he might cover a considerable more ground, and also field slow balls to first, that he often fumbles until too late. He might become a good base-runner by being more quick in his movements.

Dimon's ball playing shows that he is regular at practice, and that he is always on the lookout for whatever may come. Though hardly referring to ball playing proper, it might be well to say here that he is rather more willing to poke fun at other members of the team than to take jokes in return. There are probably few specific points in his play, that need to be adversely criticised.

Sanderson's weak points are, a slowness in returning the ball from the field, and a weakness for wearing "gym" slippers, instead of ball shoes with spikes. He is hardly careful enough, when at bat, to wait for a good ball, but hits rather too freely.

Parshall, as is to be expected in a man of his size, is slow in base running. He covers hardly so much ground as he might in the field, is weak in stopping ground balls in the outfield, and in holding fly-balls. He should neglect no opportunities to practice these latter points, as a weakness in them might prove fatal at a critical time.

Schreiner is not very sure in his hitting, and hurries rather too much in fielding ground balls. He should get out of his habit of throwing round-arm, and should throw overhand instead, as he gives the ball a curve difficult for basemen to judge. His excessive quickness often causes him to fumble balls that he would probably otherwise field cleanly.

Rackemann is somewhat inclined to get rattled in games, and over-anxiety, caused, no doubt, by the fact that he is a new man on the team, is to blame for many of his mistakes. He has shown too much anxiety, also, as to whether he would get on the team or not, as to

who would go East or not, etc. He should bear in mind that good ball playing on his part will go much farther towards making him a fixture on the team than his worrying about the matter.

The team as a whole is, as has been stated before, weak in base-running and particularly in team work. The men do not work together in the way they should, and many points are lost by their being weak in the thousand and one fine points of the game.

The team should practice faithfully every day until the time for the Eastern trip. By this means, and this only, can it hope to show up well in the East.

#### REV. MR. GLADDEN'S LECTURE.

A large and appreciative audience greeted the Rev. Washington Gladden in the Physical Lecture Room last evening. He had chosen for the first lecture in his course, "The Insurrection of Labor." From the time that he arose to make his address until he finished, he held the complete attention of his audience. He is especially gifted as a speaker, being endowed with a fine physique and a full rich voice. Every word that he uttered had its meaning and left its impression.

The intention of the lecturer was to show what the claims of the working men are and whether their demands are in all cases just. "The laborer," says he, "has a grievance, but his claims are unreasonable." The cause of this was shown to be drawn from the teachings of Carl Marx, which are considered the workingman's catechism. The source of a great deal of trouble arises from the erroneous statements of Mill and Ricardo, that "Labor is the source of value." This fact he plainly showed to be wrong and he further showed that if the wage-worker followed this idea, he was living under a delusion, for intelligence, skill and taste are also agents in the creation of values. It is the competition of the employers that leads to combinations and the fall in wages of the worker. This brings on war between the employers and employees. The remedy for it all is, that moral checks should ameliorate the evils of competition and that the employers and the laborer should learn to "love his neighbor as himself."

The lecture this afternoon is on "The Downfall of Competition." These lectures are exceedingly interesting and valuable, and hence should attract a large number of students. In addition to delivering this course of lectures, Mr. Gladden will preach in Sage Chapel, next Sunday morning and afternoon. Let us show

our appreciation of his great ability and power as an orator, by turning out in large numbers to hear him.

#### THE PRESENTATION OF PAUL PRY.

The three act comedy, "Paul Pry," was presented at Wilgus Opera House Tuesday evening by University talent. The occasion was one of great pleasure to a large and appreciative audience which received every point of the play with an abundance of laughter and applause.

The play itself, being made up of two parts in no way connected with each other, except when Paul Pry "intrudes," makes it difficult to hold the attention of the audience and it required splendid acting to do it, but the manner in which some of the cast carried out their parts not only kept the audience attentive but greatly pleased it.

Paul Pry was a difficult character to act as he is kept very busy, has a great deal to say, and the entire humorous part of the play rests on him. No better choice could have been made for this character than Dr. Hitchcock. He showed a fine sense of humor and his acting was quite artistic. After the first scene, his appearance on the stage was always the signal for an outburst of applause.

Mrs. Corson, as Mrs. Suttle, had perhaps the most difficult part to correctly interpret, but her rendering of it was most excellent and was much praised by the audience.

Miss Jacks, as Phebe, Eliza's maid, was very clever and she acted to perfection the pretty maid, who was bound to assist her mistress to marry whom she wised.

As Colonel Hardy, Mr. Thurber's make up and acting were fine, and it was difficult to think that our obliging Registrar was concealed behind the heavy beard and gruff obstinate manner of Colonel Hardy.

C. H. Blood made a good Grasp and H. J. Averill a very creditable Harry Stanley. The other characters were well filled and were, Miss Benham, as Eliza; Miss Barrett, as Marian; Professor Marx, as Frank Hardy; W. H. Robinson as Somers (Willis); A. L. Soulé, as Old Stanley and Doubledot; W. H. Bostwick, as Simon; W. H. Powell as Witherton.

The house was well filled and nearly three hundred dollars was cleared for the Packer Hospital Fund. Much praise is due Mrs. President Adams and Mrs. Professor Corson for their efforts to aid this most worthy cause.

The music was furnished by the Cornell Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Curtis, '87. The following selections were rendered:

1. Overture "A Night Off" . . . . . E. Boettger.  
(Requested.)
2. "La Paloma" . . . . . Lech. de Yradier.
3. "Erminie" (Selections) . . . . . Jacobowski.

The orchestra now numbers about twenty pieces and shows a marked improvement since its former appearance.

**THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.**

As the date of the Junior Exhibition was changed to May 6, it was found necessary on Monday to hold the meeting of the Classical Association Wednesday. An audience of perhaps fifty attended, and heard two excellent papers. The first, by Miss Eastman upon the Homeric Question, was a clear and interesting exposition of the views of ancient and modern critics upon the authorship of the Iliad and the Odyssey. Although Miss Eastman's essay was of considerable length, it was so well prepared and presented as to hold the attention of the audience throughout. Mr. Grant, '87, next read a discussion of the Historical Relations of the Religions of Greece and Rome, in which he displayed considerable knowledge of his subject. Especially in the presentation of the paper he showed original thought and no little ingenuity. Each of the papers was discussed at their close, and questions were asked and answered. Most of the undergraduate members of the Association, however, seemed not inclined to go behind the returns; and the questions came from the professors. Mr. Lindquist, '89, had prepared a paper upon the contents of recent issues of Archæological journals, which was put over till the next meeting.

**BASE BALL.**

Tuesday was a fine day for athletic sports, and while the sun shone down very graciously and refreshingly upon the Cornell B. B. C., the temperature seemed to be exceedingly low, for the Ithaca-Trumansburg combination. This aggregation is composed of several old professionals, non-residents of Ithaca, and several other gentlemen from the town yecept Trumansburg. The latter village is not far distant from,—in fact quite near to Farmer Village; so near is this proximity, in fact, that the gentlemen from this rural town might be dubbed, for short, Farmer Villagers, or Farmers. Not to seem ironical, the Farmers were worthy of the name; for if they ever had an idea that they could play ball, the illusion must have been quickly dispelled on Tuesday.

The game started with Cornell at bat, and with the evident purpose of making up for its several drubbings at the hands of Rochester's

team, it went in with a vim and pounded out five runs for a starter. The Ithaca-Farmer Aggregation was retired in one, two, three order after one man had reached first on an error. It is enough to say that every inning was a repetition of the first. Cornell scored whenever it liked, and everyone pounded the ball till he was tired. Aldrich easily held his opponents down to three hits, two of them scratches. For Ithaca, Conway's backstop work and McCormick's fielding were the best features. For Cornell, the feature was the terrific hitting of all the men, Parshall alone having hard luck in placing his hits. Morrison and Schreiner fielded well in their positions, but Cornell's field work was in general rather loose, and indicated rather too much carelessness in some of the men. The complete score is:

**ITHACA.**

|                            | AB.      | R.       | BH.      | TB.      | PO.      | A.       | E.       |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Conway, c., 1b. . . . .    | 5        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 12       | 0        | 5        |
| Blauvelt, p. . . . .       | 5        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 5        | 0        |
| Jones, 1b., c. . . . .     | 5        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 6        | 0        | 1        |
| McCormick 3b., 2b. . . . . | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 4        | 3        | 0        |
| Bennett, 2b., 3b. . . . .  | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 2        |
| Clapp, ss. . . . .         | 4        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 3        | 1        |
| Wright, rf. . . . .        | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Pringle, cf. . . . .       | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Creque, lf. . . . .        | 3        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>—</b>                   | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> |
|                            | 37       | 0        | 3        | 3        | 27       | 12       | 12       |

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|                         | AB.      | R.       | BH.      | TB.      | PO.      | A.       | E.       |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .  | 5        | 3        | 2        | 4        | 1        | 1        | 2        |
| Taylor, c. . . . .      | 8        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 14       | 1        | 1        |
| Parshall, c.f. . . . .  | 8        | 2        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Sanderson, l.f. . . . . | 8        | 5        | 3        | 4        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Schreiner, s.s. . . . . | 6        | 3        | 3        | 6        | 0        | 6        | 1        |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .   | 7        | 4        | 5        | 8        | 10       | 0        | 0        |
| Etnyre, 2b. . . . .     | 7        | 5        | 5        | 8        | 2        | 1        | 2        |
| Adams, r.f. . . . .     | 6        | 4        | 4        | 4        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Aldrich, p. . . . .     | 6        | 2        | 4        | 4        | 0        | 19       | 1        |
| <b>—</b>                | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> | <b>—</b> |
|                         | 61       | 31       | 31       | 44       | 27       | 28       | 8        |

Earned runs, Cornell 16; two-baggers, Morrison, Sanderson, Taylor, Wilkinson 2; three-bagger, Morrison; home runs, Schreiner Etnyre; left on bases, C. 7, I. 10; struck out, C. 4, I. 15; bases on balls, by Aldrich 1, by Blauvelt 5; passed balls, Taylor 2, Conway 4; wild pitches, Aldrich 3, Blauvelt 4. Umpire, Dimon, '87.

**NOTICE.**

TO SENIORS.—Seniors who are deficient in any mathematical subject, other than Trigonometry, will be examined in Mr. McMahon's room, 17 White Hall, Saturday, May 7th at 8 a. m. Those who are deficient in Trigonometry will go into the regular examination at the end of the term.

J. E. Oliver,  
L. A. Wait.

## JUNIOR CONTEST.

The following are the speakers, the titles of their selections, and the order in which they will contest for the Junior Prize in Oratory in the Armory this evening:

1. E. B. Barnes, "Robert Emmett's Defense."
2. W. H. Bostwick, "The Black Horse and his Rider."
3. C. W. Stuart, "Regulus to the Roman Senate."
4. A. S. White, "Irish Aliens and English Victories."
5. A. L. Soulé, "Supposed Speech of John Adams."
6. E. S. Potter, "The New South."
7. C. M. Reynolds, "Speech before the Virginia Convention."
8. R. T. Newberry, "Dedication of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty."
9. H. L. Taylor, "The Murder of Lovejoy."
10. G. J. Tansey, "Repeal of the Irish Union."

## A CARD.

Mrs. Corson tenders her sincerest thanks to the company who, volunteering their assistance in the entertainment given for the benefit of the Packer Hospital Fund, gave so patiently and perseveringly their time and energies to the matter, and brought it to so successful an issue.

To Mr. Leakey she acknowledges her obligation in assisting her in the cast, and to Prof. Marx, she returns profoundest thanks for his effectual supervision and management, taking the whole charge of the final representation. Among the several members to whom particular thanks are due, she would mention also Miss McEbright, whose intelligent and correct prompting was not the least among the items that insured success; and Mrs. Prof. Wait who took charge of the details of ornamentation and furniture; and last, but by no means least, she extends her thanks to the Cornell University Orchestra whose generous coöperation contributed so much to the evening's entertainment.

—The *Scientific American Supplement* of April 30 contains in full the abstract of Prof. Graham Bell's lecture on the Telephone and Photophone as delivered before the students of Sibley College and the University, the credit for this abstract being given to the *Crank*.—*Journal*.

## LAWN TENNIS.

The executive committee of the Tennis Association have appointed the following members a committee, to take charge and have control of the courts of the Association during the spring term: Mr. Sands, '90., Mr. Rackemann, '89, Mr. Bates, '89. This committee will have the courts ready the latter part of the week, and the courts will be kept in order under their supervision for the remainder of the term.

The dues—50 cents—of members should be paid as soon as possible, in order that new outfits may be purchased. Any student in the University is eligible to membership in the Tennis Association, by paying an initiation fee of \$1, and no one but members will be allowed the privilege of using the Association's grounds.

The club will in all probability arrange for a spring tournament, and if found expedient will send representatives to the Inter-Collegiate Lawn Tennis Games.

By order executive committee,  
H. WHITE, Pres.  
M. H. GOODKIND, Vice-Pres.  
A. C. BALCH, Sec. and Treas.

## CORNELLIANA.

- The nine is a daisy.
- Fine weather for training.
- Junior exhibition to-night.
- The professors' courts are now in full running order.
- A great many subscriptions are still due. Do you take the hint?
- The class in Social Science evidently like the looks of Auburn girls.
- Our sprinters began work on the track in the fair grounds last Monday.
- The postponed tennis tournament tie of last fall will be played off next week.
- By request of Sage College, the orchestra played "A Night Off" at Paul Pry.
- Entries for the athletic contest at Syracuse must be made not later than May 11th.
- Glenwood will soon open for the season and then the students' hearts will rejoice.
- The ERA's candidate for Dean of the Faculty, Professor H. S. White. Who seconds it?
- A meeting of the Sophomore class was called for Tuesday but a quorum was not present.
- The lacrosse team is working hard and will soon be in condition to meet the teams of other colleges.

—Cornell will make from twenty to twenty-five entries for the State Inter-collegiate contest at Syracuse.

—The college crews are now doing good practice work and Cornell, we venture to say, is doing her share.

—Major Kelsey, has gone down the lake to make arrangements for the Civil Engineers, who leave about May 20.

—We are glad to see that the Tennis Association has heeded our words. Four courts will be ready for use on Monday.

—The pleasant evenings have caused pedestrianism to take a boom and the parks are filled each evening with walking students.

—The SUN did not appear this morning. It will be issued to-morrow morning instead in order to give a full account of the Junior Contest.

—The trip to Auburn was one of the most pleasant of the series. Professor Sanborn is especially to be congratulated upon the success of the trip.

—The score of 31 to 0 has been beaten once on our grounds. Two years ago Cornell defeated Rochester University by a score of 34 to 0 in seven innings.

—The proof sheets of Professor Anthony's work on Optics are now used by his class in Sophomore physics and the class say that the work is very difficult.

—A great many students have attended the various church sociables of late. We are glad to note this fact for it will be pleasing to our readers "on the hill."

—The audience that witnessed Paul Pry was made up almost entirely of people in University circles and was one of the most cultured that has filled the Wilgus Opera House this year.

—The proposed field day meeting with Lehigh meets with approval on all sides. Our Syracuse team's chances would be greatly enlarged by the previous experience had at Lehigh.

—Dr. Tyler's lectures upon the Revolutionary War are very interesting. He treats the subject in a most unbiased manner, a fact which makes his lectures all the more valuable to his students.

—Since the various classes do not seem to be willing to enter into class games, what is the matter with the different fraternities getting up a league and thus keeping up the interest in base ball?

—When Professor Sanborn's class was visiting the Willard Asylum, one of the mem-

bers of the class, an Irishman, was taken for the general of the Salvation Army by one of the inmates.

—The *Sun's* suggestion to select the piece of ground near the gymnasium for our athletic field, is a good one and should be carefully considered. This spot is advantageous from every point of view.

—There will be no meeting of the Mock Congress to-morrow night, on account of the lecture to be given by the Rev. Washington Gladden. The "Act to establish a postal telegraph service," will lie over till next week.

—The *Cornellian* is rapidly approaching completion. All the matter has been in the hands of the printers for some time and already much of the proof has been read. The editors think it will be ready for distribution not later than the 15th.

—Last Tuesday evening a meeting of the Agricultural Association was held in their comfortable rooms. A general discussion was had upon "The best methods of selecting a farm." Mr. Corbett gave a very good informal talk on Grapes.

—Base ball players will please notice in another column the weak points noted in each man's playing. They were not written to satisfy curious readers, but to serve a good purpose, which all true lovers of base ball will readily recognize.

—Dimon, '87, severely sprained his arm in practice on Saturday last, and has been unable to use it since. It is to be hoped that the injured member will become sound again before the nine starts east, as the loss of Dimon's services would seriously handicap the team.

—The second set of Essays in Social Science were handed in yesterday. The subjects were, (1) The Origin, History, Purpose, and Administration of Willard Asylum, (2) The Relation of Insanity to Crime, Illustrated by the Experience of the Auburn Prison and its Criminal Asylum.

—The Natural History Society met on Monday night in the Botanical Laboratory. Mr. J. M. Stedman read a paper upon "The tapeworm, its methods of preparation and anatomy." This was followed by a well written paper on "Hidden Homes," by Mrs. A. B. Comstock.

—The following promotions in the battalion have been made and stand approved by the Faculty: 1st Lieuts., A. L. Soulé and Metzger to be captains; 2nd Lieuts., Green, Blood, and Reed to be 1st lieutenants; 1st Sergeants, Ogden and Fielder to be 2nd lieutenants; R. E. Sternberg, bandmaster.

—The Richardson Club of the Architectural Department will give a fine exhibition of drawings, in June, made by members of the architectural course. Famous drawings made by foreign architects will also form a part of the exhibition, which is now regarded as a complete future success. The committee in charge report good progress.

—The Boston Opera Co. will give two performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's famous opera H. M. S. Pinafore at Wilgus Opera House tomorrow (Saturday) May 7th. Matinee at 2.30 and evening at 8. The company is a good one and drawing large houses everywhere. Popular prices have been decided upon. Matinee prices reserved seats 50. Evening prices reserved seats 75.

—About two weeks since, a "coon" called at the rooms of a large number of the students to sell bonds an a peanut and boot blacking stand, to be established on the campus. The bonds were payable on demand in peanuts and shins, but, as no stand has yet been started, the price of the bonds has fallen and East Seneca street has thrown several large blocks of them upon the market.

—The American Historical Association will hold its Fourth Annual Meeting, May 21-24, in Boston and Cambridge. A very interesting programme has been prepared. Among those who are to address the Association, we notice the names of Professor Moses Coit Tyler, who will speak on "The Historic Name of our Country," and Herbert Elmer Mills, Fellow in History, Cornell University, the latter's subject being, "Diplomatic Prelude to the Seven Years War."

—The Bench and Board held their regular term banquet last Saturday evening. The spread was decidedly "German" and consisted of all those delicacies dear to the true Teuton. The waiters were Germans and one of the members, in a reply to a question from a waiter, answered "*Oui*," he was at once heavily fined. The features of the evening were the poem by Mr. Goodkind and the oration by Mr. Parshall. Several songs, written by the members, were sung. The guests of the club were Mr. Goodkind and Mr. McComb and the members present were Messrs. Andrews, Fullerton, Ickleheimer, Shannon, Read, Reynolds, Johnston, Blood, A. I. Soulé, Robinson, Heller, Brace, Parshall, Pfau, Fitch, Smith and E. L. Soulé.

—The aspirants for positions on the athletic team, to be sent to Syracuse on May 25th, are working on the track at the Fair Grounds every afternoon, under the supervision of Mr. Dole.

Our runners give promise of making a very creditable showing against their opponents, and the team as a whole is showing up fairly well. No one should appreciate better than the men themselves the strength of the team which will represent Columbia, and the fact that it will be only by showing some excellent records on the 25th that Cornell will have a chance of winning "that cup" for good. All entries close on the 11th inst., and most of the team will be selected on the 10th. Although faithful training will go for a great deal more than luck in the various contests, the ERA wishes the team all the luck imaginable, and hopes to congratulate it later on a well-earned victory.

—The base ball team starts on its eastern trip one week from to-day, playing with Williams on the following day, Princeton on Monday, Yale on Tuesday, and Harvard on Thursday. Of course all Cornellians will watch for the scores of the various games with great interest. However, they should not allow their anxiety for good news to be changed to anger, or abuse of the team, by news of defeat. They should consider the facts: firstly, that the trip will be an exceedingly exhausting one; secondly, that every team we are to meet is strong at all points, and well fitted for work by constant practice; lastly, that our opponents will be playing on their own grounds, and will have all the advantages that familiarity with their surroundings can give. Supporters of the team should be well satisfied to hear close scores reported, even though the advantage be on the wrong side. Then, if, by any chance, we should win a game or two, their joy would be the greater, inasmuch as the good news would be the more unexpected. The team will surely do all in its power to be successful, and, if too much is not expected of it, will satisfy the hopes of its friends.

#### PERSONALS.

C. M. EUSTIS, '89, has left the University. He will engage in business in New Orleans.

A. S. NORTON, the genial president of '86, is in town for a few days, and has favored us with a call.

PROF. SANBORN is out of town this week, hence there were no lectures. The excursion will be taken to-morrow.

INSTRUCTOR LEAKEY has been confined to his rooms for several days, but we are pleased to learn that he is again able to meet his classes.

DIMON, '87, the clever short stop, has sufficiently recovered from the injury to his shoulder as to be able to play with the nine on the eastern trip.

PROF. STURDEVANT, Cornell '76, and ex-ERA editor, was recently re-elected County Superintendent of Venango Co., Pa. Of 323 votes polled, Prof. Sturdevant received 203, the rest being divided among three other candidates for the office.

### COLLEGE NEWS.

Thirty men are training for Yale's Mott Haven Team.

Colby has a new instructor in gymnastics, Mr. Follen of Boston.

A Co-operative Society has been organized at Boston University.

A. S. Green, '87, of Colby, will soon publish a book on The "American Negro."

At the University of Illinois prizes won in competitive drill are presented by "co-eds."

Wooster University has received a bequest of \$25,000 for the establishment of a professorship.

George Washington, it is said, was the first man to receive the degree LL. D. from Harvard.

Two of Columbia's men are said to have a record below eighteen seconds in the 120 yards hurdle race.

President McCosh's plans for changing Princeton into a University were recently rejected by the trustees of that college.

The home run made by Hunt of Yale in the Yale-Washington game was said to be the longest hit ever made in Washington.

At the semi-centennial of the foundation of the University of Athens, students will present in the Dionysial Theatre, the Greek tragedy, Antigone.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association consists of Amherst, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Lehigh, Princeton, Trinity, Wesleyan, and Yale.

At Wooster University a Senior has been suspended till after commencement for plagiarism in an oration by which he won first place in a university contest.

The Yale Skull and Bones Society, which is supposed to correspond to our T. N. E., is incorporated under the laws of Connecticut as the Russel Trust Association.

Owing to the determination of the Tufts nine to secure the service of two non-college players for certain games, the captain and the manager of the college team resigned.

In the recent physical tests, F. M. Russell, '89, lifted (leg lift) 510 kilograms, an equivalent of 1,125 lbs. This is the best lift on record under the Sargent system.—*Bowdoin Orient*.

Professor W. C. Trowbridge of the Columbia School of Mines, who is a specialist in animal mechanics, says that at the rate of speed at which college four-mile boat races are rowed, the average oarsman's stored up energy cannot last further than the third mile. The last mile is a dead pull on the vital organs, and only a test of the soundness of lungs and heart. The Professor's figures show that during the twenty-one minutes of a race, each college man does the work of seven strong men.—*Ex.*

Dr. Bennett, as agent for the university, has purchased the Von Ranke historical library at Berlin. The circumstances of the purchase are these: "A few years ago a wealthy resident of New York State authorized Professor Bennett to secure for the Syracuse University the Von Ranke library, no matter what the cost. It is the finest historical library in the world, containing 35,000 volumes and 7,500 pamphlets. Soon after the death of Von Ranke, Professor Bennett began negotiations and they were successfully concluded on Monday. Professor Bennett to-day said that it was the intention of the purchaser to have the great library thoroughly catalogued. There are only four men now in the country available for this work. I think one of them can be secured. The work of cataloguing cannot be completed under five years. This country and the Syracuse University are to be congratulated on securing the Von Ranke library."—*Syracusan*.

### A CLERGYMAN'S MEMORY FEAT.

Of Professor Loisset's Memory system, taught by him personally and by correspondence, at 237 Fifth Avenue, New York, the Rev. S. H. Lee, of New Haven, says:

"Let me tell you of my feat yesterday, as showing what change a study of half your lessons at odd moments, for less than a week has made in my memory. A little after six in the morning I took up my sermon and in an hour and a half possessed myself of a third of it. After breakfast I mastered the rest of it in a little more than an hour. I delivered it *verbatim*, recurring to the manuscript for a glance only three times. In the afternoon I committed to memory my evening sermon in an hour and a half and delivered it without hesitation, and without looking at my manuscript at all. To have done this a week ago would have been impossible, without less than twenty-four hours study, and even then I should have felt no certainty.

*Memoriter* preaching I have never practiced. It has seemed to me the least desirable of all the various modes of public address because the main effort of the mind is concerned in the task of recollection. But in my case this was not so. I had no solicitude for words. The act did not seem like one of memory, rather my *whole thinking power* seemed engaged with the substance of the discourse and with the audience. So it had the advantage of the mental attitude of ex-

temporaneous address with the chosen and condensed language of manuscript."

### EXCHANGES.

The past weeks have been rather productive of new college papers. We have received several marked Vol. 1, No. 1., among them the *Williams Weekly*, which seems to take the place of the suspended *Fortnight*. The reason for the suspension of the *Fortnight* is not known to us; but we predict that the new paper will be a success, if we may judge from the first number. The editors ask that their paper be not criticised too severely, as it was gotten out with great haste. However, many a worse paper comes with no apology. Only seven pages of the *Weekly* are given to reading matter, and a good part of this is taken up by an account of the Southern trip of the nine. The financial standing of the paper is assured by twelve full pages of advertisements; and we hope in later issues to find a greater quantity of as excellent matter as this first number contains.

Another first number is the *Free Lance* published at the Pennsylvania State College. The paper is an attractive one, and does credit to its editors who must of necessity be inexperienced. The Editor-in-chief must be a remarkable man; for we notice that he is also President of the Athletic Council, President of the Tennis Association, and Banker of a literary society.

The last Columbia *Spectator* contains two good illustrations, one, "A Freshman's Dream," is unusually good, even for the *Spectator*. It represents the Freshman who has always been prominent at the preparatory school, and who imagines for himself as great prominence in college. He sees himself catching behind the bat rowing in the crew, making records in walking, running, jumping, and what not, besides playing tennis, hazing the '91 men, and showing his strength to an admiring friend. Underneath is the motto, "If it be thus to dream, still let me sleep."

Two of the best of the purely literary papers that come to us are from colleges far distant from each other. One is the *Amherst Monthly* which with the April number enters upon its second year. It is not possible to select any part of the *Monthly* for special criticism or special praise. We think nobody who has a proper idea of what a college paper should be, can reasonably expect more than is given us by the *Amherst* students. From cover to cover, their *Monthly* is light and charming.

Of a somewhat different character is the *Berkleyan* of the University of California. Its

contents are of a more serious nature, and, for this reason, we think, not so appropriate in a college paper. Yet the articles are in general of more than temporary value, and might not improperly be found in a more pretentious magazine. Especially is this true of the discussion on Goethe. This article, which, by the way, is from the pen of a professor, occupies nearly twenty-two pages. The writer gives a sketch of Goethe's life and discusses his practical characteristics as seen in some of his greatest works. What is said of Hermann and Dorothea and of Faustus should be of peculiar interest to our students, since both have this year been read in the class room.

### AMUSEMENTS.

#### PINAFORE.

It is many a day since "Pinafore" has been given in Utica previous to last night. It was once a very popular opera, and the music is still as good as ever. The company which gave it at the Opera House last evening, did exceedingly well. The troupe is not a large one, since under the inter-state commerce law it is expensive traveling. Some of the voices are particularly good, and among the most noticeable is Master Harry Leighton, who sings sweetly and well. He was heartily encored. Mr. Evans did splendidly as Sir Joseph Porter. He has an unusually good voice. Mr. Byrnes is a fine tenor singer, but like all tenors does not shine brilliantly as an actor. A well-known operatic manager said in the Utica box office earlier in the season, that he had never seen a right good tenor who was a first-rate actor. Mr. Smith as Dick Deadeye did nicely and his solos were well received. Of the ladies, Maudena Nees as Hebe was by far the most attractive. She has a good voice and graceful stage presence. Miss Annie McVeigh as Little Buttercup deserved favorable mention. The chorus sang in good time and tune and made up in quality their deficiencies in quantity. Taken as a whole, the performance was very creditable and is worthy of good houses.—*Observer*.

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THERE is now in press and shortly to be issued, a new Cornell song book. The collection embraces many of the old songs together with a number that have not yet appeared in print. We are glad that the publishers have taken this matter in hand and that we will soon have a song book that will compare favorably with that of any other college. There is no reason why Cornell should not become justly celebrated as well by the college songs sung to her praise as by any other means. The songs learned here as students linger in the mind long after college life is over. What can be more touching than to hear the voices of alumni, old

men perhaps, united in sweet accord upon the songs which they learned in their college days! Let every student provide himself with one of these books and become familiar with a few of the best songs. Such a proceeding would enhance the enjoyment of students at gatherings where college songs are sung, would increase college spirit and lend a charm to college life that could never be forgotten.

MANY athletic subscriptions are now due and should be paid at once. The Athletic Council has already been to considerable expense, and in order that it may bring the several athletic events of the term to successful financial issues, it is absolutely necessary that the money subscribed by the students should be paid in without further delay. To-day the ball nine leaves for the East and in a few days our athletic team must be sent to Syracuse. Now all these things require considerable outlay on the part of the Council, and, since it has but one source of supply, there is all the more need that this source should not fail in the hour of extremest need. A promise to pay should be regarded by every one as binding and every effort should be made to meet the obligation whether large or small. By carelessness in regard to such matters, students often create among their fellows an impression not favorable to their own interests. We hope that all who have been kind enough to offer their subscriptions, will be yet more kind and pay what they have covenanted to pay, thus teaching themselves the invaluable lesson of promptness in all business matters.

AMONG the numerous events and happenings of the spring term, there is one to which too much importance cannot be given. We have in mind the election of editors for the college papers. This is a matter of deep concern, not so much to the out-going boards as to the University at large. The importance

of the college paper can hardly be overestimated, and hence the position of editor is attended with no little difficulty and anxiety. Open to criticism and often made the victim of sweeping assertions, the college editor finds that, though he does his best, there are always those who are ready to pounce upon him and say that his efforts have been little better than failures. As an illustration, we quote from one of our exchanges as follows: "There are unfortunately in some of our greatest and leading colleges, papers which, if not absolutely poor, certainly are not good. They fall below the standard of even the humblest college publication. We refer more particularly to the Cornell ERA, published at one of our most prominent universities, and which, in a relative sense, is a disgrace to the students it represents. We certainly acknowledge that the paper has many excellencies, but neither in its scope nor in its thought does it worthily represent the institution from which it is issued. Its general appearance is poor; its editorials are common place, without even a claim to originality; its locals but few in number, and its miscellany chiefly devoted to post-graduate thought. We hope that the ERA will take our criticism in the light in which it is given, for it is to be regretted that so great an institution should be so poorly and falsely represented." On the other hand there are those who, better acquainted with the difficulties under which the college editor labors, speak their mind thus: "I am very much gratified, as an ex-ERA editor, with the manner in which your paper has been edited thus far throughout the year, and I sincerely hope that you may meet with the financial success which is your due." Thus we have learned to take the bitter with the sweet, and so must those who come after us, even if they issue a paper of surpassing excellence. Another thing which should be thoroughly understood by every student before he consents to become a candidate for a position upon the editorial board of his college paper, is that, in case of election, no little amount of work will be required of him. Throughout the year we have been impressed with the fact that there ought

to be at least eleven men on the ERA staff, four of whom should be appointed by the out-going board. No exchange, of the size of the ERA, comes to our table edited by six or seven men. Notwithstanding all that has been said on this subject, the time for election of editors draws nigh and no provision for a change in the ERA constitution has yet been made. However, since a change is now improbable, let the classes elect, as editors, men of ability and men who can and will do conscientious work.

LAST Friday night ten members of the Junior class contested for a prize in speaking—the '86 Memorial Prize of fifty (?) dollars. The evening appointed for the contest was a bad one as far as the weather was concerned, for the rain poured down in torrents and the thunder and lightning of the heavens fairly outrivalled in splendor the thunder and sparkling vivacity of the young orators in the Armory. Such small hindrances, however, are easily passed by. It is in regard to other things connected with Junior Prize contests, and the last one in particular, that we wish to call the attention of all those that would, in future years, become Junior prize orators, and the attention also of the powers that be. There are obvious reasons why great care should be exercised in making the preparation for such contests. In the first place, the Junior and the Woodford are the only annual oratorical exhibitions that are given at Cornell. Only by attending these may one have an opportunity of judging as to the kind of speakers that are being turned out by the Department of Oratory in the University. All the more need is there, then, that the participants in these annual events should have the best training possible, to fit them for making a showing creditable to themselves and to the University that fosters them. The men that spoke on Friday evening showed that they were capable of becoming excellent speakers, and, indeed, they all showed up in a way that surprised everyone by its excellence. Yet, in most of the men, the critical eye could detect a lack of good training that did much to detract from the power and effectiveness of the several ef-

forts. Why was not more care taken in the selection of judges, or rather, why did the men who were selected, not appear? It is generally understood that two of them did not wish to act for fear that they would be prejudiced in favor of certain ones among the contestants. While these men are to be praised for their honorable conduct, if the above-mentioned reason is the true one, still that is no reason why other judges should not have been selected in their stead. There should have been seven, or at least five, judges, while the fact is that only three were present, Professor Corson, at the last moment, being compelled to act as a fourth. There was another thing connected with the evening's entertainment (?), that caused a considerable amount of unfavorable comment. We have heard a number of people ask: "Why was one of the judges so anxious to congratulate a relative of the man he himself had just helped to choose as winner of the first prize,—and that before the winner's name had been officially announced?" The question seems very difficult for us to answer, and the act in question was, to say the least, very premature. It seemed to indicate that the person offering the congratulations was exceedingly anxious to show everyone that he had had something to say in choosing the winner. We have made these remarks, not because we think that the decision was unjust, for of that we are unfit to judge. Nor do we any the less heartily congratulate Mr. White on his victory. But there were certainly many things connected with the Junior Prize Contest this year, that might have been attended to much more carefully, and it is to be hoped that next year there will be no possible grounds for complaint in regard to the matter.

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#### THE CLARK UNIVERSITY.

I have read or listened with some attention, while eminent persons connected with Harvard College, or Columbia College, or anonymous writers inspired by the tone prevalent at these and other seats of ancient learning in the North, have criticised with grave remonstrance or ridiculed with gratuitous sarcasm the modest proposals of Jonas Clark of Worcester, looking toward a university of a peculiar sort in that

city. I have also heard with deeper interest the comments of more enlightened and more unselfish critics, who, looking to the educational needs of the South and the West, and to the urgent necessity for some effective national coordination of the many institutions and endowments established or springing up in all sections of our imperial republic—lament that men of great wealth and public spirit, like Mr. Clark and Gov. Stanford, do not grasp the opportunity which their wealth gives them to nationalize, rather than to localize, the higher education of the American people. There is great force in what men of this class say; and there is some weight attaching to the arguments of those colleges and their alumni who frankly demand that Mr. Clark should put his million into the same pool with theirs. It is true that a million dollars is a scanty foundation for anything properly called "university," and that this sum would be a handsome addition even to the resources of Harvard and Yale,—to say nothing of meritorious and struggling colleges like Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Williams, Tufts, and (to mention a more prosperous institution), Amherst: but may it not be that Mr. Clark, (who certainly has some right to his own opinion about his own generous plans) sees advantages that a separate endowment, in a city offering so many facilities for practical, scientific and art education as Worcester, will have when compared with the fettered projects and foregone conclusions of old colleges? There is good authority against putting new wine into old leather bottles; and the fermentation which the new education has started at Cambridge, Andover, and New Haven, may serve as a warning against bottling it up in ancient sheepskins, or the cracked demijohns of traditional use. I do not know what Mr. Clark's plans are, and doubt if he has fully matured them; but from his known good sense and his wide observation of mankind at home and abroad. I should expect anything but ineffective schemes, or systems that will run in old grooves of learning, and repeat what has already been made wearisome by frequent repetition.

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Perhaps Cornell University is now the best working-model in America of what is really new in the higher education of men and women; and its history is full of encouragement for men who, like Mr. Clark, do not feel attracted to give their wealth in aid of old foundations such as Harvard, Yale and Columbia. The age and tradition of these colleges are invaluable for certain purposes. The literary and scholastic atmosphere thus created, through centuries of

parsimonious existence, cannot become the sudden possession of universities like those of Ithaca or Baltimore, at Iowa City, or on the cattle-ranges of California, where immense wealth has planted its educational stakes. But for the purposes of the new education a new foundation is most congenial; and that set up by Mr. Cornell, President White, Henry W. Sage and Hiram Sibley of Ithaca, has converted that small inland village into a real seat of learning, a school of applied science, in little more than 20 years. The private gifts to Cornell University hardly yet amount to \$3,000,000; the fund created by the sale of lands which Congress granted is somewhat greater; but there seems no reason to doubt that the Clark University might acquire in 10 years, with the wealth and local facilities of Worcester, as much power and as large a corps of teachers and students, as Cornell University has acquired in 20 years. Yet there are now more than 800 students in the town of Ithaca, and when the Cornell law school has been in operation for a year (it opens next September) the number will probably be 1000. Mr. Clark may reasonably expect, if he lives 10 years and develops his plans as successfully as he has matured them to see 600 or 800 students, of both sexes, profiting by his munificence, while 50 or 60 professors and specialists are giving a new direction to practical education in New England, and forming a learned society at Worcester, such as will confer permanent distinction on that proud and industrious city. Should he broaden his scheme to a national endowment, as some experienced university men propose, its results might be still more conspicuous.

F. B. Sanborn, in *Springfield Daily Republican*.

**BASE BALL.**

Never were the uncertainties of base ball more clearly illustrated at Cornell than in the game of Saturday last. Our team went into the contest confident of victory, played fine ball for a few innings, batting and running bases in almost perfect form, then went all to pieces and lost the game. The game was in reality lost in the eighth, when Elmira scored four times without making a single hit. It is foolish for disappointed supporters of the team to find fault and say the nine is "no good," just on account of the result of this one game. To be sure, bad fielding errors were made, and that, too, in rapid succession, but why call the team deplorably weak on this account? It was the old men on the team that did the worst playing, the men that have so often contributed

toward a well-earned victory by their good work, and who hope to do so again in the near future.

Cornell fielded loosely, and in the ninth, ran bases carelessly. But the base-running in the first part of the game was excellent, and the batting throughout timely and hard. Features were, the batting and pitching of Newberry, and Hall's catch of a fly ball that the pitcher had muffed. The score:—

**CORNELL.**

|                         | AB. | R. | BH. | TB. | PO. | A. | E. |
|-------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .  | 5   | 3  | 2   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 2  |
| Taylor, c. . . . .      | 5   | 1  | 3   | 1   | 11  | 0  | 2  |
| Parshall, c.f. . . . .  | 5   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0  | 1  |
| Sanderson, l.f. . . . . | 5   | 1  | 3   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .   | 5   | 1  | 2   | 1   | 4   | 1  | 1  |
| Etnyre, 2b. . . . .     | 5   | 0  | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3  | 0  |
| Schreiner, s.s. . . . . | 5   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 4  | 2  |
| Rackemann, r.f. . . . . | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 2  | 1  |
| Newberry, p. . . . .    | 4   | 2  | 4   | 1   | 0   | 10 | 0  |
|                         | 43  | 8  | 16  | 9   | 24  | 20 | 9  |

**ELMIRA.**

|                           | AB. | R. | BH. | TB. | PO. | A. | E. |
|---------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| McCarthy, r.f. . . . .    | 5   | 1  | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0  | 0  |
| Doran, 1b & 2b. . . . .   | 5   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 8   | 0  | 3  |
| Heine, c. . . . .         | 4   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 9   | 0  | 1  |
| Hall, 3b. . . . .         | 4   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| McPhee, 2b. & ss. . . . . | 4   | 2  | 1   | 0   | 2   | 4  | 0  |
| Ogden, l.f. . . . .       | 4   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Burns, p. . . . .         | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 1   | 10 | 0  |
| McNerny, c.f. . . . .     | 4   | 0  | 1   | 0   | 4   | 0  | 0  |
| Powers, ss. & 1b. . . . . | 4   | 2  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  |
|                           | 38  | 9  | 7   | 0   | 27  | 16 | 4  |

**SCORE BY INNINGS.**

|                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Cornell . . . . . | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1   |
| Elmira . . . . .  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | *-9 |

Earned runs, Cornell 4; 1st base on errors, Cornell 1, Elmira 7; struck out, Cornell 6, Elmira 10; two base hits, Sanderson, Etnyre, Doran; three base hits, Taylor 2, McPhee.

Umpire, Dimon.

**OUR ATHLETIC TEAM.**

The following are the names of the men and the events in which they will contest at Syracuse on the 25th inst. It will at once be seen that the team is a strong one and one that is likely to make it exceedingly lively for our friends from Columbia. Over-confidence, however, should not cause the men to abate their training efforts one tittle, for even that might result in fewer first places to be won by Cornell:

100 yds. run: J. S. Parker, '89, C. W. Horr, Jr., '87, E. H. Bennett, Jr., '89, D. Mitchell, '90, G. H. Thayer, '90, F. S. Washburn, '89.

220 yds. run: J. S. Parker, '89, C. W. Horr,

Jr., '87, M. F. Webster, '88, F. S. Washburn, '89.

440 yds. run: F. V. Coville, '87, M. F. Webster, '88, J. S. Parker, '89, E. H. Bennett, Jr., '89.

880 yds. run: H. E. Summers, Fellow, G. F. Seymour, '90, M. F. Webster, '88, J. F. Hayford, '89, J. F. Upp, '89.

Mile Run: H. E. Summers, Fellow, G. F. Seymour, '90, J. F. Hayford, '89.

Hurdle Race: F. V. Coville, '87, B. W. Holt, '90, W. T. S. Hoyt, '90.

Mile Walk: E. F. Brown, '89, H. S. Gifford, '90.

Putting the Shot: J. L. H. Warren, '90.

Throwing the Hammer: F. V. Coville, '87, S. E. Kelsey, '87.

Running Broad Jump: G. H. Thayer, '90, E. N. Sanderson, R. G.

High Jump: W. F. W. Crane, '87, W. T. S. Hoyt, '90.

Pole Vault: G. A. Ruyter, '88.

Two Mile Bicycle Race: C. R. Scott, '89, C. J. Sheldon, '90.

Tug of War: J. L. H. Warren, '90, A. C. Balch, '89, L. C. Ehle, '90, J. Dickenson, '89, G. H. Thayer, '90, J. D. Bell, '90, J. S. Parker, '89.

Lawn Tennis Singles: H. White, '87, J. Wilkinson, '89, W. F. Rackemann, '89, J. P. Pope, '90, C. G. Sands, '90.

#### PUNDITA RAMABAI.

There are some seasons which seem to flash upon us the fact of our universal brotherhood, of East joined to West and all one family. The present week will probably be one of those seasons to Cornell, for Thursday morning is to bring into our midst the noble Pundita Ramabai, the Hindu poet, lecturer and reformer. She is to lecture before the Ithaca Y. M. C. A. in Library Hall on Friday evening. On Saturday evening she will address the students in the Botanical Lecture Room, and on Sunday the regular association hour will be given up to her entirely.

Ramabai is the daughter of an Indian pundit, who gave his life to his conviction that women should have equal educational rights with men. In accordance with that conviction, and in the face of the bitterest persecution, he educated his wife and two daughters. While the storm was at its height, he died, and soon his wife and older daughter followed him. After that sorrow, Ramabai and her brother travelled throughout India on foot, growing more and more clear-sighted in regard to its customs and religions. At length they began

to lecture, and kept on in that work until the death of the brother. Shortly following this bitter interruption of her plans, Ramabai married a native lawyer and graduate of the Calcutta University; but her happy home was destroyed by the death of her husband two years later, which left her alone with a little daughter, now six years old. Ramabai left India for England, and for two years she held the chair of Sanskrit in a Cheltenham college for women. In March, 1886, she came to this country to be present at the graduation of her cousin, Anandabai Joshee, from the Philadelphia Medical College. Since that time she has visited various places throughout the United States, everywhere seeking to stir people to sympathy and coöperation with her plans for raising the condition of her Hindu sisters. She wishes to return to India and found a school where women may be taught sewing and kindergartening and all the arts which react in the improvement of their homes, as well as to promote their higher education. In our free country we cannot appreciate the heroism, the mighty strength of mind and of purpose which she must needs have to battle against the storm of prejudice in India. Hers is an intensely interesting story, and the more heartily she is received, the more will she be encouraged in her work.

#### CORNELLIANA.

—Good-bye and good luck to the nine.

—Thirty-two men will uphold Cornell at Syracuse.

—How will Rho Kappa Tau and lake water go together?

—The lawn mowers are now running in good order on the hill.

—Hobart defeated Rochester University on last Wednesday 11 to 5.

—A daughter was born to Professor and Mrs. Hale last Tuesday.

—A party of students went fishing last week; they report a great catch.

—Two members of the ERA's editorial staff are members of the ball nine.

—During ex-President White's absence his lectures are read by Mr. Burr.

—The latest thing out—the servant girl.—*Journal.* How is this, Freshmen?

—Howes has a photo of the Fruija on exhibition in his case on Seneca street.

—Look out for accounts of the Williams, Amherst, and perhaps the Yale games in next week's ERA.

—The class in Social Science will inspect the Rochester Industrial School to-morrow.

—It is not generally known that the honor of originating '88's significant yell belongs to Mr. B. S. Aldrich.

—"Amen" was the word uttered by all the Sophomores who read the editorial on Optics in Wednesday's *Sun*.

—Senior class tax this year will be the smallest for many years past. It will probably not exceed ten dollars.

It is said that quite a few students have subscribed for shares in the Test Gas Well concern, as a students' investment.

—Professor Schaeffer has gone to Iowa to see about his new position, so there have been no lectures in Chemistry this week.

—Professor W. T. Hewett will give a reception to the Juniors and Seniors in the German department next Thursday evening.

—The strawberry season is just beginning. Festivals will become more frequent now and the student's best girl will be accordingly more susceptible.

—Subscription lists for the *Cornellian* have been placed in the book stores. All who desire copies should sign at once. A list may also be found in the Library.

—The crew rows every day and improvement is very noticeable. They have been racing with the coach and are now able to keep him very busy to stay with them.

—Sanderson has gone to Troy and will meet the nine there to-night. He has promised to take a crowd of Troy men to Williams to aid in cheering the Cornell nine.

—By the kindly enterprise of the *Sun* we will have telegraphic reports of the games played East as they occur. The full accounts will be found in the *ERA* later.

—President Adams tendered a very pleasant reception last Wednesday evening to the Paul Pry company and the University Orchestra. A very enjoyable time is reported.

—The season for class meetings has again commenced. '89 and '90 have both been discussing the feasibility of uniting the cremation exercises with the Sophomore excursion.

—The theses from the Seniors are due next Monday. Already many have been handed in and are undergoing examination by the head of the department under which they belong.

—Arrangements are in progress for a special train to Syracuse from here, to leave on the morning of the 25th. Every man who can spare the time should go and encourage our athletes.

—In spite of the opposition of some members of the University the two lower classes have adopted what seems to us the wisest plan, that of holding the excursion and cremation together.

—The battalion was reviewed by President Adams, last Wednesday. The cadets made a fine appearance, and the President expressed himself as much pleased with the improvement in the battalion.

—Cornell has long needed a new book of songs as very few of the songs in the old book are now sung by the students. All the songs now sung have been collected and will be issued in a neat volume, next week.

—The Irving Literary Society will meet to-night in the Association Hall at 7.30 p. m. The programme announced is: Recitation, H. R. Kennedy; Budget, F. M. Whyte; Paper, Etching, E. G. Brown. All are cordially invited.

—There are two things which no student should longer neglect. The first is to pay his *ERA* subscription and the second is to pay his athletic dues. This may be a chestnut, but it has not yet reached some and it is for these that it is written.

—Noble's brass band furnished amusement for the town one evening this week. The large crowd that listened to it shows the need of more public music. The University band perhaps might favor the denizens of Ithaca and their fair daughters some evening.

—The ball game on the campus Wednesday afternoon, was nothing more than a boy's game. It is much better than no game at all, however, for it keeps the nine posted on the fine points of ball, which is an important adjunct to the success of any club.—*Reporter*.

—It is about time for old '88 to rouse herself and elect some good men to run the *ERA* next year. It must be remembered that the editor-in-chief and the business manager of the paper are among the selections to be made by the class, so the very best material in the class should be selected.

—Leland T. Powers, the delightful delineator of character, amused a large audience last Tuesday evening at Library Hall. His impersonation of the characters in David Copperfield was exceedingly accurate, and those present will long remember the pleasures of the evening's entertainment.

—In another column will be found the full list of the athletic team which hopes to win the cup again this year for Cornell. A great many

new names will be noticed, but our readers may feel assured that all have done well so far in training, and will make at least a creditable showing at Syracuse.

—Nothing more has been heard from Lehigh in regard to our athletes taking part in their field day exercise, so it is now quite probable that our men will not go. This is to be regretted, since, aside from the pleasure to be found in such a contest, it would greatly aid our men for the field day at Syracuse.

—The Seabury Guild will hold a meeting next Sunday at 7 p. m. in the rooms of the Christian Association. The following papers will be read, "Symbolism in Church Architecture," by Mr. Heriot, and "The Divorce between the Church of England and the Church of Rome," by Mr. Rosegrant.

—The announcements for this year of the great summer university, Chautauqua, have been distributed over Ithaca this week. They are well gotten up and the prospects of Chautauqua are certainly most encouraging. Many Cornell students will avail themselves, no doubt of this opportunity to gain much valuable information.

—The Sophomore class in physics is using the proof sheets from a new work on Optics by Professor Anthony. Some errors have been found and corrections have been made by the class. A brilliant Soph., among other corrections, made the following, changing, "the student should discuss this equation" to, "the student should *cuss* this equation."

—At the meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, to be held in New York City, May 17th, Professor Wm. A. Anthony will present two papers; one on the "Differing Temperature Co-efficient of the Different coils of a fine Rheostadt;" and the other on "The Change from Negative to Positive of the Temperature Co-efficients of some Carbon Filaments"

—Wilkinson and Pope won the championship for tennis doubles last Tuesday afternoon. The match was the one begun last fall in which H. White and Rackemann had two games and Wilkinson and Pope two; the match was then postponed on account of bad weather and remained undecided all winter. The victors won by 6-3. The prizes were fine racquets to the winners of the first place and elegant canes to those of the second.

—It seems that there will be in the future no more "free beer" on the annual Sophomore excursion and the Freshman cremation. This is probably owing to the little unpleasantness that

occurred last year when the Freshmen and others were being initiated in the mysteries of the Rho Kappa Tau. Hoodlumism of all kinds should be strenuously avoided on all such occasions, but the absence of "free beer" will not necessarily impair the success of either the Sophomore or the Freshman trips.

—The Sophomores petitioned Professor Anthony to excuse all members of the class having a term mark of sixty per cent. or above from the final examination. The original petition was not granted, but the following was proposed by the Professor. All members of the class having a class mark of eighty per cent. or above will be excused if a recitation is held Friday and Saturday of examination week, but no one will be given his mark until Monday afternoon just before the examination.

—The Spring Field Day will be held on next Thursday, May 19. Entries should be handed to Mr. Dole or to Mr. F. V. Coville; no entries, however, will be received after Tuesday evening. An entrance fee of 25 cents will be charged the contestants and this will also admit them to the grounds. Admission twenty-five cents, ten cents extra for reserved seats. Let every one who possibly can, be at the Fair Grounds on Thursday and lend encouragement to our athletes, who, at best, have but poor recompense.

—The May number of the Christian Association *Bulletin* is out and it is a decided improvement over former numbers. It has been enlarged and it is now enclosed in a neat cover. It contains, besides the usual Association news, a sermon preached in the Chapel, Oct. 31, by Rev. James H. Ecob, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, N. Y., and an article on "Religious Scepticism and Our Duty Toward It," by Mr. Johnson, Instructor in Logic. The circulation is now about 350 copies and under its new form this should be greatly increased.

Professor S. G. Williams has been giving his class in Pedagogy lectures of one hour and twenty minutes instead of the usual hour, and as a result the course was finished last week. On Monday the Professor left for New York and on Wednesday sailed for Europe in the Adriatic. He expects to spend about three months or more abroad and will devote the larger portion of his time to studying schools and educational methods in Germany. He goes first to Leipzig where there are exceptionally fine advantages for study in his department. There he will have the pleasure of meeting Professor H. S. White who is now

studying there. After finishing his work at Leipsic he will visit the principal cities on the continent. He will be back in September.

—The old farm house, which recently stood just east of the Sibley College building, and which was moved eastward to make room for the addition to the Sibley buildings, is to be fitted up as a first class boarding house for students. A spacious basement is to be built under the house and another little structure, near by, will be attached to the larger building, thus making a good sized house. A large dining hall is to be set off, and ample kitchen room provided in the basement. The upper rooms will be fitted for students. A bath room, etc., will be put in the house so that those rooming in the building may enjoy modern comforts. Care will be taken to secure a proper person to provide board. Several applications have been already received.—*Journal*.

—A meeting of the Sophomore class was held Tuesday. President Stern appointed a committee to make arrangements for the annual Sophomore excursion. The committee includes the President of the class and Messrs. Lyon, Sternberg, Rackemann, and Dollar. The class voted in favor of combining their excursion with the Freshman cremation exercises. The banquet committee's report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks. The class was notified that an amendment to the constitution would be offered at the next meeting. Messrs. Treman, Baskervill, Upp, Dodgson, and Tarbell were appointed the committee to receive nominations for editors of the *Sun* and *ERA* and to make all necessary arrangements for the election. Some of the old time interest in class affairs was manifested at the meeting.

—Dr. Theobald Smith will deliver four more of his interesting and instructive lectures on Bacteria before he leaves Ithaca. In the Anatomical Lecture Room to-morrow at 11 a. m., he will lecture upon "The Diagnosis of Bacteria by Cultivation and Inoculation," and on Monday at 2.30 p. m. at the same place he will treat of "Some Chemical and Biological Phenomena of Bacterial Life." The two last lectures being of a more practical character will be delivered in the Botanical Lecture Room, Sage College. The subjects announced are "The Bacteria of Cholera, Typhoid Fever and Tuberculosis and their Relation to our Environment," on Tuesday, May 17 at 8 p. m., and "The Bacteria of Wounds, with Reference to Antiseptic Surgery," on Thursday, May 19, at 8 p. m. Dr. Smith is a graduate of Cornell of the class of '81 and has

made wonderful progress in his chosen field of work. He deserves a large audience at his lectures.

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#### PERSONALS.

L. G. ROSENBLATT, '72, is visiting in town with his wife.

HERBERT CAROLAN, '86, is in the wholesale hardware business in San Francisco.

GEORGE H. THAYER, '83, an ex-*ERA* editor, was lately unanimously nominated for mayor of Plymouth, Ind.

PROFESSOR ANTHONY will read two papers before the meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in New York, on May 17.

MESSRS. RICHARDS, '87, ANDREWS, '88, DEBARROS, '88, and BARBER, '90, attended the Alpha Delta Phi Convention, held in Boston lately.

G. F. BEHRINGER, '69, is delivering a course of lectures upon Early German History before the students of Hartwick Seminary near Cooperstown.

ANDREW WHITE, '88, after the Junior contest last Friday night, entertained the Junior and Woodford orators and members of the Kappa Alpha Society at Goddards.

SPENCER, '88, has proved to be the fortunate competitor for the prize essay on Social Life at Cornell University. The article will be published in the June number of *Lippincott's Monthly Magazine*, and will doubtless attract attention far and wide.

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#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Williams has a new Chi Phi house.

The University of Vienna has 6135 students.

The *Williams Fortnight* has stopped publication.

De Pauw University has a chorus of two hundred voices.

It has been proposed to erect a Y. M. C. A. building at Williams.

The library of the University of California contains 34,065 volumes.

Harvard boys call the female department of the university the "Ann X."

The Harvard Photographic Society this year holds its third annual exhibition.

In a five inning game the Harvard Seniors defeated the Sophomores 22 to 5.

Five Williams Seniors competed for the \$250 prize offered by the Protective Tariff League.

The Williams Lyceum of Natural History is the oldest college scientific society in America.

Columbia numbers in all its departments more students than any other college in the United States.

Colby and Bowdoin are the only colleges competing in the Maine State inter-collegiate league this year.

The Harvard Shooting Club recently twice defeated the Jamaica Plain club by a scores of 122 to 113 and 128 to 116.

The Freshmen and Sophomores of Cornell University have by vote decided to have no wine at their respective class banquets.—*Colby Echo*.

The Greek government has presented the American School of Classical Studies with a beautiful site for a building at Athens, and a \$20,000 edifice will now be erected.

Volapük, the new commercial language, based on German, French, and Latin, is taught in thirteen educational institutions in France, and promises to be of great utility.—*Michigan Argonaut*.

The Exter gymnasium instructor plays on the nine; also in an account of a game played at Morgan Park Academy, Chicago, was the statement that Prof. K. caught three flies in one inning.

The Harvard nine is not allowed by the faculty to practice with professional teams; and accordingly a nine will probably be organized in the Medical School to give the University nine practice.

At Illinois College no student who reaches a term mark of 85 per cent. is required to take the final examination. This plan has been in operation a year; and students and faculty are alike satisfied.

At the last Cambridge-Oxford races the London advertising agents of the Waterbury watch company chartered eleven steamers to follow the crews. Anyone wearing a Waterbury was entitled to passage.

The Yale University crew is engaged in learning a new stroke, set by Cross, '88, in place of Caldwell, '87, who cites past experience in changing strokes as being fraught with disastrous consequences.—*Boston Herald*.

The Edinburgh University students are erecting at a cost of \$75,000 a Students' Union, after the plan of the Unions at the English universities. It is to contain a library, gymnasium, reading, dining, and club room.—*Crimson*.

On March 12th, a gentleman of the University of Cambridge, England, in a wager against time, killed with a shot gun twelve pigeons thrown from traps, jumped over six hurdles on foot, leaped a horse over six more, sculled a mile and ran a mile in the incredibly short period of 22 minutes and 30 seconds.—*London Field*.

Entrance examinations for the Institute will be held this year on June 2d and 3d, simultaneously in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Montreal, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Washington, Nashville, St. Paul, Atlanta and Pittsburgh. Those in New York, Philadelphia, and Montreal will be held under the direction of members of the Faculty.—*Tech*.

There has not been a man in the Maine College League for the past four years who has excelled Forrest Goodwin, captain of the Colby team, as an all round base-ball man. He has had flattering offers to play on the Boston Blues, Bangors, Belfasts and Skowhegans this season, but he says he won't sign with any nine until after the college games are played. He is Colby's pitcher this season.—*Ex*.

#### EXCHANGES.

We received this week a copy of *The Owl*, a quarterly "devoted to the cause of increasing an interest in natural history."

*The Normal News* of the Cortland Normal School contains a fairly good presentation of the arguments in favor of the "old fashioned" education in the article on Classical Education. We think, however, that the writer fails to put some facts with sufficient force, and in one or two cases goes too far in his zeal for the cause. Without for a moment questioning the correctness of the writer's position, we would slightly criticise the dogmatic method of his treatment.

One of the most interesting of our exchanges is the *Oxford Review*, a weekly paper published at the University of Oxford. Its interest consists in its difference from our American exchanges. In the first place, one cannot help getting an impression of the greatness of the University by even a careless reading of the *Review*. Every page contains mention of the doings of scholars who have long been familiar to those of us who use books. Athletics, too, is not neglected, if we may judge from the long lists of events, and the description of the games with Cambridge. Among other interesting announcements we notice that the Oxford University Dramatic Society propose to present in May the *Alcestis* of Euripides. There is no statement as to who are the editors of the *Review*,

but from the character of the articles, and the general excellence of the literary style it is safe to say that the paper is conducted by men who are interested in their work.

The *Amherst Student* is a good representative of the college newspaper. In its four pages it never fails to present a goodly amount of interesting news from its own college and from the college world in general. While the *Student* is so strong in its news items, it does not give anything of a purely literary nature. Yet this need not be expected in a college which supports so excellent a monthly as does Amherst.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

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#### CLIPPINGS.

Now doth the April bobolink  
Bobble all the day;  
Now doth the festive sprinkler sprink  
Up and down the way;  
And the enterprising maiden  
Mends her Saratoga trunks,  
And the dudelet takes his overcoat,  
And hies him to his "Unc's." —*Tech.*

And now, the spring appears,  
The seniors think upon the distant years,  
When they were young.  
The juniors muse upon the coming time,  
When they shall seniors be, in pomp sublime,  
With praises sung.

The Sophs do gaze upon the damsels fair,  
And rumors of a class show haunt the air,  
In whispers told.  
The freshmen look upon the Sophs in fear,  
And think that when they're in soph'more  
year,  
They'll be as bold.

—*Swarthmore Phoenix.*

#### EVOLUTION.

We sat in cozy confidence,  
Myself and fairy Kate,  
In the charming little parlor,  
Before the glowing grate;  
Our theme was evolution,  
And laughingly she asked,  
"Do you, a man, acknowledge  
The highest types were *last*?"

"For if you do," she added,  
"You must confess it, then,  
That women rank up higher,  
In the scale of life, than men."  
My arm stole softly round her waist,  
And then, with merry laughter,  
I proved to her 'twas womankind  
That *men* were always *after*.

—*Bowdoin Orient.*

#### MY SUIT.

We left the merry dancing hall  
With all its brilliant light,  
We turned our backs on one and all,  
On that bewitching night.  
A cozy corner then we sought,  
Of light quite destitute;  
And there with arm around her waist,  
I warmly pressed my suit.

She said I was her closest friend,  
(Of course I felt that true)  
But never did she once intend  
To marry me, she knew.  
Alas! next day a wrinkled wreck  
My clothes I did recruit;  
I sent them to my tailors straight,  
And had him press my suit.

—*Williams Weekly.*

#### NEW BOOKS.

APHORISMS OF THE THREE THREES, by Edward Owings Towne, published by Chas. H. Kerr and company, Chicago, Ill. Price \$1.00.

This is a neat little volume, bound in silk cloth, gilt top and side stamp. Its contents, for the most part, are made up of the utterances of the members of a small south side (Chicago) club called "The Three Threes." The collection embraces one hundred and sixty-two aphorisms, every one of which is full of meaning and the 'sums of long reflections.' In the book is much wisdom gathered into little space.

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RURAL HOURS, by Susan Fenimore Cooper, a new and revised edition, published by Houghton, Mifflin and company, Boston and New York. Price, in ordinary cloth binding with best quality of paper, \$1.25.

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IN another part of the ERA will be found a detailed account of the games played by our nine against the Eastern colleges. Although in some respects not as favorable as might be wished, still the score is all that could be well expected with confidence. In addition to the inexperience of a nine which had played but five previous games, our men were under the disadvantage of playing after travel which in some cases was exhausting, and of meeting teams who were on their own familiar grounds and encouraged by the presence of large numbers of friends, and who had the choice of umpires. Under such conditions there is no cause for chagrin in the results. On the other hand let us commend the nine for its earnest work. But above all we would urgently recommend that all complaints as to the play of individuals be smothered. Nobody who knows the men on our team, will doubt that they did their best, each and every one; and that surely is all that can well be required.

WHEN Columbia College joined the N. Y. I. C. A. A., last fall, she received a most cordial welcome from Cornell, because it was felt that participation in the annual games by Columbia would be a stimulus to better work in athletics here. As long as Cornell had to compete with only the smaller institutions in the state, no great interest was taken in the contests by the student body, and, consequently but little effort was made to develop the material in the University. But this year the competition with Columbia has created much interest in the approaching games. While confidence was felt in the ability of our representatives to win from their metropolitan rivals, yet there entered enough doubt into the result of the games to make them really interesting. While it was desired that our representatives should be victorious at Syracuse next Wednesday, it was not desired that the day should be alluded to by the press of that city as "a field day held by some

young gentlemen from Cornell." The announcement that Columbia has decided not to be represented is, therefore, received by friends of athletics in the University with great regret, and it is hoped that the report may yet prove to be untrue.

IN the May number of the *North American Review* is an article entitled "Commercial Education." This article reviews the changes that have occurred in the way of conducting a mercantile establishment, and shows that formerly, a young man entering the employ of a merchant, learned from the merchant himself all the details and in time all the secrets of the business, and became as well acquainted with the ways of the trade as the owner himself. But now he may serve for a life time and yet know no more than he did a year after he entered; as his whole duty is simply to do what is pointed out to him by his employer without knowing why he does it. The article further shows how, when a young man coming from college with a good record, enters a counting house or other mercantile establishment, he finds his classics, his higher mathematics, his history and philosophy apparently of no use, and of that which he needs, he knows nothing. The writing ends with the query, "Why does not some college establish a business course?" We put the same query; but we also ask, why does Cornell not establish a business course? There are in the country many business colleges which have courses of from two to six months in length, and which teach book-keeping, penmanship, business forms, the routine of banking, insurance, etc.; but the courses in these colleges are too narrow; they give a man simply a narrow, technical education. What is needed is a course of not less than two years, for young men who intend to become merchants, not mere dealers in merchandise. To fit a man to be a thorough merchant the course should include those subjects taught in most business colleges, and in addition to those, International and Commercial Law, English Composition, Elocution, French, German, Zoology, Mineralogy, Botany, Physiology, Po-

litical Economy, and other practical studies. Colleges with such courses exist in Germany and France; and to be convinced they are accomplishing much good, one needs but to know that many of the advances made by these countries in commerce, within a few years, are due to men, who have gone through these colleges. Such a course could be established here with the addition of but a few professors; as most of the needed studies are already taught here. Such a course exists in no college in the United States; it would fill a long felt want, and could not but increase the usefulness of the University. The University provides an education for mechanics, chemists, farmers, doctors and lawyers, and why should she not provide for merchants?

DURING the last term there have been in circulation vague rumors of coming changes in our faculty; and as the academic year approaches its close, these rumors begin to assume more definite form. We hear with pleasure of the flattering offers which Trinity, Iowa, Washington, and even Yale and Harvard are said to have laid before our professors. It is, however, with feelings far from pleasant that we regard the possible action of our honorable Trustees in still another case. Report, confirmed in a negative way by official announcements, declares that another change is to be made. A professor, whose position among the very first men in the faculty is established not less by his brilliant reputation among scholars in the outside world than by the enthusiasm and admiration which he arouses in his pupils, an instructor who is without a superior in the two essential qualifications, grasp of his subject and magnetic influence over students, is to be relinquished to a sister university. And for what reason? Because a certain man, to whom the University owes much and to whom alumni and students must ever remain grateful, has, in all honesty we are sure, conceived the notion that under the present instruction false and pernicious ideas are dogmatically presented and given the semblance of truth. This being the sum of the criticisms, we would, with

all due deference to the wisdom of our Trustees, ask leave to state the students' views upon the matter. It is said that in ancient times ambitious young men used to pay large sums for the discipline to be had from listening to a master whose eloquence and logic could make the weaker cause appear the stronger. But, although such discipline must now be at least as valuable as it was then, we need confess no desires in this direction. Our aversion to the threatened change is the result of a lively interest in the quality of our own mental pabulum and in the success and reputation of the Department which would be affected. This Department has, in the present professor, an instructor as to whose eminent fitness for his position we believe no doubt has ever been entertained except by the gentleman who has observed in him this over-positive manner in stating opinions. Now it is probably safe to say that there is not in Cornell University a single student who has observed anything of the sort in the Professor's lectures. On the other hand, his pupils, who ought surely to be in a position to know, are universally of the opinion that nothing could be more open and impartial than the method adopted in class room discussions. Opposite views are stated with fairness; and students are, in a large measure, left to their own judgment in striking a balance. It may perhaps be well to state that the gentleman who is understood to be most opposed to the present instruction has not listened to it during the current year at least. In the Professor's printed books, however, this positiveness may perhaps be said to appear. Yet it seems evident that this quality, so far from being a fault either in the books or in the writer, is much to be commended. In any book which is not to be cumbered with unnecessary and confusing words, the most direct and positive forms of statement are the best. For only by such treatment can clearness, the first requisite in a scientific work, be attained. And of course upon any disputed question an intelligent reader understands that he is reading only the conclusions of the author, and not laws by him made unchangeable. It is impossible to give here more than the most

imperfect hints upon this and the many kindred points; but it is sincerely to be hoped that our Trustees will at least consider the deeply grounded and unanimous desires of the students of Political Economy.

#### THE BALL NINE'S EASTERN TRIP.

The ERA had hoped to be able to put before its readers this week a full account of all the games played by Cornell in the East, but as, to our great regret, it is impossible to obtain the detailed score of the Yale and Harvard games, we must be content to give only the result of those games. The full score will however be given in next week's issue.

#### THE WILLIAMS GAME.

After a pleasant morning's ride, the Cornell team reached Williamstown Saturday at 12.45. The weather could not have been finer; there was just enough breeze stirring to remind the boys of their own airy campus; and they played as if beneath the walls of their own fair University. The game opened with three runs for Cornell in their half of the first inning, while Williams tied the score in the third. Although there was considerable joy and hope on the Williams faces at this point, as the game progressed, it disappeared. Cornell immediately scored three more in their half of the same inning. From this time on the home team struggled valiantly but in vain; not a single Williams man getting past second base. The chief difficulty for Williams was in finding the ball as Newbury sent it whirling over the plate. They completely failed to solve his delivery. Cornell played a steadily good, and at times, a brilliant game, which told upon the Williams men. She ran bases in good style, and fielded almost perfectly; her only fielding errors being Dimon's muffs of two hard flies after backward running and Schreiner's fumble of a swift grounder over second base. The features of the game were the battery work on both sides, Morrison's play at first, the fine work of Cornell's entire outfield, and the hitting of Sanderson, Etnyre and Schreiner.

Never before was such coaching seen on the Williams grounds as that of Schreiner and Taylor. They worried the other side greatly, and caused the crowd much merriment by their "advice to the players." The way in which Cornell completely whipped her opponents, and the work she did may be judged from the fact that Milligan, Hobart's manager of last season was on the grounds, and swung his hat and

gave the Cornell slogan till he was hoarse. The score :

| CORNELL.                |    |     |     |     |    |    |   |
|-------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| AB.                     | R. | BH. | TB. | PO. | A. | E. |   |
| Schreiner, 2b. . . . .  | 5  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 1  | 0 |
| Taylor, c. . . . .      | 4  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2  | 4  | 1 |
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .  | 3  | 2   | 1   | 1   | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Parshall, c.f. . . . .  | 4  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Sanderson, l.f. . . . . | 4  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 3  | 0  | 0 |
| Dimon, s.s. . . . .     | 3  | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 8  | 2 |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .   | 4  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 15 | 0  | 0 |
| Etnyre, r.f. . . . .    | 4  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 1  | 0  | 0 |
| Newberry, p. . . . .    | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 7  | 1 |
| Total, . . . . .        | 35 | 8   | 9   | 12  | 27 | 21 | 4 |

| WILLIAMS..                |    |     |     |     |    |    |   |
|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|
| AB.                       | R. | BH. | TB. | PO. | A. | E. |   |
| Wilson, p. . . . .        | 4  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 13 | 1 |
| Duryea, 2b. . . . .       | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 3  | 1 |
| W. Perry, l. f. . . . .   | 4  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Clarke, c. . . . .        | 4  | 0   | 2   | 2   | 11 | 4  | 2 |
| Burden, 1b. . . . .       | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 10 | 0  | 1 |
| Blackington, 3b. . . . .  | 4  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2  | 0  | 1 |
| Van Wormer, r. f. . . . . | 4  | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| C. Perry, s. s. . . . .   | 4  | 1   | 1   | 1   | 0  | 0  | 0 |
| Campbell, s. s. . . . .   | 3  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1  | 0  | 1 |
| Total, . . . . .          | 35 | 3   | 6   | 6   | 24 | 20 | 7 |

SCORE BY INNINGS.

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
|                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9   |
| Cornell . . . . .  | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0-8 |
| Williams . . . . . | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-3 |

Earned runs, C. 2, W. 1; Two-base hits, Schreiner, Sanderson, Etnyre; Stolen bases, C. 2, W. 3; Struck out, by Newbury 4, by Wilson 9; Bases on balls, Wilkinson, Dimon; Left on bases, C. 6, W. 5; Wild pitches, Wilson 4; Passed balls, Taylor, 2, Clark, 1, Time of game, 1 h., 40 min.

THE AMHERST GAME.

At 8 a. m. the Cornell team left Williams-town, entertaining naught but the utmost good will toward the Williams College boys, who had shown themselves to be true gentlemen. After a ride of about 70 miles through a beautiful country, the classic village of Amherst was reached at 12.30 p. m.

The game was called at 3 p. m., with Cornell in the field and Aldrich in the box. In the first inning Amherst scored two runs, and Cornell was retired.

In the next two innings the ardor of the Amherst team received a slight check and the Cornells pulled to the lead. In the fourth inning Amherst tied the score, and in the fifth and sixth innings scored two more runs, but Cornell tied the score in her half of the sixth. In the seventh Amherst scored four runs and Cornell three; in the eighth our opponents won the game, neither side being able to score in the ninth.

From the score it will be seen that our boys played an up-hill game from the very first, and

considering the condition of the field, made few errors. Amherst won the game by hard slugging, Aldrich being not at all effective in his pitching. He seemed to be completely rattled and not able to control his curves. After Amherst had scored two runs in the seventh inning, Taylor took the box and pitched the game out. Cornell boys hit hard, but were most unfortunate in placing their hits. Features of the game were, hard slugging for Amherst, steady playing for Cornell, opportune hitting of Parshall, Sanderson, and Dimon, and the splendid work of Schreiner, Taylor and Wilkinson in their respective positions. Appended is the complete score :

CORNELL.

|                              | A.B. | R. | IB. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|------------------------------|------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| Taylor, c. and p. . . . .    | 5    | 0  | 2   | 8    | 7  | 2  |
| Schreiner, 2b. . . . .       | 5    | 1  | 2   | 5    | 6  | 0  |
| Wilkinson, 3b. . . . .       | 4    | 1  | 1   | 3    | 0  | 0  |
| Parshall, c. f. . . . .      | 4    | 1  | 2   | 0    | 0  | 1  |
| Sanderson, l. f. . . . .     | 5    | 1  | 1   | 1    | 0  | 0  |
| Dimon, s. s. . . . .         | 4    | 2  | 1   | 0    | 1  | 0  |
| Morrison, 1b. . . . .        | 5    | 1  | 0   | 7    | 0  | 1  |
| Etnyre, r. f. and c. . . . . | 5    | 1  | 1   | 0    | 0  | 0  |
| Aldrich, p. . . . .          | 4    | 0  | 1   | 0    | 5  | 0  |
| Total, . . . . .             | 41   | 8  | 11  | 24   | 19 | 4  |

AMHERST.

|                            | AB. | R. | IB. | P.O. | A. | E. |
|----------------------------|-----|----|-----|------|----|----|
| Storrs, l.f. . . . .       | 4   | 3  | 3   | 0    | 0  | 0  |
| Pope, 3b. . . . .          | 5   | 2  | 3   | 1    | 1  | 1  |
| Turner, 2b and p. . . . .  | 5   | 2  | 3   | 4    | 2  | 1  |
| Phillips, s. s. . . . .    | 5   | 1  | 0   | 1    | 1  | 0  |
| Judson, p. and 2b. . . . . | 5   | 0  | 1   | 2    | 9  | 1  |
| Belcher, c. f. . . . .     | 4   | 2  | 0   | 2    | 2  | 0  |
| Alvord, c. . . . .         | 4   | 0  | 3   | 4    | 3  | 1  |
| Oldham, r. f. . . . .      | 4   | 0  | 0   | 1    | 1  | 0  |
| Davidson, 1b. . . . .      | 3   | 2  | 2   | 12   | 0  | 1  |
| Total, . . . . .           | 39  | 12 | 15  | 27   | 19 | 5  |

SCORE BY INNINGS.

|                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
|                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9    |
| Amherst, . . . . . | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 0-12 |
| Cornell, . . . . . | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0-8  |

Wild pitches, Aldrich 1; Bases on balls, Aldrich 4; Judson 4; Passed balls, Taylor 2; Alvord, 2; 3 base hit, Alvord; 2 base hits, Davidson, 2, Parshall 2; Umpire, Walbridge; Scorer, Newbury.

THE YALE AND HARVARD GAMES.

From Amherst, Cornell went immediately after the game to New Haven. Here it was expected that the Cornell men would meet their strongest opponents. Yale easily won the game although the work of our team was most excellent. Considering the strength of the Yale nine, which is far superior to any other college nine, Cornell has no occasion to feel dissatisfied with the work of her team at New Haven. Appended is the score by innings :

SCORE BY INNINGS.

|                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Yale . . . . .    | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | *—9 |
| Cornell . . . . . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0—1 |

Following is the result of the Harvard game, which was virtually a victory for Cornell, so far as superior playing can win against a crowd and a partial umpire. Runs, H. 6, C. 5, Errors C. 3, H. 8, Base hits, C. 9, H. 6.

NEW LIFE.

I.

Time was I sighed, "O woe that our fair earth  
Is thus o'erfull of evil natures, good  
Being found so sadly few!" Meseems I stood  
With blinded sight and dull, deaf ears and dearth  
Most pitiful of senses winning birth  
From Nature's subtlest magic in the blood.  
For, now the charm is wrought, springs up renewed  
Childhood's belief in human truth and worth.  
O thou, whose eyes ask credence for the tale  
That once God's angels came to dwell with men,  
Thine is the alchemy that thus my mood  
Transmutes; through thee young Eden blooms  
again,  
Elysian zephyrs fan the Future's veil,  
And loud the world-heart echoes, "All is good!"

II.

All good! A friend's eye gleams in every face,  
A rhythmic faith is throbbing in each breast,  
The close warm clasp that gladdens time of test  
In every hand now loughs for birth. This grace,  
What though it shine from far, doth interlace  
With strange, new beauty all things, beams a zest  
E'en on the commonplace of life, confessed  
Through this sweet light no longer commonplace,  
But deep as life in meaning and as broad.  
Thus world-wide space too narrow is for Hate  
Or any of his kin, that erst were rife;  
The old-time, stormy, darksome ways I trod  
Are paved with light and peace; and this takes date  
From when I saw thee first, thou queen of life!

III.

Ah, life! 'Tis sweet to feel a stubborn nature  
Thus soften down to faith in human kind,—  
'Tis sweet beyond all sweetness I divined,  
And makes the heart swell up to giant stature!  
'Tis strangely sweet to see each fellow creature  
Through eyes of love, that have been self-bound,  
blind!  
Thou, maid, mightst deem it something strange to  
find  
In this sweet lore thou wast and art my teacher;  
And yet what man did yield his life to love  
To leaven but he felt anon his heart  
Grow great with loving-kindness unto all?  
Albeit our paths, O maiden, lie apart  
All's well; mankind is round us, God above;  
Then let the years, whate'er their fortune, fall.

R.

—Our coach will probably take part in a four oared race in which he, Hosmer Hamm and McKay will row against Hanlan, Bubeare, O'Connor and some other noted oarsman.

FIELD DAY.

The Spring Meeting on the fair grounds yesterday was a great success. The weather was all that the most exacting could ask; and the large number of enthusiastic spectators present, among whom were many ladies, urged on the contestants to their utmost. It had been confidently whispered about that some Cornell records were likely to be broken; but the most hopeful were more than satisfied. Six times the Cornell slogan rent the air, each time signifying that a record had been broken.

The first event of the day, the 100 yard dash, was called at a quarter past three. It was hotly contested by E. H. Bennett, jr., '89, and G. H. Thayer, '90. Although neither man ran fast, the two were so evenly matched as to make the race exciting. Bennett won by about a foot in the rather slow time, 11 $\frac{2}{3}$  seconds. The second event, the one mile run, was also a duet, the entries being J. F. Hayford, '89, and J. W. Upp, '89. As Hayford was the little man who ran Summers so closely at the Fall Meeting, considerable interest was taken in his performance. He took the lead from the start and won in 4-59. Putting the shot came next and was made a handicap. J. L. H. Warren, '90, to the delight of the spectators, broke the Cornell record of 31 ft. 6 inches by a put of 32 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. L. C. Ehle, '90, (3 ft. 4 in.) won by  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. In the running broad jump, G. H. Thayer, '90, and C. W. Curtiss, '87, were entered. After an interesting contest, the former won with a jump of 20 ft. 3 in., beating the previous Cornell record by 10 in. Mr. Thayer is to be congratulated upon his successful work. The quarter mile run was a handicap and was one of the most interesting races of the day. E. H. Bennett, jr., '89, had thirty yards start and won the event by one yard. F. V. Coville, '87, however, beat the Cornell record of 53 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. The mile walk was sixth on the list, and was contested by E. F. Brown, '89, and R. L. Gifford, '90. Both men walked in fine form, Gifford winning in 7 min., 40 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec., breaking the Cornell record of 8 min., 19 sec. The running high jump was declared off. The two mile bicycle race was very exciting. The first mile was closely contested by C. R. Scott, '89, and C. J. Shearn, '90, but the speed of the former made him the winner in 7 min, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. F. V. Coville, '87, and L. C. Ehle, '90, next threw the hammer, the former breaking the Cornell record by 10 ft., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., in a throw of 83 ft., 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  in. This was the second record Mr. Coville broke and he was enthusiastically applauded. In the half mile run there were two contestants, G. F. Seymour, '90,

(scratch), J. F. Hayford (forty yds.). Seymour ran a beautiful race and won in 2 min.,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  sec., breaking another Cornell record of 2 min.,  $11\frac{3}{8}$  sec. The contestants in the 220 yds. run failed to appear.

The last event was the 120 yds. hurdle race, (handicap), F. V. Coville, '87. (15 yds. back of scratch), W. T. S. Hoyt, '90, (scratch), B. W. Holt, '90 (scratch), contesting. Coville had an unlucky fall on the second hurdle, which ruined his chances of winning. B. W. Holt finished ahead in  $20\frac{1}{8}$  seconds.

The officers of the day filled their different positions with much credit, and materially assisted in the success of the meeting. They were, Referee, Mr. William H. Sage, Judges, Dr. E. Hitchcock, jr., Dr. Van Cleef, and Mr. E. E. Hale, jr.; Measurers, Mr. B. C. Brown, and Mr. H. A. McNeil, Time keepers. Mr. W. C. Dole, P. B. Roberts, '87. Mr. Charles G. Psotta; Judge of walking, J. S. Parker, '89; Starter, C. W. Horr, jr., '87; Clerk of the course, H. I. Ickelheimer, '88; Scorer, A. M. Fragner, '90. and General Manager, Mr. W. C. Dole.

The receipts will net about seventy-five dollars. The much talked of stimulant seems to be all that is claimed for it, as Mr. Coville and Seymour can testify by their splendid records.

#### PROF. BABCOCK IN ENGLAND.

The paper on *Architectural Education* recently read by Professor Babcock before the Jubilee Conference of the Royal Institute of British Architects has already begun to attract considerable attention, and requests for further information as to the course in architecture have been received at the University from the most eminent architects in England. Among those interested in the new movement looking toward the establishment of a technical school for the preliminary training of British architects, and who have applied for further information, are Mr. G. Aitchison, A. R. A., Mr. Hugh Stannus, Director of the National Art School, South Kensington, Mr. R. Phenè Spiers, and other equally well known architects.

Complete sets of all printed papers used in the instruction of the department, together with the new edition of the *Register* will be forwarded to England.

The hearty approval of the system of instruction given in the department, both in this country and abroad, is exceedingly gratifying to the professors in the department, who have labored so long and so hard to put the department in a state of the highest efficiency. A detailed account of the course of instruction with illustrations of the results of the students'

work in design, will appear in a few weeks in the pages of *The American Architect*.

#### NOTICES.

—In accordance with their request the gentlemen of the Senior class will be addressed by Professor Wilder in the Anatomical Lecture Room on Saturday at 11.30 (half-past eleven.)

—Examinations for Mid-Course Honors will be held by Professor Hewett as follows: Translation from English into German, on Friday, May 20 at 11 o'clock in Room 13, B. Morrill Hall, Lessings *Emelia Galotte* and Goethe's *Iphigenie*, Saturday, May 21 at 9 o'clock. Schiller's *Geschichte des Abfalls der Niederlande*, Saturday, May 21, at 3 o'clock.

ONLY FOR THE ERA'S DEBTORS.—As the time when the editors of the ERA must settle with their publishers is so near at hand, it is necessary that some vigorous method be adopted for collecting the subscriptions still unpaid. It has therefore been decided to begin personal solicitation in the near future. If you wish to save us from this disagreeable task, please to volunteer a settlement.

—The Sophomore-Freshman excursion and cremation takes place this afternoon, the boat leaving Ithaca for Aurora and Sheldrake at 4.00. No underclassmen can afford to miss so rare a treat; and Juniors and Seniors who wish to be reminded of their innocent childhood, ought not to stay away. It is expected that the exercises will be of more than usual interest, and that on the whole the trip will be at least as enjoyable as anything of the sort ever held at Cornell. We hope to print a full account of the sport in next week's ERA. Do not let this opportunity of having a good time escape you.

#### CORNELLIANA.

- Whiskers.
- Senior class tax is \$12.50.
- Vive la Cornell ball team.
- No "free beer" down the lake this evening.
- Six Cornell records were broken Thursday by our athletes.
- Sophomore excursion and Freshman cremation to-night.
- The Seniors held their final class meeting last Wednesday.
- The ball nine looked in vain for a pawn shop at Amherst.
- A man is judged by his deeds. Settle your ERA account.

—Instructor Leahey was unable to meet his classes last Monday.

—Have you subscribed for the *Cornellian*? If not, do so at once.

—Fewer professors than usual attended the field sports Thursday.

—The nine should have taken along the ERA mascot for good luck.

—The promised lectures on journalism will not be given this term.

—Look for Social Life at Cornell in the June number of *Lippincott's*.

—Pay your ERA subscription and prove yourself an honest man.

—Examinations two weeks from to-day. Make hay while the sun shines.

—The street railway from the Ithaca Hotel to the Inlet will be completed by July 1.

—The Civil Engineers in the Junior and Senior classes go down the lake next Monday.

—The display of rare and beautiful flowers in the University conservatories is unusually fine.

—The class in Junior Elocution met "Horatius at the Bridge" for the first time, to-day.

—We are anxiously awaiting the final action of the ? club in regard to its proposed club house.

—The members of the Faculty were photographed in a group, in front of McGraw, by Howes.

—Courtney, our old coach, was here Wednesday and expressed a very favorable opinion of the crew.

—There was no meeting of the class in social science yesterday as Professor Sanborn was out of town.

—The time has come when the student and his best girl climb the hills for the sweet trailing arbutus.

—The class of '90 is remarkably slow in attending to the business of electing *Sun* editors for next year.

—The navy, from all accounts has been lucky this year in escaping the annual breaking into the boat house.

—The sections in Trig. had quite a surprise this week in the shape of the second preliminary examination.

—Professor Crane will occupy the hour heretofore devoted to composition in Sophomore French by lectures on the history and development of the French language.

—There will be no lecture in Prussian history on Tuesday, as Mr. Burr leaves to join ex-President White.

—The great excitement Monday night over the ball game caused the theatre to be poorly attended that night.

—Mrs. Henrietta Beebee Lawton will sing solos at the Glee Club Concert on Wednesday of Commencement week.

—Anyone wishing to know when the *Cornellian* will be out, should ask the editor-in-chief of that publication.

—To-morrow afternoon on the campus the Civil Engineers will meet the Mechanical Engineers in base ball array.

—The Juniors who have read their essays before Mr. Elliot, speak very highly of his abilities as an instructor.

—The members of the ball team are loud in the praise of the manner in which they were treated at Williams College.

—The very welcome news has reached us that the eminent services of Professor Wheeler are to be retained at Cornell.

—The hour of Dr. Wilder's lecture to the Seniors has been changed to nine o'clock on Saturday, instead of 11 o'clock.

—A few students are having their memories improved by Professor Loiset of New York. The instruction is carried on by mail.

—Much fault has been found with the management of the ball nine for not sending an earlier report of the Amherst game.

—The June number of the *Forum* will contain an article on "The Form and Speed of Yachts" by Professor R. H. Thurston.

—Hanlan and Gaudaur are to row on Decoration day for the championship of America; and it is said our coach challenge the winner.

—Our warmest congratulations to Dr. Spencer B. Newberry on his deserved promotion to the position of Acting Professor of General Organic and Applied Chemistry.

—The New York beer and music act has gone into force at one of our popular student resorts, and our Teutonic friend says "Songs and no beer or beer and no songs."

—Lieut. Van Ness kindly excused the members of the Freshman and Sophomore classes from drill this afternoon that they might prepare for the cremation, and will have drill next Tuesday instead.

—The Juniors and Seniors in History and Political Science will have a week's rest; as nearly all the professors in that department will

attend the meeting of the American Historical Society at Boston this week.

—Where are our poets? They should write a few distinctively Cornell songs in order that they may be published in the edition now about to go to press. It will be five years at least before a third edition will be printed.

—At a recent meeting of the Prohibition Club, officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, E. H. Hammond; Vice-President, B. W. Holt; Secretary, N. Banks; Treasurer, M. F. Webster.

—Special rates will be given to all students going to Syracuse next Wednesday. As many as can possibly go should do so, as there is nothing which encourages the men so much as the Cornell cry from a hundred or more throats.

—The hearts of the Freshmen were made glad by the appearance of posters which announced Barnum's circus; but on closer inspection they were found to announce the circus for August 13, so the Freshmen are once more sad.

—To-day the '88 elections are held for members of next year's ERA board. The work is hard and thankless, and none should seek editorial honors who are not prepared to do earnest work and to look for their reward in the future.

—The famous Ithaca summer resort, Glenwood will be formally opened to the public tomorrow evening. Dancing will take place in the rink in the evening. A large number of students will doubtless be on hand to enjoy the fresh air.

—The officers of the battalion in order to raise money to furnish the band with music and also to enable them to put out a neat roster, have had the roster neatly bound, and have put it on sale at the bookstores. The price is only ten cents; and students can aid the band by purchasing.

—At a meeting of the Junior class, Monday, A. E. Metzgar was elected Secretary for the rest of the year, a committee was appointed to receive nominations for the *Sun* and *ERA*, and a resolution was passed requesting the ladies of the class to vote at the election to-day.

—Last Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Natural History Society and the Agricultural Association held a combined meeting in the Botanical Lecture Room. Dr. Theobald Smith spoke upon "The Bacteria of the Swine-plague." A large attendance enjoyed his learned remarks.

—Professor Hewett's address before the University Convocation in Albany is attracting attention. George William Curtis, Dr. David

Murray the Secretary of the Board of Regents, Professor James M. Garrett of the University of Virginia, and the leading educational journals comment upon it favorably.—*Sun*.

—Professor E. G. Daves of Baltimore who has taught the languages in Cascadilla School for three summers will return to Ithaca again this year. He spent last summer in Europe. Professor Daves was second scholar in the Harvard class of '54, was for five years Professor of Greek at Trinity College, Hartford, and has resided for ten years in Europe.

—The calendar for the summer work in Cascadilla School is as follows: Summer Term—Begins Saturday, July 30th; ends Wednesday, September 21st. August Review—Begins Wednesday, Aug. 24th; ends Wednesday, Sept. 21st. September Review—Tuesday, Sept. 6th; ends September 21st. Fall Term—Begins Saturday, October 1st; ends Friday, December 16th.

—The Cornell Dramatic Club seems to have dropped into a state of "innocuous desuetude." After the very flattering success which attended its last presentation, it does seem that there can be no good reason why the club should not favor us at Commencement with an entertainment worthy of the occasion. There is yet time for action to be taken, but the matter should not be put off too long.

—The annual excursion and cremation will take place this evening. The classes meet at the Ithaca Hotel and march to the Wilcox. They then proceed to Aurora, and from there across to Sheldrake, where the exercises will be held. After the cremation, there will be a banquet at the Sheldrake House, and then the boat starts home. The *ERA* will give a full account of the trip in the next issue.

—Professor Hewett entertained the Seniors and Juniors taking German, at his residence on Tuesday evening from eight to eleven. All agreed in pronouncing the evening a most enjoyable one, and if Professor Hewett keeps up this custom it is safe to predict that his classes in German will hereafter be unusually large. Not the least pleasing feature of the evening was the singing by a quartet of male voices.

—It has been suggested that the various companies hold a competitive drill in the near future. The idea is certainly a commendable one and would contribute much to the interest manifested by the "high privates." It might not be amiss to add that such a competition would be of great benefit to the officers who, at times, display their woeful ignorance of military tactics.

—To-day the third set of essays are due from the class in Social Science. Three topics were assigned the members of the class last week. The subjects to be treated are: I. Trade schools at Elmira and Rochester compared with those of Cornell University. II. Legal and Practical Grounds for educating young offenders at the public cost. III. Duty of aiding the poor, and the best method of relief at the public expense.

—Mr. C. K. Ober, College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of this country, has arrived and will spend a few days with the C. U. C. A. This afternoon (Friday) at 5.30 o'clock, in Association Hall, he will speak of the prominent features of Association work in other colleges during the last year. In the same place Saturday at 5 p. m. he will address the Missionary Band on the Recent Student Missionary Movement. He will also conduct the regular Sunday afternoon meeting in the Botanical Lecture Room. A hearty invitation is extended to all students to attend these meetings.

—The class in Social Science visited the Rochester Industrial School last Saturday. Those who were fortunate enough to attend, report the trip as one of the most interesting and instructive of the series. The institution visited is the only one of the kind to be inspected by the class and hence the importance of a visit there cannot be overestimated. There will be no excursion of the class to-morrow, but on next Wednesday, Professor Sanborn has planned to visit Syracuse. A large number will doubtless go, as an opportunity will be offered in the afternoon to attend the Inter-collegiate games.

#### PERSONALS.

H. S. BRONSON, '88, will return to the University next year.

JOSEPH L. HARRISON, '86, an ex-ERA editor, is in business in New York.

H. E. CASE, an old Cornelian is a large lumber dealer at Wichita, Kansas.

CHAPIN, '89, and MCDOWELL, '89, are together on a ranch near Colorado Springs.

Dr. WILSON has at last decided to remain in Syracuse. He moved into his house on Jefferson street on Monday.

ELI H. DOUD, '86, is the head of the firm of Doud & Williams, lawyers, Chicago, Ill. He will be in Ithaca for commencement.

LEON J. GOETTER, formerly '88, is engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business in Montgomery, Ala. He is the junior partner of the firm.

Professor HENRY C. ADAMS, Vice President of the American Economic Association, is chairman of a committee which will report on "Municipal Public Works" at the meeting of the Association in Boston on Tuesday next.

Professor SHACKFORD will deliver before the Concord School of Philosophy in July a lecture on The Divine Nemesis in the Greek Drama and in Shakespeare. In the same place, Professor F. B. SANBORN will give two lectures, one on Social Science in Plato and Aristotle, and the other upon Marlowe and his Successors.

Professor MOSES COIT TYLER's lecture on "The Historic Name of our Country," by which he meant America, at Hobart Hall Thursday evening, was one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season. It appeared a good instance of what can be done by an interesting speaker with a subject which in the hands of some men would put a whole audience to sleep. After the lecture, Professor Tyler was tendered a reception in the guild parlors.—*Chronicle.*

#### MARRIED.

SCHAAF-DOUD.—At Chicago, May 5, 1887, Mr. Rudolph G. SchAAF, formerly '86, to Miss Susie M. Doud, sister of Eli H. Doud, '86.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

At Princeton fourteen Freshmen have been dropped during the year.

The first game between Yale and Harvard was won by Yale. Score, 14-2.

Lehigh has been refused admission into the Inter-Collegiate Lacrosse Association.

The average age of the class of '87 at Yale at their graduation will be twenty-two years.

The average weight of the Yale crew of '81 was 183 pounds; last year's crew averaged 160½.

Next year it is claimed that from Exter alone twenty-one men will enter Harvard, and ten Yale.

In the Harvard class races, '87 won with '89 second. In the Columbia races '89 won by six feet.

Harvard graduates 240 men at her next commencement—the largest number ever sent from that institution in one year.

Columbia possesses one of the two extant copies of the first folio edition of Shakespeare's works. The volume is valued at \$3,000.

Edinburgh University is to have a new hall for graduation ceremonies. Parliament granted \$60,000 to purchase a site, and Mr. McEwan, M. P., presented the University with the sum of \$250,000 for the erection of the hall itself.—*Ex.*

Of the young men in this county one half of one per cent receive college education. During the last century, fifty-eight of every one hundred of the chief public offices have been filled by the one-half of one per cent. college graduates, and the remaining forty-two by the ninety-nine and one-half per cent. non-graduates, as follows:

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| House of Representatives,     | 32 | per cent. | graduates. |
| United States Senate,         | 46 | " "       | " "        |
| Vice-Presidents of U. S.      | 50 | " "       | " "        |
| Speakers of House of Rep.,    | 61 | " "       | " "        |
| Presidents of United States,  | 65 | " "       | " "        |
| Asso. Justices Supreme Court, | 73 | " "       | " "        |
| Chief Justices Supreme Court, | 83 | " "       | " "        |

—Ex.

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Association Bulletin* of the Cornell University Christian Association with the May number begins to publish each month one of the Sage Chapel sermons. The sermon selected as the first of the series was delivered Oct. 31, 1886, by the Rev. James H. Ecob, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany. In the same issue is an article upon Religious Scepticism and our Duty toward it, written by Instructor A. S. Johnson. Upon the last page is a carefully prepared statistical table showing the religious inclinations of the students of the University arranged by classes. As a fit outside for so good a number, the *Bulletin* now appears in a very neat cover. The enlarged *Bulletin* is more valuable than ever before; and all in all is a sixteen page monthly of which every member of the University should be proud. We congratulate the editors upon their success.

The *Chironian* reminds us that the commencement season is again at hand. In its issue of May 5 are found the parting literary efforts of the class of '87, the valedictory, the poem, and all the rest. The editors state that they are able to leave the paper in a better financial condition than they found it. Of this we are heartily glad; for although the *Chironian* is of a necessity a paper of not any particular interest to college students in general, it certainly fills with great credit its place as a medical students' paper.

The *Bowdoin Orient*, as usual, contains a good amount of readable matter. Like most of our college exchanges, it gives a large part of its space to base ball news, recording in the last issue the experiences of the Bowdoin nine in a trip during which some six or seven games were played. If we might be allowed to make a suggestion, we would say that the local news of the *Orient* is not quite up to the same grade of excellence as the other parts of the paper.

However, we are aware that we are not qualified to criticise the local items of a college with whose life we are so little acquainted.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

MARGARET MATHER.

The closing entertainment of the season at the Wilgus Opera House, will be given by Margaret Mather on Saturday evening, May 28th, when she will present Shakespeare's comedy "As you Like it." Her support this season is said to be everything that could be wished; and our theater goers can be assured of a rare treat. We clip from the *Portland Argus*: "That peerless and unapproachable actress, Margaret Mather, gave a most excellent representation of Rosalind in Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It," at Portland theater last evening, in the presence of a large audience. The interest in Miss Mather increases at each visit, and her characterization visibly improves each year. In *Rosalind* there is not that opportunity for the emotional acting for which Miss Mather is so justly famous, but she enters into the spirit of the character which she is depicting most completely and there is a freshness and beauty given to the part which is charming."

#### NEW BOOKS.

PROGRESS FROM POVERTY. *Review and criticism of Henry George's Progress and Poverty and Protection or Free Trade*, by Giles B. Stebbins, published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., Chicago. Also from the same publisher, *THE LEGEND OF HAMLET*, by Geo. P. Hansen, late U. S. Consul at Elsinore in Denmark. Price of each 25 cents, paper covers.

In the first of these little pamphlets Mr. Stebbins professes to give a repetition of the arguments put forth in *Progress and Poverty*. In this he is only partially successful. Firstly, at the very beginning of Chapter I, Mr. George is misrepresented. From this point on the style and the method of the reviewer is a copy of the faults of Mr. George without his redeeming qualities. Each chapter of the review, after the method of Mr. George, starts with a poetical quotation; after which some passage of *Progress and Poverty* is taken up and its statements disproved, as any school boy might disprove them. It is safe to say, however, that a strict review of the book before us would leave much less of it unrefuted than Mr. Stebbins has left of *Progress and Poverty*.

Mr. Hansen filed for a number of years the position of consul of the United States at Elsinore; and while there had access to many old books and manuscripts in the libraries of Elsinore and Copenhagen. He was, then, qualified to give us an authentic as well as a pleasant account of the Norse myths and tales that cluster round the name of Shakespeare's great character; and this, we think, he has accomplished. He brought to his task the warm interest which all modern Norsemen feel in these old stories of their heroes; and the result in a charming little book of half a hundred pages.

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IT has become a custom, established by long usage, for the Juniors on the ERA board to issue a Commencement number. This year the custom will not be broken, and hence our readers may expect, as the last number of the current volume, a paper that will give them the full news of Commencement week. Any one who can give us a personal or a local note, or who can contribute anything that would be of interest to Cornellians, is earnestly requested to do so, thus helping us to make our last issue as newsy as possible. Orders for extra copies should be mailed to box 1500 or left at Andrus

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OUR editorial dignity begins to wane and soon the printer will seek in vain for "copy" from our hands. Upon other shoulders will soon rest the responsibility of issuing the ERA. We lay down our pen with feelings somewhat akin to pleasure mingled with just the least bit of regret. Our successors have already been chosen and we have not the least doubt but that the ERA, when transferred to their keeping, will find in them willing and earnest workers. For ourselves we have made our last plea, but, in the name of all that is dear to the journalist's heart, we hope that the incoming board may be assisted materially by contributions that will add to the real worth of the paper. It is a fact, however much to be deplored, that the students take too little interest in the college papers. They seem to think that, when the editors are once elected, there is no further need of anxiety on their part. True, the immediate responsibility is taken from their shoulders, but they ought still to feel enough of interest to move them to an occasional contribution. We venture the assertion that few college papers in the country are contributed to as little as are the Cornell papers. Enough of this, however, for we do not wish to grumble more, now that our efforts have been made and the due measure of success accorded. We have done our best, but each week we have been conscious that there was still room for improvement and we have endeavored to profit by an experience that broadened (?) somewhat with each successive week. Lest our dreams be troubled, we wish here to render the last testament of our affection to those who, not so much for their own pleasure as for ours, have lent a helping hand. Surely their kindness will not soon be forgotten.

BEFORE the opening of another college year, we hope that Cornell may be able to boast of an athletic field in no way inferior to those which the ball nine had the pleasure of seeing during the recent trip east. Without exception, every college visited had a better ball field than our own. If Cornell ever expects to compete successfully with eastern colleges in athletics, a new field, embracing a good track as well as a good diamond, must at once be set in order. We are well aware that the Trustees once gave a piece of ground for this purpose, but they have since reconsidered their action, and now, when hope was just beginning to dawn, we are left with no better prospect than was had last year at this time. It seems to us that the almost unanimous wish of the students ought to influence the Trustees to favorable action in this matter. The inconvenience which our athletes now experience in their work is very great and but little enthusiasm can be awakened. If we are to have college athletics, additional encouragement must be found. Athletic sports are regarded by some colleges as a necessary evil, and on that ground alone receive sanction, but, so far as Cornell is concerned, it seems that they are not only permitted but are even encouraged. In this condition of things the students take extreme delight, but are at present handicapped in their efforts by having no suitable grounds (outdoor) where they may train their physical powers. Once more we make our earnest plea for a new athletic field, and we sincerely hope that next October will see one well on the way towards completion.

THE nine has returned from its Eastern trip, bringing with it the remembrance of three defeats and but one victory. Yet this is not all. Certainly no supporter of the team felt more keenly the pangs of disappointment over the result of the Amherst game, or bewailed more bitterly the evil turn of fortune in the Harvard game, than did all the individual members of the team itself, the ones who fought the battles, and who appreciate most fully the forces against which they had to contend. But

the members of the nine brought back with them besides, something that all true Cornellians must feel and believe to be genuine, even though they do not possess it from experience, and that is—the satisfaction that comes from doing one's duty on every occasion, and striving to one's utmost to reach the goal of honorable success. To begin with, the trip was an experiment. Hitherto, Cornell has had the opportunity of meeting on the diamond no college teams stronger than those of the small colleges of this state, excepting on two occasions. Her showing on those occasions was such as to warrant the belief that she might hope to make a fairly good showing against the Eastern college teams. It was with this object in view, considering the fact that we played Columbia each time in an advantageous position, that the Eastern games were arranged. What was the result? We came, we saw, and, if percentage of victories be considered, we were conquered. The work of the nine cannot be adversely criticised, except in the Amherst game; and, in that, adverse circumstances and Amherst's exceptionally good batting and fielding are to be blamed for our defeat. No nine ever tried harder or worked more desperately to win than did the Cornell nine on that day; but all the ever-present "base ball luck" was on the wrong side, and we lost. The impression which the result of the game made on everyone was one of extreme astonishment, and it is well expressed by the words of a certain Amherst student: "We were infinitely more surprised at winning, than you were at losing." At Yale we were overmatched, but no doubt, in another game, we could make a much better showing against the "coming champions" than we did on May 17. Cornell outplayed Harvard clearly, and, but for exceedingly good luck, Harvard would have lost. Runs count, however, not hits and errors, and as a result we had to "humble ourselves to the crimson." There is, of course, disappointment in the Cornell camp, for the carnelian and white have gained little glory from the ball nine's trip, and report has it that sundry bits of valuable substance have been wasted in wagers by staunch friends

of Cornell's team. But disappointment is all. Never was an unsuccessful band of athletes received by its friends at home in a more friendly way, welcomed more warmly back again, or met with more charitable and encouraging words than was our nine when it returned on Friday last. The team worked its best for victory, and its supporters knew it and appreciated its efforts. No expressions of "you're no good," etc., were heard. The team came back defeated, and met at home, not fault-finding, as was to be expected, but words of cheer and good-natured raillery. Had it won, we are sure that it would have been received by "the boys" at home with such thanksgivings, bonfires and illuminations as would have roused old Ithaca from her semi-torpid condition, and forever wiped out the impression that Cornellians are not proud of their athletes, and feel no enthusiasm over their successes. Let us drop the nine's past record, and look a moment toward the future. We can try it again next year, with a knowledge of what we must meet that past defeat alone can give. We will know better from seeing the style of play and the equipments of the Eastern teams, what to do for our own team, and where we can make improvements. The ERA is certain that the generosity of Cornell men will not let this matter stop here, but will next year equip their team fully for "business," and give it a chance to redeem itself. It was certainly good for the interests of the University to send the team east, for Yale men say: "Never did Yale meet a team of men more gentlemanly, or less inclined to kick or wrangle over a really poor umpire, than the Cornells." Then let us stand by the nine, through thin as well as thick, continue to encourage it in its efforts, and help it to the best of our ability to win back in the future the laurels it has lost under circumstances so adverse.

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At the Spring Meeting of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, four Institute records were broken: the 2-mile bicycle was lowered to 6 minutes, 40 $\frac{1}{4}$  seconds; the mile run, to 5 minutes, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  seconds; the 220 yard dash, to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  seconds; and the standing broad jump was raised to 9 feet, 7 inches.

### AMERICAN STUDENTS IN GERMANY.

*Editors of the Era:*

In response to your kind invitation to make some contribution to the columns of the ERA, permit me to offer a few remarks regarding University studies here in Germany. So many travelling scholarships and fellowships are everywhere becoming available, so steady and increasing a current of students from our own shores is flowing into foreign institutions and spreading over the continent, that some perhaps obvious hints may possibly be of value to those intending to take advantage of the larger opportunities afforded by a residence in Europe.

One of the earliest questions to be decided is regarding the preparations which may be made for such a trip before leaving America. Whatever the ultimate aim, the first requisite for a profitable stay abroad is of course a working knowledge of the language. The foundation for this knowledge may be well and solidly laid at home, apart from the ordinary practice in translating from German, by a thorough course in grammar and composition. There is no more useful drudgery than this, and no more common deficiency among foreigners in Germany than an ignorance of the ordinary and most accessible principles of syntax. Another prosaic necessity is a good lexicon of English and German, and one containing the foreign words in the language; for hardly any phase of economy is at the same time so universal and so expensive as a cheap dictionary. It would be superfluous to add here how valuable a previous acquaintance with the history, literature, institutions and geography of the country visited would prove. For a general introduction to University life Professor James Morgan Hart's "German Universities" is entertaining and profitable reading.

One sets sail usually, soon after Commencement. The German universities scarcely get under way for the winter semester before the beginning of November. Several months of leisure remain in which to devote oneself to the language. Any convenient German city may be selected where quarters in a good German family are to be had, and in which a *Gymnasium* and a *Realschule* are to be found. The instruction given in German and English in the two or three upper classes of these institutions is thoroughgoing, and would be the best possible preparation for one wishing to get a good grasp of the language. For young women the *höhere Töchterschulen* offer the same advantages. Admission may generally be obtained after an interview with the director,

sometimes on the payment of an inconsiderable fee. The teachers in these institutions, who have themselves received a very careful training are also the best private teachers to be obtained. For those who intend to teach the modern languages afterwards in America, the instruction in these secondary schools yields more practical benefit in many respects than the university courses, for which they furnish in turn an indispensable preparation.

At the University itself the first question is regarding the courses to be taken. For a specialist, or for one intending to prepare for a specific degree, the answer is comparatively easy. His work is mainly cut out for him beforehand and he must follow out a tolerably rigid line of study, the choice of a university being often determined by the specialty pursued. Many Americans, however, come abroad to pass only a year or two in general study. In this case the first few weeks may be spent in visiting a great variety of lectures, to decide which seem best adapted in form and delivery to one's needs. At the Prussian universities four weeks may elapse, (six at Berlin), before the student is required to make his final selection. The *Übungen* and seminary exercises, in which the most stimulating impulses are received, should by all means be included. Special directions in respect to methods of matriculation and local customs are here unnecessary. Inquiries on the spot will be satisfactorily answered. It would be well, however, for one to bring certificates of degrees taken at home, or other evidences of previous study. At Berlin a passport is the only paper required, and one enterprising American physician last fall saved the twenty-five marks demanded by the U. S. government for this document by presenting to the Rector magnificus in its stead an official statement by the mayor of his native town testifying to his citizenship and general good character.

Student societies are as numerous at German as at American universities, but are perhaps not sufficiently utilized by foreigners. No reference is here intended to the purely social organizations, but to the literary and scientific associations, at whose meetings anyone is made welcome. Each branch of study is represented, but for the purposes of this review mention of the modern language societies will be enough. These meet weekly, the subjects are taken from modern literature, the proceedings are conducted frequently in French or English, and the exercises are closed by impromptu speeches, toasts and singing. Those who do not care for beer can obtain coffee. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance

of frequent and friendly intercourse with one's German fellow-students, and of avoiding the attractive but distracting society of one's own fellow-countrymen who are not bent upon kindred aims. The folly of coming to Germany to talk English at American boarding-houses is yearly illustrated in many a university town.

Numerous extraneous advantages are at the disposal of the American student abroad. Such are the reading-rooms, libraries, museums, art collections, theatres, concerts, public lectures and addresses, legislative sessions and political meetings. The foreign churches and English and American chapels stand with open doors, and the religious societies and the Young Men's Christian Association have branches at the universities and in the large capitals. Every opportunity of the sort should be embraced which can be enjoyed without drawing one off too much from a systematic course of work. The great public institutions of Berlin for example, present unequalled means of culture. Provided with the excellent catalogues issued by the various administrations, one may follow in the galleries the development of sculpture and painting and engraving; in the arsenal the growth of the science of defence and offence in modern warfare; at the post office museum the evolution of the means for conveying intelligence by land and by water in every country, by post and rail and wire and cable; at the Hohenzollern museum the fortunes of the ruling family of Prussia illustrated by a thousand interesting relics; and at the ethnological museum the history of uncivilized man. At the industrial museum exhaustive and costly collections in porcelain, glass, furniture and scores of forms of decorative art are to be observed, and at the Brandenburg museum local antiquities of great value and interest. In the royal library over a million volumes are readily at the disposal of the investigator. Even the smaller capitals have collections in kind, and many a spare hour may be profitably employed in the examination of these varied treasures.

To those who go abroad with serious intent, to whom the opportunity may come but once, no suggestion will seem too trifling. These scattered notes, outlining roughly the environment of student life in Germany, will serve their purpose if an occasional reader should note here and there an observation which might hereafter prove of benefit.

HORATIO S. WHITE.

LEIPSI, May 7, 1887.

The Senior tax at Williams is \$20.

### THIRD ANNUAL FIELD MEETING OF THE N. Y. S. I. C. A. A.

Last Wednesday afternoon, at the Syracuse Driving Park, the Third Annual Meeting of the N. Y. S. I. C. A. A. was held. The meeting was an eminent success, from a Cornell point of view, and it is safe to say was the best one ever held by the Association. The rain of Tuesday evening did not dampen the ardor of the many hundreds who witnessed the sports, but made the track rather heavy for fast work. Fully one third of the spectators were ladies and the flower of Syracuse beauty was well represented.

The assemblage was gaily decorated with ribbons of all shades and hues and the contrasts formed presented a very pleasing appearance. Everyone wore ribbon of one color or another and all the several colleges had their admirers and supporters. The Cornell delegation was of course the largest and most conspicuous. The palm was awarded them for their utter fastidiousness of dress, and Cornell's dudes will long be remembered in Syracuse.

The contests were lively and interesting, and, though the meeting was much prolonged, the attention of all was held to the very end. Owing to the large number of entries in the 100 Yards Dash, trial heats were run, the winners of which contested in the final. They were C. W. Horr, '87, and J. S. Parker, '89, of Cornell, and J. S. Spurlarke, '89, of Hamilton. Horr was the favorite and won easily in 10 $\frac{3}{8}$  seconds. Parker came in second, time, 11 seconds. Both men were loudly cheered.

Putting the Shot was carefully watched, as some surprises were announced as probable. J. L. H. Warren, '90, of Cornell, pleased his many friends by his successful work, winning with a put of 33 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. J. T. Low of Hobart came second with 31 ft. 1 inch.

The Mile Walk, as expected, proved very exciting. It was contested by E. F. Brown, '89, and R. S. Gifford, '90, of Cornell, and O. R. Whitford, '90, of Syracuse. The men kept well together for the first half mile and then Gifford and Whitford drew ahead, Gifford leading. The last quarter was a splendid race. Both men were game and were determined to win. Gifford by a beautiful spurt crossed the line winner in 7 minutes and 53 seconds. Cornell yells were heard on every side at the close of this event.

The 220 Yards Dash was announced and there appeared for Cornell, C. W. Horr, '87, the winner of the 100 yards dash, and J. S. Parker, '89; for Hamilton, J. Spurlarke, '89; and for Syracuse, M. Burlingame, '90, and B.

R. Hatmaker, '87. The men got off well together with the exception of Parker who got a poor start. The excitement was intense and the shouts of the collegians were almost deafening. The favorite, Horr, with his immense stride, came down the track at a pace which made him the winner; time, 23 $\frac{1}{8}$  sec. Burlingame finished second, but was ruled out for fouling Parker, who thus was given second place.

Cornell won the next event, the Running Broad Jump. G. H. Thayer, '90, did the honors for us and jumped 19 feet 10 inches. L. S. Rogers of Syracuse was second with 18 feet 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Some surprises were also expected in the Hammer Throw but F. V. Coville, '87, won the event for Cornell by a throw of 79 feet 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches. C. V. Gray, '90, of Hamilton, came second with a throw of 69 feet 10 inches.

The Half Mile Race proved a genuine surprise to Cornell men, who confidently expected to win the event. The starters were N. E. Whitford, '89, of Syracuse, E. W. Hawley, '88, of Hobart, A. J. Dillingham, '88, of Union, M. F. Webster, '88, and G. F. Seymour, '90, of Cornell. The race was well contested and was won by Dillingham in 2 minutes 7 seconds, Webster second in 2.08 and Seymour third.

The Pole Vault was not a great success. Karl Swartz, of Syracuse, won at a height of 7 ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  in., F. G. Perine, '87, of Hamilton, second.

The Two-Mile Bicycle Race was one of the most interesting events of the day. All the contestants were known to be good men and they made a good showing considering the poor condition of the track. C. R. Scott, '69, and C. J. Shearn, '90, of Cornell, J. S. Briggs, '90, of Rochester, H. D. Kittinger, '90, of Hamilton, and J. P. Becker, '88, of Syracuse, were the starters. The Syracuse man rode a Star machine and took the lead at the start. The men rode well and evenly for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles when the contest narrowed down to Kittinger and Scott. Kittinger lead from there to the last quarter, when Scott, by one of his magnificent spurts, forced ahead and won in 7.45 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Kittinger, second. "Great Scott" was warmly applauded.

The Quarter-Mile Race was a foregone conclusion. F. V. Coville, '87, won easily in 54 $\frac{1}{8}$ , M. Burlingame, '90 of Syracuse, second, and J. S. Parker, '89, of Cornell, third.

W. A. Hoagland, the professional walker, gave a half mile exhibition, and covered the distance in the fast time of 3.18.

The Running High Jump was a tame affair. Robert Black, '87, of Hamilton won with a

jump of 4 ft. 9½ in. L. L. Rogers, '89, of Syracuse came second.

The Mile Run was a good race between the Cornell men. J. W. Upp, '89, and J. F. Hayford, '89, Cornell, F. S. Macomber, of Rochester, C. H. Ashton, of Union, and C. W. Douglas, '90, of Syracuse were the contestants. Hayford ran prettily and won in 5 min. 1½ sec., Upp second.

F. V. Coville, '87, of Cornell, won the hurdles in 22 seconds. L. L. Rogers, '89, of Syracuse, second.

The Tug of War was perhaps the most exciting event of the day and was warmly contested by Cornell, Hamilton, and Syracuse. In the first tug between Syracuse and Cornell the foot rest of Cornell's anchor broke and the tug was declared not pulled. In the second trial Cornell pulled Syracuse by about a half inch. Cornell men went wild at this point. Syracuse was then pulled a half inch by Hamilton, and the final tug between Hamilton and Cornell was won by Cornell by four inches.

The Tennis Tournament lasted throughout the sports and was a fine exhibition of playing. Wilkinson, '89, of Cornell, beat Ellenwood, '88 of Hamilton, 6-2. Pope, '90, of Cornell, beat Pardee, '89, of Hamilton, 6-2. Rackemann, '89, of Cornell, beat Myers, of Hamilton, 6-1. Sands, '90, of Cornell, beat Wilkinson, '89, of Cornell, 6-1. The three remaining Cornell men then played for the three prizes. Sands beat Pope 6-2, 8-0, and also defeated Rackemann, 6-4, 6-0, thus winning first place. Rackemann won second place, beating Pope short sets, 4-2, 4-2. Pope won third place.

F. V. Coville, '87, won the gold medal offered by Sidney Bovington, of Syracuse, by the best general athlete. Cornell won the cup with 12 first, five seconds, and 2 thirds. Syracuse came next with one first and six seconds, Hamilton followed with one first and four seconds, Union next with one first, and Hobart brought up the rear with one second. The prizes were awarded at the Opera House in the evening after the concert given by the Syracuse University Glee Club. The officers of the day discharged their respective duties to the satisfaction of all. They were: Referee, Walton Storm, President N. A. A. A.; Judges, James B. Hopkins, Syracuse '81, J. D. Pennock, Harvard '83, J. K. Mumford, Princeton '85; Measurers, F. A. Cook, Syracuse '81, F. C. Lyfore, Syracuse '88, and W. P. Westfall, Syracuse '88; Timekeepers, W. C. Dole, jr., A. M. York, Syracuse '85, F. W. Merrick, Syracuse '89. Judge of walking, M. E. Driscoll, Williams '77; Starter, C. H. McCormick.

Clerk of course, W. Y. Foote, Syracuse '87; Scorer, B. R. Hatmaker, Syracuse '88. Tennis Referees, C. W. Wood, Williams, J. D. Adams, Cornell.

H. R. Ickelheimer, '88, captain of the athletic team, did much good work for the team and the work done by the men is sufficient proof of the superior abilities of our athletic trainers.

#### EXCURSION-CREMATION.

This year the two underclasses followed the example of their predecessors and the annual Sophomore Excursion and Freshman Cremation were held under joint auspices. Last Friday the happy participants marched from State street to the steamboat landing at the Inlet, keeping step to the music of Noble's famous (?) cornet band.

The splendid (?) steamer, T. D. Wilcox, had been chartered for the occasion and at 5 o'clock she steamed down the lake with her precious burden of 175 Freshmen, Sophomores and a few upperclassmen. The trip down the lake to Aurora was full of pleasant incidents. The ride itself was a great treat to a large number of the excursionists who were unaware of the peculiar beauties of Cayuga's waters. The afternoon was cool and the scenery was enjoyed to the utmost. The Cornell crew were met on the way and were given a rousing Cornell cheer which they duly appreciated. After a charming three hours' ride Aurora was reached. Here the party disembarked, and forming a column of twos, marched to Wells College to serenade the young ladies there. A chorus of yells announced the approach of the party to the young ladies, who had made preparations to receive their gallant Cornell friends. The windows and porticos were filled with bevvies of beautiful maidens, each well supplied with flowers to reward her favorites. Several college songs were well rendered and were much applauded by the young ladies; then the band played several choice selections. The party left Wells singing "Good-night, Ladies," and boarded the "Wilcox" for Sheldrake. Happily none were left at Aurora, as in former years, although there were several narrow escapes. Sheldrake was soon reached. The Freshman cremation exercises were then held and proved very interesting. The coffin, bearing the inscription, "Al. G. Bray, Killed 33, March 19, 1887. Requiescat, etc.," was first placed on the immense funeral pyre and Mr. Ford delivered the oration in his usual manner. It was a cleverly written parody of Antony's oration over Caesar and met with the highest praise, as it deserved. After the oration had been delivered, the pile

was lighted and immediately rose into flames. The funeral dirge, so appropriately written, was chanted in good time by the Freshmen as the flames rapidly consumed the mortal remains of Al. G. Bra. It must be remarked in this connection that the exercises at the cremation were a vast improvement over those of last year.

The exercises of burying the hatchet were short, as the classes were not only anxious to make their final peace, but were also "awfully hungry." P. S. Lyon, '89, told the story for the Sophs. and John McDowell, '90, did a similar service for the Freshmen. Both gentlemen acquitted themselves very creditably and brought the exercises to a happy termination.

The Sheldrake House was the next point of interest as the joint banquet was to be held there. The numerous guests registered and then quietly (?) adjourned to the dining hall. The tables were tastefully decorated with flowers and Cornell colors and were laden with an abundance of well-seasoned food. Much merriment was had at the table and the din of knives and forks was occasionally drowned by songs in which all seemed to enter with happy spirits. The impromptu toasts were not responded to at very great length. The following is the list as prepared by Toastmaster Jones:

Rho Kappa Tau—"Gone, but not forgotten."

Free Beverage—"Far above Cayuga's waters."

Drill—"With its waifs of blue."

Optics—"Four score and a half at the start,

But where are the eighty, and nine?"

O. W. J.—"One is enough for me."

The Amherst Game—"H-e, oh, H-e, Cornell!"

Aurora—"Ting! ting! you pretty young thing!"

One year ago—"Merrily we rolled along."

About one o'clock the boat started for Ithaca. The return trip was peaceable, and no one can with justice say that Rho Kappa Tau proved obnoxious to anyone. At three o'clock the boat reached Ithaca, where all quickly dispersed and sought their rooms, well satisfied with the success of the excursion and cremation.

The joint committee of arrangements proved itself a very efficient one. It was, from '89, Leon Stern, P. S. Lyon, R. E. Sternberg, W. F. Rackemann, W. M. Dollar; from '90, F. H. Callan, W. H. Morrison, R. B. Whittlesey, J. H. Sheldon, D. Upton.

The officers of the evening were:

*Cremation*: Pontifex Maximus, W. Nelson Smith, (*pro tem.*); Orator, John Ford; Undertaker, F. G. Fisher; Bearers, Webster, Flack, Abbott, Ehle; Chief Mourners, McDowell, Ballou, Shapleigh, Alexander, Benton, Dunn, McReynolds, W. S. Young; Mourners, Fragner, Sands, Whitney; Torch-bearers, May, Day.

*Hatchet Burial*: Orator, '89, P. S. Lyon; Orator, '90, L. E. Chester.

*Banquet*: Toast-master, C. Jones.

### CORNELL ON THE WATER.

In the belief that a large majority of our readers have no definite idea of Cornell's successes and failures in rowing, we have prepared a series of brief historical articles, which will appear from time to time, giving in simplest form a *resumé* of our aquatic events, beginning with the first rowing organization and carrying it down to the present time.

For the material for the earlier of these articles we are indebted to the *Cornellian* of 1881.

It may be interesting to know that recently a nearly complete set of photographs of all Cornell's oarsmen, has been found, and that they are now in the Gymnasium.

The first rowing organization seems to have been in 1869 when six students banded themselves together under the name of the "Undine Boat Club." This effort seems to have amounted to nothing except perhaps to make a beginning, for we hear nothing more of it.

The visit of Tom Hughes in the fall of '70 stirred up so much enthusiasm among the students that on April 17, 1871 a hundred or more formed themselves into the "University Boat Club," which at another meeting, the following Wednesday, became the "Cornell University Boat Association." The name underwent another change in the May following, the organization then being known as the "Cornell Navy." About the first of this month the present dilapidated structure—which habit makes us call a boat-house—was erected at the inlet where it now, through kindly forbearance of the elements, stands. Three boats were soon put into the boat-house. They were an eight oared gunwale barge, the "Cornell," built in Ithaca, a four oared outrigger shell, the "Buffalo," and a six-oared lap-streak called the "Striped Pig."

A rival organization, known as the "University Boat Club" came into existence in March '71 but died from lack of financial support in a short time. This club owned an outrigger six-oared boat known as the "Green Barge," which for want of a boat-house, was stored under an old barn near the hotel (now destroyed) at the corner of the Lake. "The University Boat Club" in honor of their patron, became the "Tom Hughes Boat Club." This compliment was very nicely acknowledged by Mr. Hughes by the presentation of a championship cup, which is now among the memorabilia at the Library.

During this Fall of '71 the "Tom Hughes Club" sent a challenge to the "Navy" which was not accepted.

In 1872, April 12, through the efforts of James B. Edgerly, secretary and director of the "Navy," Cornell was admitted to the Rowing Association of American Colleges.

On May 2nd the "Tom Hughes" Club united with the "Navy," under the name of the latter, and on the 10th and 11th was held the first Navy regatta, when the University four was beaten by Courtney's crew from Union Springs. Directly following this the University crew went into training under direction of Mr. W. C. Dole jr., but from lack of funds were forced to disband before the time for the intercollegiate regatta at Springfield, Mass. The fall of this year passed with only a class race between the Sophomores ('75) and Freshmen ('76)

In the Spring of '75 new enthusiasm was awakened, and in one week \$1433.50 was raised for rowing, and the prospects were still further brightened by the generosity of President White who gave the Navy a new six-oared cedar shell from Blaikie's shop. In addition to this was presented the "Gluck Challenge Cup" on June 6, '73, by Mr. J. F. Gluck.

In the early Spring of this year Harry Coulter was engaged to coach the crew, and the wonder is that they lived through their training, and more wonder that they could row. A daily spin of a dozen miles on the lake with as many of walking and running in the heat of the day, dressed in heavy flannels, to which a "sweater" was added, in bed under Winter coverlets. This was their daily routine.

The crew as first selected was composed of King, Dulton, Ferris, Southard, Phillips and Anderson, with Ostrom substitute, but Ostrom was soon given a seat in place of Phillips.

In the single scull race on the first day of the intercollegiate tournament at Springfield, Dulton was beaten by Swift of Yale. On the day following the University crew made a good race against ten competitors and finished number four. Although lost, the race was creditably rowed by Cornell who in the choice for positions was so unfortunate as to draw the worst.

#### NOTICE TO SENIORS.

It is requested that the members of the Senior class pay their tax as soon as possible. Less than a week and a half of the term remains and it is necessary that all matters be settled at an early date. I will be at Andrus & Church's bookstore evenings from seven to eight, or the amount may be left with Andrus & Church at any time. E. H. SARGENT, Treas.

#### ANOTHER CORNELL BOOM.

It is always a pleasure to us, taking a just pride in our *Alma Mater*, to note the fast accumulating evidences of the strong and honoured position which she has won and is winning for herself wherever sound educational work is recognized and appreciated. Her reputation has long been safely established on the lines of the work of the older departments, and the others are now showing themselves to be no laggards in the race. Our attention has been called to a somewhat singular coincidence which, this week, brings the work of the Department of Architecture into marked prominence on both sides of the Atlantic. Of the seven architectural journals for the current week, six contain matter prominently referring to the work of the Department. The English journals all have reports of the discussion which followed the heading of Professor Babcock's paper, referred to last week. Among the many complimentary things said in the course of this discussion, which lack of space precludes from mention, we may especially note, as worthy of record, the remark of the director of the National Art School, South Kensington, who said, "While Professor Babcock was speaking he filled me with envy, for I longed to have had the privilege of sitting under such a man, and to have learned that thorough way of treating the subject."

After the adjournment of the conference the Professor attended the annual dinner of the R. I. B. A., in the course of which he responded to the toast "Our American Professional Brethren." At this dinner speeches were also made by Sir Frederick Leighton, President of the Royal Academy, Mr. Alfred Waterhouse, R. A., and many other architects and artists of the highest eminence. It is understood that Professor Babcock will cooperate with the R. I. B. A. in perfecting a scheme for the establishment of an architectural training school in England, the need of which has been so greatly felt there for some time past.

On the American papers the work of the Department is represented in *Building*, by an important paper on the Renaissance by Professor Osborne, in which a vigorous attack is made upon the methods of the Cinquecentist school, and in the *Sanitary Engineer*, by a column of replies from prominent Boston architects to a question proposed by the Professor in relation to the proper subordination of mathematics in an architectural course. So that this week the attention of the profession will be strongly focussed upon the University, with, it is felt, results of the highest importance.

## ADVANCED DEGREES.

F. D. CHESTER, B. S., Cornell University. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Science. Major Subject: Geology. First Minor Subject: Petrography. Second Minor Subject: Mineralogy. Thesis: *The Gabbros and Associated Rocks in Delaware*. Committee: Professors H. S. Williams and Newbury. Examination held in 1886.

REBECCA EASTMAN, A. B., Smith College. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts. Major Subject: Greek Tragedy. First Minor Subject: Homeric Text-Criticism. Second Minor Subject: The Syntax of the Latin Verb. Thesis (deferred to the coming year): *The Treatment of the Orestes Legend in the Three Dramatists*. Committee: Professors Flagg, Wheeler, Hale. Examination May 31, at 3 P. M., in Morrill Hall, 3.

HARRY P. DEFOREST, B. S., Cornell University. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Science. Major Subject: Anatomy (including Histology and Physiology). First Minor Subject: Veterinary Science. Second Minor Subject: Chemistry. Thesis: *The Subfrontal Gyre in Primates*. Committee: Professors Wilder, Law, Caldwell. Examination June 13, 10 A. M., (in the Major Subject); June 14, 10 A. M., (in the Minor Subjects), in Anatomical Laboratory.

ELEANOR R. LARRISON, A. B., Smith College. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts. Major Subject: The Romantic Revival, with especial study of the Poetry of Wordsworth, Coleridge, and Shelley. First Minor Subject: Chaucer and Spenser. Second Minor Subject: Milton (including some of the Prose Works). Thesis (deferred to the coming year): *The Poetry of Wordsworth*. Committee: Professor Corson, Tyler, Schurman. Examination June 1, at 3 P. M., in White Hall, 2.

E. L. LINTHICUM, A. B., Yale University. Candidate for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Major Subject: Differential Equations. First Minor Subject: Modern Analytic Geometry. Second Minor Subject: Physics. Thesis: *The Rectification of Certain Curves by the Approximate Summation of Series*. Committee: Professors Oliver, Wait, Anthony. Examination June 8, at 3 P. M., in White Hall, 18.

J. THORNTON OSMOND, B. A., Mount Union College. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Science. Major Subject: Physics. Minor Subject: Chemistry. Thesis: *Experiments in Telephony*. Excused from examination, by special action of the Faculty. Committee: Professors Anthony and Caldwell.

E. D. WIGHTMAN, B. S., Cornell University. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Science. Major Subject: Theory of Functions (including Quantics). First Minor Subject: Theory of Numbers. Second Minor Subject: Pedagogy. Thesis: *A Graphic Evaluation of a certain Hyperelliptic Integral*. Committee: Professors Oliver, Wait, Hewett. Examination June 9, at 3 P. M., in White Hall, 18.

ALFREDA B. WITHINGTON, B. A., Cornell University. Candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts. Major Subject: Anatomy of the Brain. First Minor Subject: General Invertebrate Zoölogy and Entomology. Second Minor Subject: Chemistry. Thesis: *The Absorption of Albuminoids by the Stomach*. Committee: Professors Wilder, Caldwell, Comstock. Examination in the Minor Subjects June 3, 10 A. M., in the Entomological Laboratory; in the Major Subject, June 3, 3 P. M., in the Anatomical Laboratory.

## NOTICE.

Those who wish to attend the special lecture in Physiology will mail to Professor Wilder, on or before June 1, a slip written substantially as follows: The undersigned desires to hear the special lecture; he expects to graduate this spring, or he does not expect to return next year, as the case may be. If stamped and directed envelopes are inclosed, the slips will be returned, indorsed, and must be presented on entering the lecture room. The date of the lecture will be announced on the bulletin board.

## CORNELLIANA.

ATTENTION.—Our subscribers will greatly aid us if they would attend to their subscriptions at once, in order that our accounts with the publishers may be liquidated.

—*Cornellian* out Monday.

—Last ERA but one for this year.

—Cornell has a Glee Club at last of which we may all feel proud.

—But one '87 man was to be found at the late cremation exercises.

—"The young gentlemen from Cornell held a Field Day at Syracuse."

—The May number of the *Crank* is out. It certainly has come to stay.

—At last the new Song Book is out, and in it we all take a just pride.

—The next issue of the ERA will not be out until Commencement week.

—The Sigma Xi Society will give out its elections for this year on June 4.

—Glee Club Concert, Wednesday evening, June 15th, in Wilgus Opera House.

—Hard luck is undoubtedly against our nine this season. Upon that score all agree.

—The Engineers left Ithaca last Monday morning and will be busily engaged for two weeks.

—The class of '89 has elected Messrs. Blood and Dickinson as its representatives on the *Sun* for next year.

—The Class Day invitations of '87 have arrived; they are models of neatness and quite suggestive too.

—The dirge sung at the cremation exercises this year was the most appropriate that has appeared in years.

—The Phi Beta Kappa elections are very good this year. A little of the usual disappointment is felt, however.

—The Glee Club is to sing one or two selections in the chapel at the baccalaureate services two weeks from Sunday.

—One of the great features of the Syracuse Meeting was the splendid showing made by Shearn, '90 in the bicycle race.

—The nine is home again and each member is busy at all hours of the day explaining the different features of the games played east.

—All interested in Photography should not fail to hear Professor Newbury's lecture in the Physical Lecture Room to-night at 8 o'clock.

—Prof. G. K. Gilbert, the eminent geologist, delivered one of his characteristic addresses before the Natural History Society last evening.

—The season for fish stories is at hand and our Commodore leads off by telling how a fish ran into and cracked his cedar shell one day last week.

—The Queen's Jubilee was celebrated last Tuesday evening at Goddard's by the English students in the University. A most enjoyable time is reported.

—We have looked in vain among our trophies for the banner won by our nine last year from the N. Y. I. C. B. B. A. What is the matter with the base ball management?

—The steady improvement being made by the crew is a source of much pride to the students. Let us hope that the crew may retrieve the laurels lost by our ball nine.

—The Glee Club will give a concert at Trumansburg this evening. A very interesting programme has been arranged and the club will undoubtedly score a great success.

—The appearance of "Henrietta Beebe" at Ithaca during Commencement week will be the great musical event of the year in Ithaca. Her wide reputation is sufficient to assure all of her worth.

—The Phi Beta Kappa appointments are as follows: Seniors, Allendorf, Bodine, Coville, Fisher, G. E., Grant, Kuykendall, Lovell, Russell, Wilbur. Juniors, Fisher W. C., Ruyter, Miss Anna Widman.

—A Freshman took a plunge in the Lake last Saturday night, but was rescued before he sank the second time. Whether it was a case of accident or intended suicide is not known. His name has been withheld by the request of his friends.

—The ERA elections have been held with the following result: From '88, Messrs. Gilman, Shannon, and W. B. Smith; from '89, Messrs. Treman, Jones, F. S. Fielder, and Lyon. They have our heartiest congratulations and deepest sympathy.

—At a meeting of the Richardson Club held Monday, May 23, the following officers were elected for the fall term 1887: President, G. C. Parmeter; Vice-president, J. B. Hamme; Recording Secretary, A. B. Orth; Corresponding Secretary, M. M. Wardwell; Treasurer, W. B. Stratton.

—The University Glee Club at their Commencement concert will remove all doubts as to the ability of Cornell to furnish such an organization. The members have worked faithfully since the club was formed, and their rendering of difficult selections is more than could be expected.

—One very unpleasant feature of the excursion-cremation exercises this year was the deplorable action of some members of the party in making way mysteriously with the silver spoons and forks used at the banquet. The men who are guilty of such conduct are unworthy the association, much less friendship, of their classmates, and if found out should be carefully placed on the black list.

—There should certainly be some ball games arranged for Commencement week. After the very liberal support given the management by the faculty and the students, it is but fair play to show the interested parties just what our nine can do. Games with Hobart, Syracuse, Rochester, Hamilton and Union would be very interesting, after three defeats in the east, and we trust this mere mention of the subject will have the desired effect upon our base ball management.

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#### PERSONALS.

C. B. DIX, '88 has returned to the University and rejoined his class.

W. B. RUGGLES, Jr., '84, is in the employ of the New York Central.

C. D. WHITE, '86, is connected with the United States Geological Survey at Washington, D. C.

IN the last number of the Brazilian paper *A Imigração*, there are several articles written by C. E. A. Lima, '86.

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#### AMUSEMENTS.

##### MARGARET MATHER AS ROSALIND.

Margaret Mather has never appeared in Ithaca, but she is so well known here as an artiste possessing genuine histrionic talent coupled with rare womanly charms, that there is a general desire to attend the performance of "As You Like It," to-morrow evening, in which she assumes the role of Rosalind. Her support is excellent, and a truly artistic entertainment is guaranteed. The rapid sale of seats, which began yesterday, evinced a desire on the part of many to hear and see this talented artiste, who is said by the press of a neighboring city to be second only to Mojeska in the role of Rosalind. Excellent seats may still be secured at Finch's.

## GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

The Glee Club will give a grand concert in Wilgus Opera House on Wednesday evening of Commencement week. Mrs. Henrietta Beebe-Lawton, of New York will assist on the occasion. Mrs. Lawton's reputation abroad is as great as her fame at home. We clip the following from the *London Musical World*:

"Courtesy to strangers would alone compel especial mention of Mrs. Henrietta Beebe-Lawton, from New York, but happily the lady has more than a claim on the hearer's generosity to make, for she has a talent that needs no support but its intrinsic worth; a talent that demands approbation from all. In Bishop's 'Tell me, my heart,' she at once secured the goodwill of the audience and a unanimous *encore*. Such a pleasant lady and admirable artiste will always be received here with warm respect and lasting favor."

The *New York Tribune* speaks in high praise of this accomplished soloist as follows:

"The greatest artistic success of the evening was Mrs. Beebe-Lawton's singing of Mr. Frederick Clay's 'The Sands o' Dee,' which she gave with surprising breadth, intensity, and dramatic force. Mrs. Beebe-Lawton's purity of voice and manner are nearly invariable, but her performance last evening was really in the grand style, and was a very satisfying and notable instance of it."

## NEW BOOKS.

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These volumes are written in a very interesting style and are certainly among the best of the American Statesmen Series. But a small part of the work is given to the earlier period of Clay's life and only a brief sketch to his youth. The remainder of the work is concerned with the long period of his public career. The author carefully discusses all the leading questions in American politics with which Clay had so much to do, and especially Jackson's contest with the National Bank and the Slavery Question. Clay's part in the war of 1812, is also vividly brought before the reader.

The part that the work lacks, if indeed it can be said to lack anything, is a more complete account of Clay's private life, which would serve to make the reader more acquainted with the character of Clay and enable him to better interpret the public acts of the great statesman. The chapter entitled the "Kentucky Lawyer" is an excellent account of border life in the "dark and bloody ground," as it was in the early part of the present century.

The style of the author is more like that of Parton than of any other able biographer with whom we are acquainted. The public has long been in need of a

fair and able biography of Clay. Most of the former biographies have been tainted by partisan feeling and consequently of little value, either to the student or general reader. Schurz has not shown any party prejudice and his work is sufficiently interesting to please the public and at the same time profound enough for the closest student of history.

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IN this, the last issue of the ERA under the present board of editors, we wish to say a farewell to our friends and supporters in the University and elsewhere. In most respects we have had abundant encouragement; and for all this we are grateful. To the three or four members of the University who have favored us with contributions only too much like angels' visits, we wish to give special thanks. VALE.

IN a recent issue of the ERA, we had occasion to speak somewhat in regard to the Junior Contest and certain objectionable features connected therewith. Since then, however, we have found that the condemnatory tone of the extreme end of our article was unjust so far as any individual member of the committee was concerned. We, therefore, gladly retract that part of our remarks, and hope that hereafter there may be no ground whatever for adverse criticism upon the management of these contests.

IT will be with great regret that the students will receive the news that Professor H. C. Adams has decided in the future to give the whole of his time to the University of Michigan instead of to Cornell. Hitherto, the Professor has spent the first half of the year at Ann Arbor, coming to Ithaca in the middle of the winter term. When now the courses here were so revised as to call for a Professor of Political Economy during the whole year, it was hoped that Cornell might secure Professor Adams from Michigan; but he has decided otherwise. By his able and surprisingly clear treatment of questions which, in spite of their importance and interest, are in themselves by no means transparent, he has come to be held in the highest respect as an instructor. We are very apt to measure Cornell Professors by too low a standard and to forget our real paucity of men who are eminent the nation over. For this reason we may not realize the loss Cornell sustains in a man who is coming to be placed at the head of the younger American economists. In our opinion, scarcely a man in the faculty could by going work greater detriment to the reputation of the University. The Trustees will find it difficult to fill his place. Mr. Johnson, instructor in Philosophy, although he has been at Cornell but one year, has won a high place in the regard of all who have had to do with him. If Psychology and

Logic are usually considered interesting by Cornellians, tradition is not reliable; but during the past year the part of these subjects which partakes of the "grind" has reached its lowest point. The red tape also, with which some of our instructors so delight to entangle every step in their courses, is not found with Mr. Johnson. Yet, although so much has been done to make the instruction not only tolerable but pleasant, its effectiveness has been not at all diminished. It is safe to say that, but for arrangements made before Mr. Johnson came, Cornell would not suffer him to go at the end of so successful a year. The best wishes of all will go with him to his new field.

**E**IGHTY-SEVEN is following in the path of all graduating classes, and the end of this week will see her done with college life as an organization. Some of her members may return to the University, perhaps as resident graduates, perhaps as members of the Faculty. To all such, the ERA can only extend the assurance that they will be most welcome comers at any and all times. But it is to the majority of the class that we wish to say a few words at parting, to the men that are through with college life, with its labors, its anxieties, its many cares, and its pleasures. Each college year a graduating class leaves Cornell, to the members of which the college press gives many words of encouragement, taking up thereby much of its valuable, and proverbially "limited space." We do not wish to fail to conform to this rule, and we take this last opportunity to say good-bye to '87. The present graduating class made a bad start at Cornell as an organization; was set back a yard at the start, so to speak, and, disheartened by a poor beginning, it stumbled several times in the first quarter. As a result, '87 has been known, all through her course, as a weak class. But, putting aside the petty things by which the strength of classes is estimated, '87 is strong. She is strong in scholarship, and her members have ever figured actively in Cornell social life. The ones that have called her weak, will find, when she is gone, that they have parted with many

of their best and truest friends. '87 not only honors her Alma Mater by her record in scholarship, but she is also pre-eminently a class of "good fellows." She has never, at any time, been a class of shouters, or of men that fell into raptures of delight over any success in class strife. We shall miss her sorely, not only in our various social organizations, but on the diamond and in the athletic field. She has made little noise, and, perhaps because she "scorns to boast," her war whoop has been little heard on the plains (?) of Ithaca. But the fact remains that, for a class that was disheartened at the outset by a poor beginning, she has run a good race, and made a record at the finish that many another class might well be proud to claim as its own. We must say farewell to '87, but we do it reluctantly, with the feeling that she is taking with her many whose places it will be very hard to fill. We can only say the word with its full significance, with the wish that it may bring good fortune to all the members of '87, and make their little trip through the world in every way pleasant and profitable.

#### *THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON.*

The sermon addressed to the members of the Senior class by Dr. Lyman Abbott on Sunday afternoon was the first of the exercises of Commencement Week. Armory Hall was without the pleasant decorations which are usually seen on occasions of the sort; apparently all the outward preparations made for the day consisted of a large rostrum erected at the north side of the hall and a room-full of the Armory's famous folding benches, enough to furnish sittings for 1700 people. An hour before the time of Dr. Abbott's arrival, friends of the University and of the students began to take seats, and by 3.30 the dullness of the hall was completely relieved by a bright assembly that filled every seat to the farthest corners of the hall.

The preacher took as his text Matthew 10-7, "And as ye go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand,'" and announced as his subject, 'The duty of the educated in America to-day, the duty due to the country and the age, the duty of preparing, promoting, and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven.' The text, said he, was the first baccalaureate address to the graduates of a Christian college, and

meant by the kingdom of heaven, nothing else than the kingdom of *man* and his sway over nature and her forces. Although necessarily the subject could not be entirely new, it was treated in a manner which gave it full interest to the audience. Each step in the discourse, without departing in the least from the earnestness which the time demanded, was cheerfully and pleasantly made.

After the meaning of the text was made clear, and its applicability to men of the present age pointed out, the speaker showed in what particular branches of life work the advancement of the kingdom of heaven depends upon educated Americans. In science, politics, industry, theology, and in every direction great questions are to be settled, and no other class are so fully responsible for the settlement as are the men and women who have been trained in the Christian colleges of our land. The position taken by Dr. Abbott with reference to the social and industrial problems of the day was especially gratifying. He said in effect: "When a laboring man complains of the injustice of his condition, you demand that he shall state explicitly in all its details the nature of this injustice, forgetting that a man whose every moment is busy in the struggle for existence, has no time to put forth theories as to the causes of his hard situation. The fact that, whereas the wealth of America has in the last twenty years increased in wonderful ratio, it is a disputed point whether the condition of the great laboring classes who have helped to produce this wealth, has in the same time been bettered or made worse, shows that there is something to be corrected; and it is your duty to tell what and how." In such a manner the importance of life in America was presented, distinctly and with an earnestness all the more impressive for the perfect delivery of the speaker. Each sound of his voice was clearly heard in the extreme ends of the hall.

The singing of the large audience was led by the University Glee Club under the direction of Professor McKenney, and doubtless was an attraction of some importance in drawing so large a number up the hill in the heat of one of Ithaca's June days.

#### CLASS DAY.

Eighty-Seven's Commencement was fairly inaugurated on Tuesday by the customary class day exercises. Long before two o'clock, the hour set for the beginning of the speech-making, Gymnasium Hall was comfortably filled with the fairest and bravest representatives of the town and the gown, among whose number

were interspersed occasional knots of strangers, friends and relatives of the coming graduates. The walls of the Armory were decorated with flags and bunting, and knots of tasteful drapery, while several large tropical plants near the platform filled the air with a delicate and pleasing perfume.

To one who had attended Commencement exercises at Cornell before, there were many things that savored little of novelty; there was the same bustle of ushers, the same polished speeches, the same sweet music. But the speeches of Tuesday were far above the ordinary in quality, while they did not tire the hearer by their excessive length; and the music was seemingly sweeter than ever. It filled every nook of the great building, and, even on the lowest, softest tones, its harmony delighted every eager listener in the room. May Gartland's Orchestra officiate at many a Cornell Commencement. No better one has played in Gymnasium Hall for many a day.

After prayer had been offered by the Rev. Mr. Goodenough of the Unitarian Church of Ithaca, the roll of '87 as Freshmen was called. A majority of the original number were present; many were away from the University, or had dropped back to lower classes; while several were known to be no more on earth. The names of "Heggie," Chrisman, J. B. Pitcher, E. E. E. Scribner, W. H. Smith, and others were greeted with loud applause by their former classmates. The roll-call ended, Mr. J. E. Russell delivered the oration on "The Renaissance of the Nineteenth Century." We extract from his speech as follows:

The Renaissance of the 15th century marks the revival of the spirit of Ancient Greece in Italy. It was a struggle of free and living thought with the effete but powerful scholasticism of the middle ages. The conflagration which started in Italy swept northward and westward, bearing with it a new culture and a new civilization. Men came in contact with the great thinkers of antiquity, and that contact gave them a new inspiration and a new life. No wonder that the reaction was great! Doubt was preëminent; nothing was exempt from the careful scrutiny and criticism of the time. The result was a broadening of the horizon of man in every direction. Columbus arose and reconstructed the map of the world; Copernicus gave to an ungrateful age a new chart of the heavens; later came Galileo and our own Newton. But the spirit that gave rise to science was the legitimate offspring of the Italian Renaissance.

In our own day science has reacted on the spirit that gave it birth, the classics are subjected to scientific criticism. The first step was taken by Wolf in 1795, and he gave the world a new interpretation of the Iliad. Next came Niebuhr, and the mists which for 2000 years had rendered impossible a clear vision of Rome, were dissolved and forever scattered. In archaeology, too, our present century has reduced its

methods to the basis of science, and greater results have been reached than were ever dreamed of a century ago. Comparative Philology has been actually created out of the crude observations and wild deductions of earlier times. All this is the Renaissance of the 19th century; it is the incentive to the scientific classical scholar of our generation. He has more to interest him than the physical elements of chemical affinity; more than the persistence of force or the indestructibility of matter; he has to deal with a cosmos in which *man* enters as a factor. It is the truth for which he seeks; and in the search for that great power which makes men free, his imagination is quickened by the vestiges of civilizations strewn all along his pathway, his reason is broadened by the recorded thoughts of the founders of Philosophy, and his whole being is elevated by contact with that old but ever new literature of Greece and Rome.

Mr. Russell delivered his oration in an earnest manner, and seemingly made a good impression on the audience. He was rather stiff on the stage, however, and his gestures seemed, on some occasions, rather forced.

After the audience had been regaled with the finest selection of the day, Miss Kate E. Selmsler read the class poem. It was a song of romance, a legend of a beautiful Indian maiden and her lover. It alluded touchingly to the sad fate of Miss Hill, and its whole make-up, and the maner of its delivery filled the audience with a feeling of sadness. Miss Selmsler was deservedly applauded for her effort. The following is a short extract:—

There is a sweet old Indian legend,  
Sad, yet full of cheer,  
Like many a tale of early days;  
As precepts now appear,  
And elevate the man to whom  
A noble soul is dear.

It was an Indian broad and tall,  
A warrior brave and bold,  
Who loved and wooed and married  
The maiden fairest to behold,  
In all the tribes around,  
A maid whose virtues were untold.

Upon the day that they were wed,  
Full many a laugh and shout  
Did rend the vales and hills,  
And shake the forest all about,  
While every dusky face was bright,  
And banished gloomy doubt.

In regard to the sad parting from Cornell, Miss Selmsler said:

Not long shall we be mourning,  
But with zeal shall her spirit pursue,  
Her guidances we'll follow wherever  
We go and whatever we do.

Sometime we, perchance, after  
Trials and dangers are past,  
Shall behold her dear self  
In the idolized, realized  
Dreams of the past.

Then again we take heart for  
The work the Great Spirit  
Has for each;  
And only when life is done,  
So, our realized dreams we shall reach.

Miss Lois M. Otis then read the *Essay*. She had chosen as her theme the relation between all the struggles of this world and their outcome, the importance of the harvest as compared with the seed-time. Her subject was, "Why all this Toil for the Triumph of an Hour," and she dealt with it in a masterly and pleasing way. We can give our readers a proper appreciation of the effort only by making the following somewhat extended selection:

The word triumph brings to us a series of pictures, a fair morning in an ancient oriental country, two armies arrayed for battle, a fierce struggle beneath the scorching sun of noon, flashing of spears and sabres, and hurling of darts, sound of trumpets, shouts of leaders. An army defeated, captives and plunder taken. Then in the great city a triumphal march, a gay procession of the conquerors with glittering chariots and beautiful horses, followed by a sad train of captives on foot. Nights of feasting, wild exultant songs, eating, drinking, revelry, and riot.

Next is pictured a scene in old Greece, where the flower of the youth are trying their strength in the arena, leaping, wrestling, boxing, throwing the discus. A crowd of citizens watching with breathless interest the close and thrilling competition. Finally one handsome Athenian, stronger, more agile, more skillful than the rest, outstrips the others, wins the prize of a laurel wreath, and walks from the arena with a palm branch in his hand.

People shout loud hurrahs, heralds proclaim his name in the streets, poets write odes in his honor. A statue erected in his native city tells the story of his victory.

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We see, in all these pictures, that triumph is the reward of courage, strength, bravery and patient labor. Ah! is that then the meaning of our triumph? We pause to consider, and memories crowd upon us. Not *one* day's battle, not *one* struggle in the arena, not *one* plunge in the pool, but years of toil. We think of this and our hearts beat slow and our brows darken.

The gay pageant does not seem so bright, when we think by what toil we gained. Only a little strain of music, only a few flowers, a little nod of approval from our elders, a little hand shake from those who have been through it all before, and to-morrow the music is hushed, the flowers are faded, the friends are gone; and we have not even the strength that unity gives, for we have said goodbye to each other. Surely if this were all, it would be but the "triumph of an hour."

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We are now to make a beginning, as we will do many times in the future; for life is but a series of beginnings—one task ended, another to begin, leaving one school to enter another. Each time we will stop and rest awhile, chat with our companions, and ask, "*Cui bono?*" as we do to-day; and each time we will find it profitless to dwell on the past. The future needs us, the past has value only as it helps us on in the future.

President Lovell, at the conclusion of Miss Otis's reading, suggested that the audience stand while the orchestra was playing. At the conclusion of the selection, Mr. Lovell read his address to the class. There was nothing flowery or forced in the speech, but it abounded in good sense, and good advice. He began as follows:

A custom honored by long observance demands at this time a recognition of the most obvious fact of the week, the fact that our present connection with the University is about to close. We have met to celebrate our separation.

Our college life has wrought in us many changes. The instincts and habits of boys came with most of us to the University; and boyish capacity may have determined some of the issues of our earlier career. But self-reliance soon develops independent ability and makes the boy a man. The sphere of a boy who is in preparation for college is narrow; his horizon is little out of reach of his finger ends; but, immersed in the energetic streams of effort that surge about this hill, the world opens before him; his ambition is aroused, his aims become definite, and his purposes fixed. This experience has been undergone by most of us in our years of residence here. We have felt the effects of a common environment, part of which we ourselves have been. None of us will leave the University uninfluenced by contact with his fellows.

After setting out in clear light the changes in the University and in the outer world, since the college life of '87 began, and after putting some questions yet demanding solution, Mr. Lovell concluded:

These are some of the questions and issues, a correct position on which will assist one in the solution of two of four great problems that will certainly face every one of us. These are, individual success in life and the accomplishing of our duty to the Republic. Of the former, nothing need be said; and of the latter, only this: that the system of government inaugurated by the wisdom of our fathers is yet but an experiment, although a hopeful one. Whether its wisdom shall be permanently demonstrated is not for this class to settle; but it *must* be settled by the generation of youth going forth in this quarter century from American colleges. The other two problems are, our future relations to the University and our subjective relations with ourselves. We are soon to become alumni, and electors of Cornell, and as such, shall have responsibilities that we have never known. While the University is, in general, in a condition of great prosperity, and the corporation cares for it with a degree of loyalty probably unexampled, yet there are wrongs that need righting, and abuses that need correction, that with difficulty reach the attention of governing board, but that the students, who have suffered from them, feel and regret. As students, we are silent; but as alumni, we shall be entitled to be heard. Better yet, we shall have the right to vote for a considerable fraction of the board of trustees; and the wise use of this right is one of the choicest privileges to which we shall accede upon our graduation.

Our last great care, as well as our first, should be for ourselves,—for the proper development of our own inner life. There lies the supreme test of every man.

The highest product of culture is a character that enables one to face one's enemies or to face ourselves. With that, we shall succeed, we shall do our duty to our University and to our country, and continually enjoy the satisfaction that comes from a consciousness of rectitude and of justice.

Eighty-seven then made her pilgrimage to the shrine where the ivy had been planted, the tender vine that was to stand as an ever-living reminder of '87's presence and influence at Cornell. Thither went all the crowd from the Armory, to brave the fierce rays of the setting sun, and the fatigue of standing long upon the feet for the privilege of hearing the stirring oratory of Thomson, "Mart's" prophetic words, and the good-natured give-and-take speeches of Sternberger and Soule while giving and receiving the calumet of peace. All the exercises were ably carried out, and were a fitting close for the day's proceedings. We clip from the Ivy Oration, the Prophecy, and the two "pipe speeches as follows:

#### THE IVY ORATION.

"A score of times the soft June sunshine has fallen upon such a scene as this. A score of times the gentle June breezes have borne out upon the bosom of fair Cayuga the words and sighs of parting. To-day the class of '87 meets as many classes have met before, and as many classes will meet hereafter, to plant the ivy, to smoke the pipe, and to say conventional farewells. What does the planting of the ivy mean? Is it but an event born of custom, or does it owe its being to other and rarer causes?

It is well if we can believe that the promptings of our imperfect hearts, and not the traditions of our predecessors, breathe through the ceremonies of this hour. It is well if we can go farther, and find in these ceremonies not merely the expression of a present and evanescent mood, but also the augury of a lasting sentiment. It is well if time shall prove that the words which we speak, and the thoughts which remain unuttered are not like the smoke that rises from our pipes, but like the tendrils of the ivy we today consecrate.

Shall our words and thoughts be for the moment, or shall they strengthen with the years, and reach out with the seasons, and look heavenward with the day? \* \* \* \* Perish the thought that retraction and disappointment and despair are the end of human endeavor. Twenty years ago these beautiful hillsides were golden with the fruitage of the soil, and responsive solely to the touch of nature.

To-day, they stand proudly before the world, sacred to true learning, to broad ideas and high liberal thought. A century hence they will stand, bearing aloft the enduring monuments of earnest and unselfish work—the interests of Christian progress.

President Lovell now presented Prophet Goodkind, who, with his bright Irish wit, kept the class in a roar. The hits on the faculty were unusually happy, and received the applause they deserved. We regret we are unable to publish the prophecy in full. He spoke as follows:

"From the remotest days of history to the fifth century of the Christian era, the prophet's position in society was an exalted and honored one. His acquaintance was as eagerly sought after as is a good boarding house in Ithaca. He was even more respected and glorified than an accomplished boxer or half-mile runner is in our nineteenth century of advancement and noble civilization.

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"Four years ago, when we came here, our register contained 400 names. At the beginning of this year the roll of students swelled to 800. In four years the number has doubled. By a careful study of educational statistics and the theory of probabilities (last term), together with my prophetic inspiration, Cornell, in twenty-eight or thirty years, may have in her halls every student in the United States. I mention this startling fact in order that the faculty may take speedy action and enlarge the lunch counter, as well as increase the rules for the guidance of students."

Then followed a description of the members of the class as they are to be seen ten years hence. The prophet brought in points about several popular student resorts, and pictured them as being patronized by members of '87, as of yore. The prophecy was decidedly one of the hits of the day, and the prophet deserves, as he says, to be placed side by side with Eli Doud, El Mahdi, and Wiggins. He concluded as follows:

"And now, dear classmates, I must draw my prophecy to an end. Truth and the Past have been my guide-posts. I have earnestly tried to follow both, and if any of you must sob at the frightful predictions of the prophet, let them be reconciled by thoughts of, not what I have said, but what I might have said."

Mr. Sternberger, '87, pipe custodian, a favorite with the boys, was roundly applauded as he ascended the rostrum. Not the least of his good qualities as a speaker was that he made himself heard above the conversation of the many ladies who had evidently come to the campus for any purpose rather than to hear what was said. Although his excellent exhortation was short, we can give but a part, and that perhaps not the best:

To you, my esteemed friend of the great class of '88 of Cornell University, I have the extreme honor to present this pipe. Indeed, it is a high and holy duty as well as a noble privilege to perpetuate the virtues of this treasured article. As I hand it to you, I perform a most touching ceremony. For in doing so, I break loose the strong bonds which have united the members of the class of '87 to their devoted Alma Mater and to each other. Would that I could feel confident that I have entrusted the guardianship of the departed prize to a class who would make the best of it. But I am rather inclined to think that, unless a decided reform be effected, the soothing influences of the pipe may not be realized.

I am not of that temperament to heap reproaches upon any body of students; and I assure you that you have my most earnest wishes that the few mild

and indirect attacks that I may have made, will not have the effect of disheartening and discouraging your class, but, on the contrary, that they will inspire you to do better and grander deeds—that you will, in the near future, by your earnestness and perseverance show to the world that, after all, there is the proper material in you to uphold the character and prestige of Cornell University.

In accepting the pipe Mr. A. L. Soulé spoke, in part, as follows:

It is with feelings of commingled gratitude and reverence that I accept to-day this time-honored pipe, coming down, as it does, hallowed by the fond memories of preceding classes. In accepting it, I realize that the first mile-stone of our onward march to Senioric dignity has been passed. This is indeed a trying moment, I can hardly control my feelings. All the passions and emotions to which mankind is heir are welling up in me; but sympathy figures as the master emotion—sympathy for what might have been a brilliant class.

Throughout the preceding address we find the word "career" used in connection with '87. It is true she has had a career, but such a checkered one as no class ever before has had. With such a four years' record behind her, '87 cannot expect much from the future. She has done nothing note-worthy in college; but let us hope that she may distinguish herself in the bustling world; let us commend her to a more favorable future.

We cannot but be strongly impressed with the convictions imparted by your worthy representative. We appreciate deeply the good advice which he has given us; and we as a class shall endeavor to profit by it.

The exercises of the day were over, and assembled people went their several ways. A few remained, but were poorly rewarded for their pains. They had the satisfaction, however of hearing the class sing the ever-new "Alma Mater," give down the savage "Wahoo! Wahoo! Eigh-ty, sev'n!" and depart for its last visit to the college halls, to the enlivening strains of "Good-bye, my Lover, Good-bye."

### IN MEMORIAM

MARY OUTWATER WHITE.

1836—1887.

Death, in his solemn visitations, never perhaps came more startlingly upon a community than on the sad morning when he laid his hand upon the beloved wife of Hon. Andrew D. White. Called away in the fullness of her beauty and mental powers, without a warning, without a pain, or sigh, she left us within the space of a heart-beat almost, and before anyone could realize the mysterious summons. Dumb and helpless we stand before the dread dispensation, trying in vain to fathom its meaning, sure of one thing only, that the Voice that called her from us, was that of Our Father in Heaven.

Never has there moved among us a personality so

diffusive of gentle and healthful influences. Fitted by her endowments, education, and culture, to share in the high positions to which her distinguished husband was called; lovely in form and feature, charming in manners—uniting amenity with dignity, Mrs. White, throughout the thirty years of her married life, was the inspiration and support of her companion. To nothing that pertains to the sphere of woman was she unequal or indifferent. Whether in the daily routine of household affairs, or in the high social relations she was called upon to sustain, her every act and word was marked with that tact, judgment, and nice discrimination, that belong to well-endowed, harmonious natures. In her intercourse with others—equals or inferiors—she was always the same: gentle, affable, sympathetic. Who, in the large circle of her friends and acquaintances has not, at one time or another, been the special object of her tender solicitude? In sickness or health, in sorrow or gladness, she was ever ready to bring relief and consolation or to share in rejoicings. Her delicate thoughtfulness was extended to all with whom she came into relation, whatever their position in life, whether intimate and cherished friends, or the servants of her household. Were there an unoccupied seat in her carriage, she immediately thought of some mother and babe, some infirm friend, some lonely acquaintance, who needed the recreation of a drive.

Though attached to the church and ritual in which she was reared, she was open to all truths—all light, from whatever quarter it shone. The words of the Master, "He that is not against us is for us," were her rule in religion. Her faith was that unformulated faith of the early Christian: she followed Christ without questionings, and that faith was the informing, almost unconscious, principle of her life.

When such as she leave us, "Oh! the void!" we cry. But though we are deprived of their bodily presence, they have not left us without a witness. We become more fully conscious than ever of the smallest acts of their lives. Words well nigh forgotten, looks that had passed unheeded, come back with marvelous distinctness.

Mrs. White left her place among us filled with the sweetest recollections. The moral fragrance of her life still abides with us. We never understood her better than we understand her now, although the sweet voice is forever silent to our ears, and the dear presence has vanished from our sight.

While apparently well, active in mind and body, and looking faithfully to the ways of her household, the Death-Angel touched her gently, and

"When the sun in all his state  
Illumed the eastern skies,  
She passed through Glory's morning gate,  
And walked in Paradise."

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MARY BARTLETT HILL.

1868—1887.

Mary Bartlett Hill, a member of the class of '90, died at Sage College on Monday, June 13th.

To those who knew Mary, what a world of woe these words imply! What blasted hopes and aspirations! What untimely cutting off of great possibilities! That she was an earnest student, we all knew. That the knowledge she gained, she assimilated, and developed under it, we all felt; but this was only a

very small part of Mary. It was her beautiful Christ-like character, it was the personality of a sweet womanly nature that impressed themselves upon every one, and won to her the hearts of all with whom she came in contact. She was not like most girls of her age. For many years she had pondered deeply the meaning of life, and how she could use this great gift for the highest good of the world. She had one fixed purpose before her. This purpose was, through a good education to fit herself to do in the very best way the work to which God should call her. With what simplicity, with what childlike faith in God, did she talk over her plans with those who understood her and sympathized with her! This beautiful young girl had her mind and heart so full of great thoughts and earnest purposes, that there was scarcely any room left for those things which to many young women are the all in all of life. Yet hers was a nature so full, so rounded, that all this intense earnestness, this concentration of thought, were no hindrances to the development of her social nature. Her unselfishness, her warm sympathetic nature, and above all, the wondrous charm of her personality, exerted a benign influence upon all her companions; and it was not strange that every Society at the Sage desired to have her as a member. But why did not Mary join a Society? Not because she was indifferent to the social advantages she thereby would have gained, nor because she cared not for those young girls who desired her to be one of them. No. Her heart was drawn to them in love; but she did not join a Society, because she was not quite sure that the influence of college societies was good. This was the test, to which she put every question; and well could her pastor say, "If Mary Hill knew what was right she did it, and therein lay the strength of her character." Yes, we all felt the strength of that character, and not only its strength, but also the sweetness, the light and warmth, and the fragrance which it shed over all.

To her circle of friends, Mary was an outside conscience. Questions of right and wrong were submitted to her, and her decision, given timidly and as a mere suggestion, was accepted as final. And her self-forgetfulness! After that fearful fall, when her room-mate came to her in tears, Mary said, "O you poor darling, I am so sorry, but don't worry, it isn't so bad."

When we think how the world needs such women, how they strengthen and purify human society; when we think how sorely we needed her at Sage; when we think of that desolate home whose light and joy she was, of that heartbroken father and mother, we can only bow our heads in humble submission to the inexplicable, knowing that He doeth all things well.

FRANCES GREGOR.

—At a meeting of the New England Association of Cornell Alumni held at Chauncy Hall School, Boston, June 7. Mary E. Roberts, '80 was elected President for the ensuing year, Howard P. Bellows, Vice President; Joseph Ness, '78, Secretary; and Ala W. Foster and C. B. Wheelock were chosen an Executive Committee. The Secretary's address is 147 Summer street, Boston, where all Cornellians will be given a hearty welcome.

# Statistics of the

| NAME.                 | BIRTHPLACE.           | RESIDENCE.           | PREPARATORY SCHOOL.         | COURSE AND DEGREE.   | TERMS IN |              | POLITICS. | TARIFF VIEWS.    |
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|                       |                       |                      |                             |                      | UNIVERS. | HOURS TAKEN. |           |                  |
| 1 L. F. Bellinger,    | Mohawk, N. Y.         | Iilon, N. Y.         | Iilon Academy.              | Civil Engineering.   | 12       | 254          | Pro.      | Protection.      |
| 2 D. Bodine,          | Richborough, Pa.      | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Ovid Union School.          | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 12       | 207          | Rep.      | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 3 E. C. Boynton, Jr.  | West Point, N. Y.     | Newburgh, N. Y.      | Newburgh Academy.           | Mech. Eng.; M. E.    | 12       | 209          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 4 C. Browning, Jr.    | Chatham, N. Y.        | Chatham, N. Y.       | Chatham Union School.       | Mech. Eng.; M. E.    | 12       | 203          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 5 A. W. Buchanan,     | New Madrid, Mo.       | New Madrid, Mo.      | Training Schl. St. Louis.   | Mech. Eng.; M. E.    | 3        | 55           | Dem.      | Mod. Protect'n.  |
| 6 G. W. Casey,        | Auburn, N. Y.         | Aburn, N. Y.         | Auburn High School.         | Architecture; B. S.  | 12       | 207          | Mug.      | None.            |
| 7 F. L. Chrisman,     | Wayland, Mich.        | Harrisburg, Pa.      | Cascadilla.                 | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 12       | 188          | Ind.      | Free Trade.      |
| 8 H. Coley,           | New Wo'dst'ck N.Y.    | New Woodstock.       | Cortland Normal.            | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 199          | Dem.      | Free Trade.      |
| 9 R. S. Colmon,       | Brownville, N. Y.     | Ogdensburg, N. Y.    | Potsdam Normal.             | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 212          | Dem.      | Free Trade.      |
| 10 E. Cornell,        | Ithaca, N. Y.         | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Cascadilla.                 | El. Eng.; M. E.      | 15       | 212          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 11 F. V. Coville,     | Preston, N. Y.        | Oxford, N. Y.        | Oxford Academy.             | Arts; A. B.          | 3        | 18           | Dem.      | Prog. to Fr. Tr. |
| 12 W. F. D. Crane,    | Elizabeth, N. J.      | Brick Church, N. J.  | Newark Academy.             | El. Eng.; M. E.      | 3        | 18           | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 13 A. J. Dibble,      | Sidney, N. Y.         | Franklin, N. Y.      | Del. Literary Institute.    | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 185          | Dem.      | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 14 H. G. Dimon,       | Riverhead, N. Y.      | Riverhead, N. Y.     | Public School.              | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 220          | Dem.      | Protection.      |
| 15 W. S. Elliott,     | Wellsville, O.        | Wellsville, O.       | Wellesville, High School.   | El. Eng.; M. E.      | 4        | 107          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 16 G. E. Fisher,      | Westerlo, N. Y.       | Westerlo, N. Y.      | Onondaga Academy.           | Arts; A. B.          | 5        | 105          | Rep.      | Free Trade.      |
| 17 K. Flint,          | Granada, Nic'rag'a    | Granada.             | Colegio de Granada.         | Mech. Eng.; M. E.    | 11       | 201          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 18 C. G. Gardiner,    | Soogotee, Ind.        | Wash., Ind.          | High School.                | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 3        | 47           | Rep.      | Prot. at Pres.   |
| 19 A. W. Gifford,     | Little Utica, N. Y.   | Little Utica.        | Falley Seminary.            | Arch.; B. S.         | 12       | 185          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 20 A. B. Gilliland,   | Van Wert, O.          | Van Wert, O.         | High School.                | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 3        | 50           | Rep.      | Mod. Protect.    |
| 21 W. D. Gillis,      | Kinsman, O.           | Kinsman, O.          | Kinsman High School.        | M. E.                | 12       | 225          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 22 M. H. Goodkind,    | San Francisco.        | N. Y. City.          | Sachs Coll. Inst., N. Y. C. | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 185          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 23 A. H. Grant,       | N. Y. City.           | Piermont, N. Y.      | Private, in N. Y. City.     | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 12       | 193          | Pro.      | Agnostic.        |
| 24 W. E. Greenawalt,  | Chestnut Hill, Pa.    | Silver Spr., Pa.     | Cascadilla School.          | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 212          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 25 *Frances Gregor,   | Tremosnue, B'hem      | Ahnapee, Wis.        | Normal School, Oshkosh.     | Letters; B. L.       | 9        | 182          | Rep.      | Free Trade.      |
| 26 D. W. Gunner,      | Buffalo, N. Y.        | Idem.                | Village School.             | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 225          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 27 E. E. Hart,        | Little Val., N. Y.    | Little Valley.       | Ten Broeck Academy.         | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 225          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 28 W. S. Hebbard,     | Milford, Mich.        | Chicago, Ill.        | Rochester High School.      | B. S.                | 12       | 207          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 29 H. R. HOFFED,      | Lancaster, N. Y.      | Idem.                | Normal School, Buffalo.     | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 225          | Mug.      | Free Trade.      |
| 30 C. W. Hopkinson,   | Cleveland, O.         | Idem.                | W. H. School.               | Arch.; B. S.         | 7        | (?)          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 31 C. W. Horr, Jr.    | Huntington, O.        | Wellington, O.       | Wel. High School.           | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | (?)          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 32 L. S. Keating,     | Buffalo, N. Y.        | Idem.                | Buffalo High School.        | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 195          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 33 B. Kuykendall, Jr. | Windham, Pa.          | Towanda, Pa.         | Towanda H. School.          | Ph. B.               | 12       | 213          | Rep.      | Free Trade.      |
| 34 H. M. Lovell,      | Marathon, N. Y.       | Ithaca.              | Cortland Normal School.     | A. B.                | 9        | 185          | Rep.      | Mod. Protect.    |
| 35 C. A. McAllister,  | Cape May, N. Y.       | N. Y. City.          | Public School.              | M. E.                | 12       | 206          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 36 J. P. Maguire,     | Chateaugay, N. Y.     | Ithaca.              | Chat. Academy.              | Arch.                | 12       | 215          | Anar.     | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 37 G. M. Marshall,    | Sheshequin, Pa.       | Towanda, Pa.         | Col. Inst., Towanda.        | Phil.; Ph. B.        | 12       | 214          | Rep.      | Discrim. Tariff. |
| 38 G. C. Miller,      | Buffalo, N. Y.        | Elmira, N. Y.        | Elmira Free Academy.        | Letters.             | 12       | 203          | Ind.      | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 39 V. A. Moore,       | Houndsfield, N. Y.    | Parish, N. Y.        | Mexico Academy.             | Nat. History; B. S.  | 10       | 180          | Rep.      | Mod. Protect.    |
| 40 W. Z. Morrison,    | Brockwayville, Pa.    | Idem.                | Wooster Univ.               | Arts; A. B.          | 5        | 75           | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 41 A. J. Norton,      | Utica, N. Y.          | Idem.                | Sanguoit Academy.           | Arch.; B. S.         | 12       | 200          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 42 G. H. Norton,      | E. Pembroke, N. J.    | Idem.                | Batavia Union School.       | C. E.                | 12       | 223          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 43 B. L. Oviatt,      | Shushan, N. Y.        | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Private teacher.            | Nat. Hist.; B. S.    | 12       | 209          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 44 D. B. Oviatt,      | Shushan, N. Y.        | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Self prepared.              | Mech. Eng.; M. E.    | 12       | 204          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 45 H. R. Palmer,      | Cleveland, O.         | Idem.                | Cl. High School.            | El. Eng.             | 4        | 69           | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 46 G. B. Richards,    | Leavenworth, Kas.     | Kansas City, Mo.     | Leavenworth High Schl.      | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 190          | Dem.      | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 47 P. B. Roberts,     | Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.   | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Cascadilla.                 | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 180          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 48 W. J. Romer,       | Brooklyn, N. Y.       | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Ithaca High School.         | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 12       | 215          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 49 J. E. Russell,     | Hamden, N. Y.         | Hamden, N. Y.        | Delaware Academy.           | Arts; A. B.          | 12       | 190          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 50 R. E. Rutherford,  | Union, N. Y.          | Hamden, N. Y.        | Binghamton High Schl.       | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 195          | Dem.      | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 51 H. J. Ryan,        | Powel's Valley, Pa.   | Halfax, Penn.        | Baltimore High School.      | El. Eng.; M. E.      | 12       | 212          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 52 R. C. St. John,    | St. Catherine's, Ont. | St. Catherine's.     | Cascadilla.                 | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 225          | Lib'l.    | Protection.      |
| 53 E. H. Sargent,     | Lafayette, O.         | Medina, O.           | Med. High School.           | Nat. Hist.; B. S.    | 12       | 230          | Dem.      | Protection.      |
| 54 E. Sternberger,    | N. Y. City.           | N. Y. City.          | Coll. of City of N. Y.      | Letters; B. L.       | 11       | 184          | Dem.      | Tariff for Rev.  |
| 55 N. Stewart, Jr.    | York, N. Y.           | York, N. Y.          | Peekskill Mil Acad.         | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 220          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 56 J. W. Taylor,      | Mobile, Ala.          | Corinth, Miss.       | Chamberlain Institute.      | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 225          | Dem.      | Free Trade.      |
| 57 F. W. Thomson,     | Al'x'ndria Bay, N.Y   | Alex. Bay, N. Y.     | Tutor.                      | Philosophy; Ph. B.   | 12       | 202          | Dem.      | Ultimate Fr. Tr  |
| 58 J. F. Thomson,     | do                    | do                   | Tutor.                      | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 202          | Dem.      | Tar. for Rev.    |
| 59 H. K. Vedder,      | St. Johnsville, N.Y.  | St. Johnsville, N.Y. | Clinton Liberal Inst.       | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 225          | Rep.      | Prot., High T.   |
| 60 A. R. Warner,      | Huntington, O.        | Wellington, O.       | Well. High School.          | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 198          | Rep.      | Mod. Prot.       |
| 61 G. F. Weber,       | Lysander, N. Y.       | Lysander.            | Jordan Academy.             | Science; B. S.       | 10       | 191          | Rep.      | Protect.         |
| 62 H. White,          | Buffalo, N. Y.        | Syracuse, N. Y.      | Syracuse High School.       | Letters; B. L.       | 12       | 198          | Rep.      | Protect.         |
| 63 R. E. Wilbur,      | Carthage, N. Y.       | Carthage, N. Y.      | Carth. Union School.        | H. & P. Sci.; Ph. B. | 12       | 200          | Ind.      | Tar. for Rev.    |
| 64 C. G. Williams,    | Ithaca, N. Y.         | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Ithaca High School.         | Civil Eng.; C. E.    | 12       | 220          | Rep.      | Protection.      |
| 65 E. D. Wright,      | Danby, N. Y.          | Ithaca, N. Y.        | Ithaca High School.         | Arts; A. B.          | 12       | 185          | Rep.      | Protect.         |

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No replies from: E. J. Allendorf, A. L. Benham, C. L. Bristol, E. D. Carnaghan, M. Cohn, Jr., B. G. Cole, G. Covell, C. W. Curtis, E. L. Elliott, F. G. Franklin, W. E. Gray, F. W. Hebard, E. Hedden, A. J. Himes, J. D. Ihlder, S. E. Kelsey, T. F. Lawrence, G. McCargo, C. McEbright,

# Senior Class.

| MEMBERS OF WHAT ASSOCIATION.              | WHAT FRATERNITY.   | FUTURE PROFESSION. | AGE.  | HT.      | WT. | Hat   | Shoe   | TEMPERANCE VIEWS.    | RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION | CHURCH MEMBER. | FAVORITE STUDY.  |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------|----------|-----|-------|--------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1 C. U. C. A., Meth. All., Pro. C.        | None.              | Civil Eng.         | 20    | 5-7      | 150 | 7     | 6      | Prohibitory.         | Methodist.             | Yes            | Int. & Dif. Cal. |
| 2 C. U. C. A., I. L. S., Class. Assn.     | P. B. K.           | Uncertain.         | 20    | 5-9      | 155 | 7 1/2 | 7      | Open to Convic.      | Congregation'l         | Yes            | German.          |
| 3 Mech. Eng.                              | P. D. T.           | None.              | 23    | 5-10     | 120 | 6 1/2 | 6      | No License.          | Episcopalian.          | No.            | Mech. Design     |
| 4 Mech. Eng.                              | None.              | R. R. Eng.         | 22    | 5-8      | 140 | 6 1/2 | 8      | Temperance.          | None.                  | No.            | Mechanics        |
| 5 C. U. C. A., Mech. Eng.                 | None.              | Mech. Eng.         | 22    | 5-10     | 140 | 7 1/2 | 7      | Prohibition.         | Presbyterian.          | No.            | Mathematics.     |
| 6 Richardson Club, Glee Club.             | X. Psi.            | Architect.         | 21    | 5-8      | 155 | 6 1/2 | 6      | None.                | Episcopalian.          | Yes            | Design.          |
| 7 C. U. C. A.                             | None.              | The Law.           | 27    | 5-2      | 133 | 7 1/2 | 6 1/2  | High License.        | Congregation'l         | Yes            | History.         |
| 8 Congress.                               | None.              | Law.               | 22    | 5-5      | 140 | 7 1/2 | 6 1/2  | Free Whiskey.        | None.                  | No.            | H. & P. S.       |
| 9   | T. D. X.           | Civil Eng.         | 24    | 5-9 1/2  | 152 | 7     | 8      | Temperance.          | Roman Cath.            | No.            | Electricity.     |
| 10 El. Eng.                               | A. D. P.           | El. Eng. (?)       | 22    | 6-6      | 180 | 7 1/2 | 9 1/2  | High License.        | None.                  | No.            | Electricity.     |
| 11 C. U. C. A., Nat. Hist. S. Ath. Assn.  | P. B. K., T. D. X. | Naturalist.        | 20    | 6-3      | 180 | 7 1/2 | 11 1/2 | Pro. tow. t'l ab.    | Congregation'l         | Yes            | Botany.          |
| 12 C. U. C. A., Lacross, Tennis.          | Not here.          | El. Eng.           | 22    | 5-10 1/2 | 143 | 6 1/2 | 8      | High License.        | Congregation'l         | Yes            | Electricity.     |
| 13 C. U. C. A.                            | ?                  | ?                  | 26    | 6        | 135 | 7 1/2 | 8      | Ultra 'H'g Lic's     | None.                  | No.            | History.         |
| 14  | B. T. P., T. N. E. | Civil Eng.         | 20    | 5-8 1/2  | 140 | 7 1/2 | 6 1/2  | High License.        | Congregation'l         | No.            | Base Ball.       |
| 15 Electrical Engineering.                |                    | Elect. Eng.        | 23    | 6        | 180 | 7 1/2 | 9      | Prohibition.         | Presbyterian.          | No.            | Electricity.     |
| 16 Classical Association.                 | P. B. K.           |                    | 24    | 5-10     | 150 | 7 1/2 | 7      | High License.        | Baptist.               | Yes            | Mathematics.     |
| 17 Mech. Eng.                             | P. K. Psi.         | Mech. Eng.         | 21    | 5-2      | 104 | 7     | 4 1/2  | To'l'nt in spec'l    | Unitarian.             | No.            | Mathematics.     |
| 18  | Sigma Xi.          | Lawyer.            | 21    | 5-5      | 115 | 7     | 5      | H. L. & L. Opt.      | Protestant.            | No.            | Polit. Econ.     |
| 19 Rich. Club.                            |                    | Architect.         | 22    | 5-10     | 148 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2  | High License.        | Episcopal.             | No.            | Calculus.        |
| 20  | Sigma Xi.          | Medicine.          | 22    | 5-9      | 130 | 7 1/2 | 6 1/2  | No Pro. T. f. r. Pri | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | History.         |
| 21 M. E. Assn., C. U. C. A.               |                    | Mech. Eng.         | 22    | 5-9 1/2  | 165 | 7     | 9      | Temperance.          | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | Math.            |
| 22 Mermaid.                               | T. N. E.           | Merchant.          | 21-3  | 5-6      | 128 | 6 1/2 | 7      | Moderation.          | Jewish.                | No.            | Physics.         |
| 23 C. A., Class., W., C. A., P. U., P. C. | P. B. K.           | ?                  | 21-7  | 5-11     | 145 | 7     | 11     | Total Abst.          | Christian.             | Yes            | Draughting.      |
| 24 C. U. C. A., Irving.                   |                    | Prob. Arch.        | 21    | 5-8      | 134 | 7     | 6 1/2  | High License.        | Lutheran.              | Yes            | Mechanics.       |
| 25 C. U. C. A.                            | A. S. S. Club.     | Teaching.          | 37    | 5-6      | 135 | (?)   | 5      | Const. Pro.          | Baptist.               | Yes            | Literature.      |
| 26 C. U. C. A.                            |                    | Civil Eng.         | 24    | 5-8 1/2  | 165 | 6 1/2 | 7      | Prohib.              | Methodist.             | Yes            |                  |
| 27  |                    | Civil Eng.         | 25    | 6        | 157 | 7 1/2 | 8      | No Prohib.           | None.                  | No.            | All.             |
| 28 Mermaid.                               | A. D. P., T. N. E. | Architecture.      | 24    | 5-6      | 130 | 6 1/2 | 5      | High License.        | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | Arch.            |
| 29  | T. N. E.           | Civil Eng.         | 23    | 5-7      | 140 | 7 1/2 | 7      | Very H. Licens       | None.                  | No.            | Geodesy.         |
| 30  | None.              | Architecture.      | 22    | 5-6 1/2  | 138 | 7 1/2 | 7      | Strictly Temp.       | Congreg.               | Yes            | Arch.            |
| 31 Tennis and Athletic. Assn.             | D. U.              | Journalist.        | 20    | 5-7      | 140 | 7     | 7      | High License.        | None.                  | Yes            | Polit. Econ.     |
| 32 None.                                  | K. A.              | Business.          | 21    | 5-10     | 175 | 7 1/2 | 7      | High License.        | Meth. Epis.            | Yes            | Inter. Law.      |
| 33 Seabury, H. P. S. Ass., Class. A.      | X. Psi, P. B. K.   | Law or Teach       | 21    | 5-9      | 152 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2  | High License.        | None.                  | No.            | H. & P. S.       |
| 34 M. E. Ass.                             | P. B. K.           | Teacher.           | 29    | 6-1      | 155 | 7 1/2 | 8      | High License.        | Episcop.               | No.            | H. & P. S.       |
| 35 None.                                  | P. D. T.           | Marine Eng.        | 19    | 5-11 1/2 | 168 | 7     | 8 1/2  | High License.        | Episcop.               | No.            | Trigonometry.    |
| 36 C. U. C. A., H. P. S., Class. Ass.     | R. K. T.           | Poet.              | 23    | 6-1      | 170 | 7 1/2 | 9      | No Li. in N. Y.      | Mormon.                | No.            | Sanskrit.        |
| 37 Mermaid.                               | D. U.              | Law.               | 25    | 6-1      | 167 | 7     | 8 1/2  | High License.        | Episcopal.             | Yes            | (?)              |
| 38  | X. Psi.            | Medicine.          | 25    | 5-9 1/2  | 150 | 7 1/2 | 7      | Moderation.          | Congreg.               | Yes            | Bot. Zoology     |
| 39 C. U. C. A., Nat. Hist. Assn.          |                    | Teacher.           | 28    | 5-5 1/2  | 137 | 6 1/2 | 7      | Down with W.         | Meth.                  | Yes            | Botany.          |
| 40 Classical.                             | P. D. T.           | Teacher.           | 22-10 | 5-8 1/2  | 155 | 7 1/2 | 7      | High License.        | Presbyt.               | Yes            | Greek.           |
| 41 C. A.                                  |                    | Arch.              | 19-9  | 5-9 1/2  | 127 | 7 1/2 | 7      | High License.        | Presbyt.               | Yes            | Greek.           |
| 42  |                    | Civil Eng.         | 24    | 5-8 1/2  | 140 | 7 1/2 | 7      | High License.        | Presbyt.               | No.            | Physics.         |
| 43 Nat. Hist., C. U. C. A., Pres. U.      |                    | Medicine.          | 24    | 5-10     | 160 |       |        | Temperance.          | Presbyt.               | Yes            | Anatomy.         |
| 44 M. Eng., C. U. C. A., Meth. Al.        |                    | Mech. Eng.         | 29    | 5-6      | 150 | 7 1/2 | 6      | Temperance.          | Meth. Epis.            | Yes            | Lab. Work.       |
| 45 E. E. Ass.                             | None.              | El. Eng.           | 23    | 5-11 1/2 | 155 | 7 1/2 | 8      | Temperance.          | Presbyt.               | Yes            |                  |
| 46  | A. D. P., T. N. E. | Business.          | 21    | 5-9      | 135 | 6 1/2 | 6      | High License.        | None.                  | No.            | Literature.      |
| 47 None.                                  | T. D. X.           | Business.          | 21    | 5-8      | 135 | 6 1/2 | 5      | High License.        | None.                  | No.            | Shakespeare.     |
| 48  | A. D. P.           | Business.          | 23    | 5-4      | 125 | 6 1/2 | 5 1/2  | High License.        | None.                  | No.            | Sen'r Physics    |
| 49 Classical, Pres. Union.                | D. U.              | Teaching.          | 23    | 5-10     | 152 | 7     | 6 1/2  | Temperance.          | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | Philosophy.      |
| 50 C. U. C. A., H. P. S. Ass.             | None.              | Law.               | 26    | 5-8 1/2  | 152 | 7     | 6 1/2  | High License.        | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | History.         |
| 51 El. Eng.                               | P. K. Psi.         | El. & Mec. En.     | 21    | 5-9      | 130 | 7     | 6      | Educ. to Temp.       | Methodist.             | No.            | Electricity.     |
| 52 None.                                  | K. A.              | Civil Eng.         | 22    | 5-10 1/2 | 155 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2  | High License.        | Episcopalian.          | No.            |                  |
| 53 Nat. Hist. Soc.                        | None.              | Naturalist.        | 23    | 5-9 1/2  | 163 | 6 1/2 | 7 1/2  | High License.        | None.                  | No.            | Microscopy.      |
| 54 Mermaid.                               |                    | Medicine.          | 20    | 5-6 1/2  | 146 | 7     | 7      | Moderation.          | Jewish.                | Yes            | Amer. Hist.      |
| 55  | Psi U.             | Civil Eng.         | 23    | 5-10     | 150 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2  | High License.        | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | Eng. Econ'cs     |
| 56 H. & P. S. Ass.                        | P. K. Psi.         | Banker.            | 23    | 5-8      | 160 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2  | Out of Politics.     | Methodist.             | Yes            | History.         |
| 57 Mermaid.                               | T. D. X.           | Lawyer.            | 20    | 5-9      | 145 | 7     | 6      | State Control.       | None.                  | No.            | Physics.         |
| 58 Mermaid.                               | T. D. X.           | Business.          | 22    | 5-8 1/2  | 135 | 6 1/2 | 6      | Temperance.          | None.                  | No.            | Math.            |
| 59 Sun Board; Orchestra.                  | T. D. X.           | Civil Eng.         | 20    | 5-11 1/2 | 198 | 7 1/2 | 9      | Temperance.          | Ref. Church.           | No.            | Lit. Eng.        |
| 60 Mermaid, Dramatic.                     | D. U.              | Banking.           | 20    | 6        | 150 | 7 1/2 | 7 1/2  | High License.        | Congregation'l         | No.            | Language.        |
| 61 C. U. C. A.                            | None.              | Physician.         | 23    | 5-10     | 162 | 7 1/2 | 8      | Prohibition.         | None.                  | Yes            | History.         |
| 62 Athletic.                              | K. A.              | Law.               | 21    | 5-11 1/2 | 150 | 7     | 7      | High License.        | Prot. Episcopal        | Yes            | History.         |
| 63 H. & P. S.                             | P. B. K.           | Law.               | 22    | 5-9      | 155 | 7     | 9      | High License.        | Baptist.               | Yes            | Polit. Ec.       |
| 64  | Psi. U.            | Engineering.       | 22    | 5-10     | 127 | 7     | (?)    | High License.        | Presbyterian.          | Yes            | Stone Cut.       |
| 65 C. U. C. A., Class., Meth. Al.         | None.              | Teaching.          | 26    | 5-2      |     | 7 1/2 | 6      | Prohibition.         | Methodist.             | Yes            | Greek.           |

J. W. Meehan, F. W. Meloy, L. M. Otis, K. E. Selmsler, H. E. Smith, M. Smith, G. Sterling, M. W. Thomas, T. K. Wilkinson. Favorite New York Dailies: Tribune, 20; Herald, 12; Times, 8; World, 8; Post, 7. Favorite Monthly Magazines: Century, 31; Harpers, 17. Favorite Prose Writers: Dickens, 9; Thackeray, 8; Irving, 7; Scott, 5. Favorite Poets: Longfellow, 12; Shakespeare, 12; Tennyson, 10. Average yearly expenses, \$520. Lowest annual expense, \$200; largest, \$1350. Average age of the class, 23 yrs. Oldest, 37 yrs; youngest, 19 yrs.

## COMMENCEMENT.

The exercises of commencement day were in every way as successful as were the previous days. Shortly after nine o'clock, the armory being already nearly filled, the graduating class, faculty, alumni, and trustees entered and took seats reserved for them in the center of the hall. To our great regret, we are unable to find space for even extracts from the orations presented; but give the programme:

## ORDER OF EXERCISES.

What Socrates Taught, George Montanye Marshall.  
Modern Bohemian Poetry, Frances Gregor.  
Count Cavour and Italian Unity, Robert Elmer Rutherford.

The Future of American Architecture, Charles William Hopkinson.

The Religious Forces in the English Revolution of 1688, Fred William Thomson.

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

## FIRST DEGREES.

Bachelors of Arts.—Frederic Vernon Coville, George Egbert Fisher, Herbert Marlow Lovell, Carita McEbright, William Zalmon Morrison, James Earl Russell, Mary Wright Thomas, Ellsworth David Wright.

Bachelors of Philosophy.—Elbert James Allendorf, Anna Louise Benham, Donaldson Bodine, Caroline Louise Bristol, Francis Leon Chrisman, Charles Gibson Gardiner, Allen Bertram Gilliland, Arthur Hastings Grant, Fred Whitmore Hebard, Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr., George Montanye Marshall, Fredrika Williams Meloy, William Johnstone Romer, Milton Smith, Fred William Thomson, Royal Edwards Wilbur.

Bachelors of Science.—In the course in Science.—Elias Leavenworth Elliot, Robert Thomas Hill, Grant McCargo, Veranus Alva Moore, Lois Macy Otis, Bordman Lambert Oviatt, Erle Hoxsie Sargent, George Frederick Weber.

In Architecture.—George Whitman Casey, William Sterling Hebbard, Charles William Hopkinson, Albert Julius Norton.

In Chemistry.—Theodore Kirkland Wilkinson.

Bachelors of Letters.—Morris Cohn, Jr., Harrison Coley, Arthur Jackson Dibble, Frank George Franklin, Martin Henry Goodkind, Frances Gregor, Charles William Horr, Jr., Langford Spencer Keating, George Congdon Miller, George Blackwell Richards, Perry Buchanan Roberts, Robert Elmer Rutherford, Kate Eveline Selmser, Edwin Sternberger, John Waring Taylor, John Fuller Thomson, Albert Rollin Warner, Horace White.

Civil Engineers.—Lyle Fred Bellinger, Redmon Stephen Colnon, Henry Goldsmith Dimon, William Eckert Greenawalt, Daniel Webster Gunner, Emmet Ellsworth Hart, Edward Hedden, Albert James Himes, Henry Rudolph Hoffeld, John William Meehan, George Harvey Norton, Richard Collier St. John, Guy Sterling, Neil Stewart, Jr., Herman Klock Vedder, Chauncey Grant Williams.

Mechanical Engineers.—in Mechanical Engineering.—Edward Carlisle Boynton, Jr., Charles Browning, Jr., Alexander Watson Buchanan, Grant Adelbert Covell, Rufus Flint, William Davis Gillis, Charles

Albert McAllister, David Brainerd Oviatt, Harry Ezra Smith, John Jacob Berger, C. E., John Knickerbocker, C. E., Edwin Nash Sanderson, C. E.

In Electrical Engineering.—Edwin Dixon Carnaghan, Ezra Cornell, William Foster Day Crane, William Swan Elliott, Johann Dietrich Ihlder, Herbert Rodman Palmer, Harris Joseph Ryan.

## ADVANCED DEGREES.

Masters of Science.—Frederick Dixon Chester, B. S., Harry Pelouze DeForest, B. S., I. Thornton Osmond, B. A.

Master of Arts.—Ayres Derby Lundy, B. A.

## PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Woodford Prize in Oratory, Horace White.  
The Eighty-Six Memorial Prize in Declamation, Andrew Strong White.

The Horace K. White Prizes in Veterinary Science, divided equally between Leonard Pearson and George Frederick Weber.

The Sibley Prizes in Mechanic Arts; 1st prize, George Welton Bissell, 2d prize, Paul Cooley Ford, Jr., 3d prize, Bryant Harmon Blood, 4th prize, Ford Guy Gasche, 5th prize, William Ebenezer Reed.

The Prize offered by the Shakspeare Society of London, Eleanor Rose Larrison, A. B.

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES.

Certificates for the Medical Preparatory Course, Caroline Louise Bristol, Addison Luzerne Coville, Erle Hoxsie Sargent, Bordman Lambert Oviatt, Herman Clarence Riggs.

Teacher's Certificates.—George Egbert Fisher, Mathematics; Frances Gregor, Modern History and General Literature; Robert Elmer Rutherford, History and Political Science; Henry Elijah Summers, Natural History.

Certificates for Proficiency in Military Science.—Langford, Spencer Keating, Fred William Thomson, Herman Klock Vedder, Albert Rollin Warner.

Special certificates.—Eugene Hubert Hammond, Architecture; John Charles Alison Heriot, Architecture; William Butts Ittner, Architecture.

## SPECIAL DISTINCTIONS.

(Awarded to members of the graduating class who have made a special study in certain lines during the last two years of the course with marked success.)

Morris Cohn, Jr., History and Political Science; Harrison Coley, History and Political Science; Frederick Vernon Coville, Botany; Frances Gregor, Modern History and General Literature; Robert Thomas Hill, Geology; Charles William Horr, Jr., History and Political Science; Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr., History and Political Science; Herbert Marlow Lovell, History and Political Science; George Montanye Marshall, History; Veranus Alva Moore, Natural History; Bordman Lambert Oviatt, Anatomy; James Earl Russell, Philosophy; Erle Hoxsie Sargent, Anatomy; John Waring Taylor, History and Political Science; Royal Edward Wilbur, History; Ellsworth David Wright, Greek.

## SPECIAL FINAL HONORS.

(Awarded to members of the graduating class who have won Mid-Course Honors, and have since pursued particular lines of study, and passed examinations on special topics, with distinguished success.)

Elbert James Allendorf, French; Herbert Marlow Lovell, History and Political Science.

## HONORS FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE.

[Awarded to members of the graduating class whose average standing in the studies of the entire course is "honorable."]

Elbert James Allendorf, Lyle Fred Bellinger, Donaldson Bodine, Caroline Louise Bristol, Charles Browning, Jr., Morris Cohn, Jr., Grant Adelbert Covell, Frederic Vernon Coville, Elias Leavenworth Elliott, Frank George Franklin, William Davis Gillis, Arthur Hastings Grant, Frances Gregor, Daniel Webster Gunner, Emmet Ellsworth Hart, Albert James Himes, Charles William Horr, Jr., Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr., Herbert Marlow Lovell, George Montanye Marshall, Veranus Alva Moore, Albert Julius Norton, George Harvey Norton, Lois Macy Otis, Borden Lambert Oviatt, James Earl Russell, Robert Elmer Rutherford, Harris Joseph Ryan, Richard Collier St. John, Erle Hoxsie Sargent, Harry Ezra Smith, Herman Klock Vedder, George Frederick Weber, Royal Edwards Wilbur, Ellsworth David Wright.

At the close of the regular exercises, a bust of ex-President White given by the Alumni to the University, was formally presented by Mr. Clarence H. Esty, '76. The presentation address is so exact and so grand an expression of the feelings of University men toward our ex-President, and was so well received that we give it in full:

## MR. PRESIDENT:

We come, sir, to our fair, "Dear Mother" a goodly company of loyal children, to lay at her feet our first offering. And this, the earliest tribute of our gratitude and affection, while it may be surpassed in display and extrinsic worth, we believe will never be exceeded in significance.

We may, sir, and I trust we shall before many years, bring to our mother a beautiful building, worthy to adorn her fair domain. But be our tribute what it may, there is a feeling of tenderness going with this gift that we know can hardly accompany any other. For at this time we have chosen in an incomplete way to honor one to whom we owe much, far more than words can tell, our more than preceptor, our more than counsellor, our more than guide, our dearest common friend.

While many have vied with him in earnest purpose to shower benefits upon us, he must ever hold the first place in our love. Vain the effort, needless in this presence to trace the countless springs of our affections to their sources in his gracious deeds. Yet shall one be named. To him we owe the high privilege of taking part in the councils of our Alma Mater. Nor was he content that his "boys" as he loved to call them, should have a small share in shaping the policy of that institution he had done so much to make great. That trust in us, that real need for us which he felt, resulted in the adoption of a measure, dignifying for all time, this great body of Alumni, endowing it as it does with one-third part of the active control of the interests of this institution of learning. Truly a great trust, a mighty confidence! May we never prove unfaithful to it, for his sake if not for our own honor's sake.

Fellow Alumni, the passing years, be they few or many, that divide the present from the day that

marked the close of our sheltered college course, have with their varied conquests, brought their teachings too. Students have we remained perforce, conning, unwillingly the hard lessons of active, earnest living. Sadly for us have many unacknowledged illusions of the earlier time been found all too rightly named. Perhaps the most ungrateful of all tasks has been the readjustment in our thought, the scaling down to their true level, of those men the world calls great. Happy he, who can still point to some one character fulfilling his old-time ideal of beauty in character and still declare from the depths of an honest conviction, he is ever as I thought him to be!

May we not question now if we, turning a backward glance to our college days, studied to the complete understanding of it what was, perhaps, the most instructive lesson of our course? The lesson of a life of unselfish devotion to a worthy cause.

Let us pause, and with clearer view and more careful measurement, applying the tests and norms adjusted to the selfish, place-hunting world we have come to know since we left these cloistered halls, see if our ideal shall retain its fair proportions.

Need we fear? May not our thought of this man find fitting expression in the glowing tribute of the poet Horace to his great patron?

"Mæcenas, atavis edite regibus

O et praesidium, et dulce decus meum."

What find we? A young man gifted by nature with a rare mental equipment, enriched by years of zealous study, and by the culture that travel brings, favored by fortune with bounteous store of wealth, with a political future of rare promise, already insured by laurels fairly earned, putting from him a career most strongly appealing to every taste and right ambition, calmly, unreservedly dedicating his life to the establishment and development of what? Of an *experiment* in education, the up-building of a university founded upon the scoffed-at idea of the "new education."

O, the sublime faith of the noble founder! The high courage of the young man, who, cherishing for years the purpose, born of something akin to inspiration, of establishing a great university in his native state, found in that "generous heart" the eager sharer of his high aims; in that "generous hand" the ready instrument of their accomplishment!

And lo! the scoffers of those days even now bringing their endorsement of the strength of those ideas by declaring themselves to be the inventors, well content to share in the harvest of that sowing, while claiming it as all their own.

Yes, well has our early ideal stood the test of time's measurement; its fair proportions rounded to fullest completeness by that recent act of unselfish devotion, the gift of a wealth of volumes, whose gathering has been the unremitting labor of a lifetime, around which entwined the very heartstrings of the donor, his dearest earthly possession.

The thought, sir, that brings with it the deepest pleasure to-day, is that, unlike too common experience in this age of the tardy expression of gratitude to the noble and great, when to the loving hearts left behind, who would fain render homage justly due, there remains but a block of marble and a memory; it is our joy to-day to hold him with us still, with all that presence imports—unceasing, untiring activity in furthering all that goes toward the upbuilding of this great University we will ever love and cherish.

Then, too, the grateful hope and confidence is ours

that many, many years will be vouchsafed him to watch with pure delight the growth of that great undertaking in education to which he consecrated the richest years of his life.

Our thoughts, ever loving, of this our friend and benefactor, now under the shadow of a great affliction, are softened to a deeper tenderness. May we not trust that the memories of the noble work he has done for us will bring comfort to him as he calls to mind, as do we to-day, the earnest coöperation in that work of the gentle spirit who has left us?

In the future time, not so very distant from any of us, when it shall be for other lips to "loud her praises tell," for other voices to "lift the chorus, speed it onward," for other hands to guide the courses of "old Cornell," the throngs of zealous youth sprung from the sturdy stock of the mightiest empire earth can boast, the empire of a people's rule, drawing from this deep, sweet well of knowledge on Ithaca's lovely heights, shall pause in their labor, and lifting their eyes to this marble, shall receive new inspiration, new stimulus to high achievement, as they there behold the sculptured face of him whose most enduring monument shall ever be that great institution which proudly owns him as its first chief—ANDREW DICKSON WHITE, First President of Cornell University!

President Adams, on behalf of the University accepted the bust, in a neat though short address. Our space forbids even quotations from the speech.

The following poem written by C. F. Allen, '73, was then read. He had the original manuscript neatly bound in carnelian and white, and intended it as a present for Mrs. White, but it will now be given to Mrs. Dr. Newbury.

They have builded a wondrous castle  
On these beautiful hills of ours,  
And the mariner sails on the Sea of Life  
By the sight of its lofty towers;  
When the unknown shore is lifting,  
And the weary soul goes drifting,  
It will loom like a splendid phantom  
From its broad champain of flowers.

It is not in a weird Espagna  
The sentinels lift their spears;  
The strength of its glorious fabric  
Is knit in the lapse of years;  
And the wondering Slaves of Error  
Are thrilled with a growing terror,  
While the tracery crumbles slowly  
In the temple it reverts.

I have seen the builders toiling  
Where the gaunt foundations lay,  
And they fashioned the rugged arches  
For the light of a coming day;  
And those who have rest fell sleeping  
While the dawn in the sky was creeping,  
And the battlements' faint effulgence  
Grew over the misty way.

There were some with a will of iron,  
There was one with a woman's grace,  
They move in their rustling garments  
Like watchers about the place;  
They passed with a sudden warning  
Through the noiseless gates of morning—

Like the Syrian herald, flying  
With a glory in his face.

There is one we have called the Master—  
For he measured the work of all;  
And the arrows fell on his shining shield  
As he stubbornly raised the wall;  
So bountiful in his giving,  
So true to the dead and living—  
We have made him a place forever  
At the head of the inner hall.

We have chosen the rarest marble,  
To live in a day unknown,  
When the generous hands are folded,  
And the builder is left alone;  
To be as a Magian, seeking  
The hearts of all men, and speaking,  
Where the threshold is worn by pilgrims,  
With its motionless lips of stone.

On the turbulent shores of ocean  
We have written our names in sand;  
Not caring if they shall perish,—  
Content that his own will stand;  
Till the guards grow false in keeping,  
And the brambles laugh at reaping,  
And the augury of the Raca  
Is a gospel in the land.

If the social fabric totter  
With its awful load of guilt;  
If the hand of Justice palter,  
Like a coward's, with the hilt;  
And the banner he has blazoned  
Should be trampled by the brazened—  
They may then forget the builder,  
And the fortress that he built.

They will keep our wondrous castle  
When ages to come are dead:  
Not with a myriarchs iron,  
Or the profitless power of dread;  
With flowers to the turrets clinging  
And corridors sweet with singing,  
And oriel lit and glowing  
With a radiance richly shed.

They will set the banner nigher  
To the stealthy haunts of wrong;  
They will lift up Wisdom's fire  
As we lift enraptured song;  
For this silent face-beholding  
An illumined page unfolding,  
Looks across the shrinking ages,  
And it tells us we are strong.

### MEETING OF THE CORNELL ALUMNI.

The Associated Alumni of Cornell met in Library Hall at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, S. D. Halliday, '70, was chosen chairman. Roll call by classes showed the following members present: S. D. Halliday, '70; E. S. Parker, C. E. Van Cleef, '71; C. S. Crandall, A. W. Clinton, '72; G. W. Harris, I. P. Church, W. T. Morris, W. H. Smith, G. B. Turner, R. Anderson, '73; H.

M. Hibbard, G. S. Shepard, Mynderse Van Cleef, C. W. Wasson, '74; G. S. Moler, J. T. Newman, F. W. Simonds, '75; C. W. Esty, J. Parmelee, '76; H. W. Foster, S. H. Gage, D. F. Van Vleet, '77; E. Baker, C. D. Marx, A. W. Smith, R. H. Treman, Mrs. Mello, '78; A. S. Hathaway, E. B. Macy, '79; Mrs. Gage, Miss Roberts, F. S. Thomas, F. J. Whiton, '70; G. L. Burr, Miss A. Goddard, D. Studley, Miss A. B. Worthington, '81; F. E. Wilcox, E. T. Turner, '83; D. H. Dicker, H. P. DeForest, E. C. Murphy, H. J. Patten, '84; Miss Bowen, Mrs. Comstock, O. L. Elliott, E. A. Bostwick, '85; C. H. Hull, G. McCann, S. Ryder, H. E. Summers, C. H. Thurber, F. M. Towl, '86.

After some matters of routine business had been disposed of, the report of the tellers on the election of Trustee was made, with the following result: David S. Jordan, 339; J. D. Warner, 4; S. B. Turner, 2.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. R. H. Treman, '78; 1st vice pres. W. H. Smith, '73; 2nd vice pres. Frank Hiscock, '75; 3rd vice pres. A. A. Alling, '83; rec. sec. G. W. Harris, '73; treas. H. M. Hibbard, '74; J. T. Newman, '75, and E. W. Huffcut, '84, members of executive committee with the other officers. F. J. Whiton, C. H. Esty, C. H. Thurber, Mrs. Gage, E. W. Huffcut, were appointed to draw resolutions expressive of the sympathy of the alumni with ex-President White in his affliction.

### THE SENIOR BANQUET.

The Seniors, to the number of about fifty, gathered in Clinton Hall, Monday evening, for their last spread together. Teal, of Rochester, was the caterer, and he had had the hall tastefully decorated. The occasion was a very happy one; it lasted until 2 A. M., and much resembled the famous Trumansburg supper of '86. The following were the toasts:

"Our President," H. M. Lovell; "The Faculty," J. P. McGuire; "The Battalion," S. E. Kelsey; "Our Class Spirit," M. H. Goodkind; "The Senior," Wm. Hebbard; "The Wide, Wide World," R. S. Colnon; "Class Hats," Geo. H. Norton; "The Sage Maidens," F. W. Thompson; "Our Navy," Neil Stewart, Jr.; "'88," Benj. Kuykendall, Jr.; "The Absent Ones," Ezra Cornell; "Y. M. C. A.," H. R. Hoffield; "'88's Cornelian," W. Z. Morrison; "Athletics," F. V. Coville. Guy Sterling served as the efficient toast master of the evening. F. Leon Chris-

man, the prize orator, then delivered his address, which was received in the manner so usual when this popular lecturer speaks. The prizes were awarded as follows: "The most popular man," R. S. Colnon; "The handsomest man," Edward Sternberger; "The most vain fop," M. H. Goodkind; "The greatest cynic," M. Cohn; "The champion kicker," F. V. Coville; "The most permiscuous hugger," H. M. Lovell; "The most immoral man," A. H. Grant; "The rankest politician," H. W. Coley; "The smoothest confidence man," F. Leon Chrisman.

### THE PASSAIC RIVER REGATTA.

On Tuesday, the 14th, our crew left Ithaca for the Passaic, in charge of Commodore Psotta and Trainer Hamm. They arrived on the following day and at once went to work on the course of Saturday's race.

Saturday was a fine day, just suited for the race, and for the breaking of records. In the forenoon the trial heats were rowed, and our Commodore, who was entered for the Senior singles, failed to secure a place, losing by half a length. His boat was washed by a steamer, and this undoubtedly caused him to be beaten.

In the afternoon after the Junior double scull race and the Junior singles, the four oared shell race was called. Four crews were entered. As the signal was given our boys got away first and kept the lead easily until the finish. Stranahan steered a remarkably straight course, and Balch's stroke was just right. Shortly after the start, it was easily seen that Cornell was the winner, and all the interest centered in the struggle for second place. The time made is the fastest on record, but they rowed with the tide and this of course makes a difference of about twenty seconds. The time was 8.13½. The crew was Balch, stroke; Fielder, No. 2; Peck, No. 3; Stranahan, Bow.

The crew left for Philadelphia the same day and are now rowing on the Schuylkill. At this date a race had not yet been arranged with the University of Pennsylvania, as they wished to row in eights, and of course our men wished to row in fours. In case they do not make up a four, our crew will row over the course; and if they do form a crew, we are certain of victory, so the Child's Cup will rest at Cornell this coming year.

### CORNELLIANA.

—The Sun and ERA joint banquet held lately was a perfect success.

—Farewell, '87.

—Hobart won the pennant in baseball.

—The Cornell Glee Club and Banjo Club had a very satisfactory trip to Owego.

—The Senior Ball dance orders for this year are the finest in design ever seen in Ithaca.

—It is the prevalent opinion among students that the new method of registration will not work well.

—A few subscriptions to the ERA remain unpaid. You will greatly oblige us by settling your account at once.

—Good literary critics, who also have a good eye for beauty in all its forms, say that the new *Cornellian* is passing beautiful of exterior.

—The attention of the visiting Alumni is called to the great need of new athletic grounds. Do something for us and you will earn the satisfaction of having done Cornell a valuable service in this too much neglected matter.

—The hearty congratulations of the ERA are extended to Professor H. S. Williams upon his election to the position of Dean of the Faculty. His fitness is acknowledged, and his well-known fairness to students will make him at once a most popular successor to Professor Schaeffer.

—Very impressive memorial services were held at the Chapel last Monday afternoon over the remains of Miss Mary B. Hill of Jamestown, N. Y. The services were opened by prayer; Rev. A. S. Fiske followed with the reading of the service, after which Miss Hill's pastor delivered a touching address, alluding in beautiful words to his friendship with the deceased. The remains were taken to Jamestown on the evening train in charge of an escort consisting of Messrs. Sanderson and Danforth and Misses Rogers and Snow.

—Owing to the great amount of matter, unusually large even for commencement week, we were obliged to increase the size of the ERA by four pages. Notwithstanding this increase of space, we are forced not only to omit much in the form of local items, personals, and several excellent verses sent us for publication, but to contract, against our inclination, our account of Commencement. For the necessary mutilation of many of the productions of the week, and for the errors which may be found,

we ask the forbearance of our readers. We venture the statement that few papers of the size of this week's ERA are gotten out by four editors.

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

Amherst defeated Brown by a score of 14 to 4.

The Yale tug-of-war team practices twice a day.

Since 1709, 196 Smiths have graduated from Yale.

Nearly \$1,000,000 have been given to Harvard since Jan. 1.

Yale has consented to row the University of Pennsylvania before racing with Harvard.

Sherman, '88, recently broke the Amherst record at the pole vault, making 8 feet and 3 inches.

The Harvard Gun Club badly defeated the club of the University of Pennsylvania. The score was 87 to 62.

The Cornell faculty have suppressed their students journal. To much liberty of the press was the cause.—*Ex.*

Princeton is mentioned as the site for the monument which is to be erected to the memory of Gen. McClellan.

The Yale Glee Club Concert in New York netted \$450; which neat sum will be applied to the expenses of the university crew.

—The students' journal of Cornell University has been suppressed by the Faculty. They have also decided not to confer any more honorary degrees.—*Genevan.*

At the meeting of the Harvard Athletic Association on May 9, H. H. Bemis, '87, made the mile walk in 6 minutes and 69½ seconds, breaking the previous Harvard record of 7 minutes and 1 second.

This year the Harvard nine is the poorest that has represented that college for years. The infield is very weak and any kind of batting would rattle it all to pieces. Yale will easily win all four games.—*Sporting Life.*

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## NOTICES.

Attention is called to course 28 in Mathematics to be offered next year. Mr. Hathaway intends to present the theory of the constitution of molecular matter as developed by Sir William Thomson in his lectures at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, in 1884. With the exception of the first lecture, the course is mainly of a character that requires a knowledge of physics through Heat and Light and of mathematics through the elements of Differential Equations.

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An unexpectedly rapid growth in the number of students registering in the Cornell University for the Sibley College courses, in the past two years, and since their establishment on their present basis, has already crowded that institution to its utmost capacity in many directions, the number in the college having already approached, within twenty-five, that considered the maximum which can be accommodated in the existing buildings. A new building now in progress—under contracts made by the Hon. Hiram Sibley—which will be presented to the University, will, however, increase the total space available next year by fifty per cent., and will bring the total number, as a maximum, when all classes are filled on the new basis, up to three hundred.

This enlargement of the Sibley College will make it possible, under the conditions stated in the *Register* of the University, page 111, to increase the number admitted into the Freshman class to one hundred; while twenty-five or more may be admitted into the upper classes and the advanced courses of post-graduate instruction. Should more apply than the number just specified, preference will be given to those shown by the results of the examinations for admission to be best prepared. Students unable to register in the Sibley College courses leading to a "degree," may, if they choose, enter any other courses for which they may have sufficient preparation.

It is hoped that, at a later time, when further extensions of the buildings, additions of proportional extent to the equipment, and the growth of the income of the University and of the assured income of the college shall have permitted still further development of the Sibley College system of schools and of related departments of the University, the limit, as to numbers, may be again extended so as to permit the admission of all applicants well fitted to profit by such instruction as is here offered. At present, only those who are well prepared can be certain of admission to the courses leading to a degree.

## NEW BOOKS.

The new edition of Cornell Songs which was in preparation during the past term, has been issued since the last number of the ERA. In the new book appear the old songs and many others that are new, to the student public at least. The compilers have performed their task extremely well, and present a book which is far in advance of the old edition. Yet for all that, the small number of real Cornell songs is made painfully apparent. In this volume, highly creditable to the editors though it is, a large part of the best songs are adaptations of what is sung at other colleges to the Cornell wants. Again it, is safe to say that an edition with music would have been acceptable to most of the students, in spite of the advance in price which the printing of notes would have made necessary. However, the present edition falls short only of an ideal Cornell Song Book, and is, as we have said, superior to any reality before offered to the University. The book may be had at the book-stores, bound in an attractive paper cover, at the small price of 30 cents.

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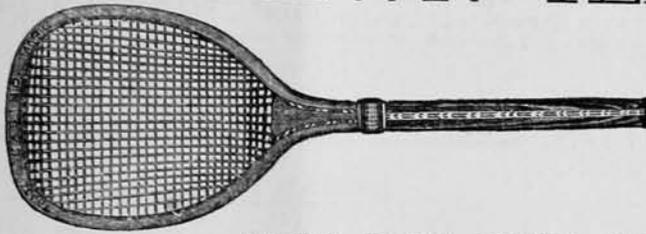
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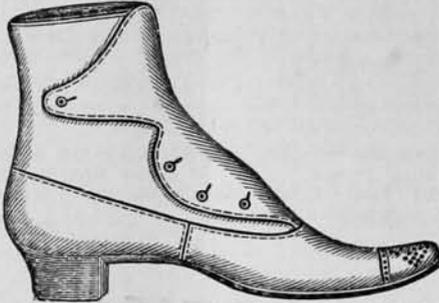
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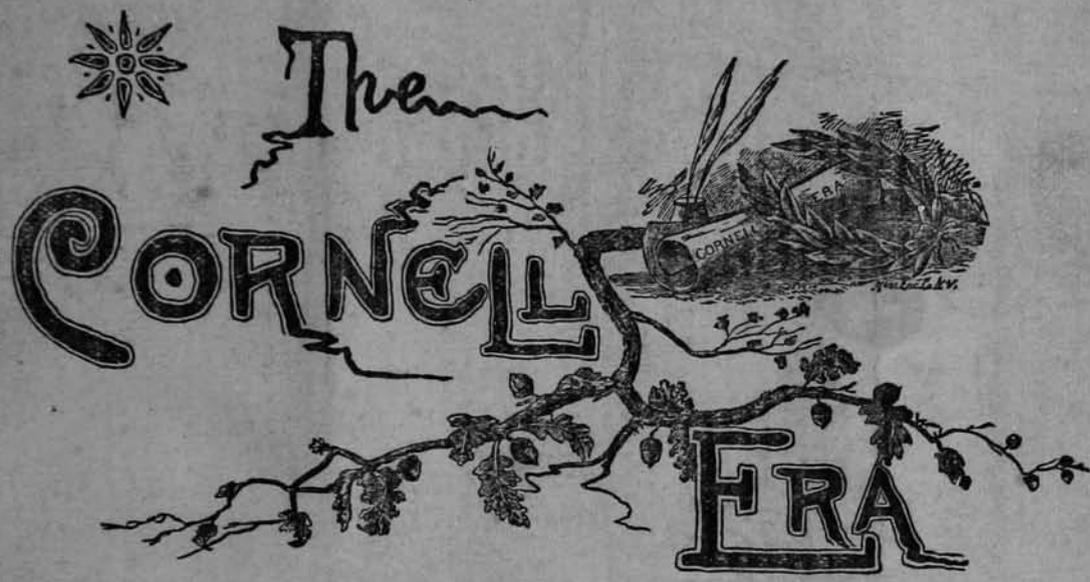
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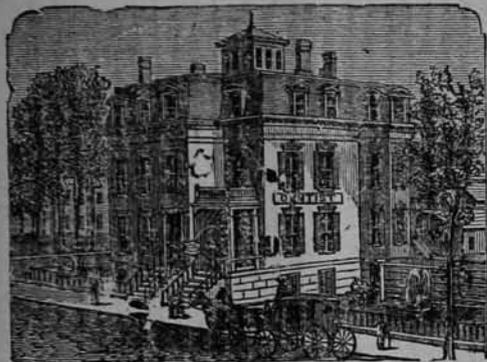
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