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## FROM EX-PRESIDENT WHITE.

### He Hopes to See Two New Departments Established.

The following letter from ex-President White was written for the Cornell dinner held in New York on February 10th, but it did not arrive in time. Its contents are of such general interest to the alumni that it should not be overlooked:

Embassy of the United States of America.

Berlin, January 27th, 1899.  
George W. Schurman, Esq., Chairman, &c., &c., Cornell Club, New York City.

My Dear Sir:—

I regret sincerely that it will be impossible for me to attend the approaching annual dinner of the Cornell alumni, to which in their behalf you have so kindly invited me.

To no part of my connection with the University do I look back with more pleasure than to similar festivities in New York and other cities.

In those early days, when the University was maintaining a steady and trying struggle against poverty, misconception, and misrepresentation, it gave me always new hope and courage to meet and take by the hand those who had been Cornell students; and their faith and enthusiasm always strengthened my own.

The most continuing, and indeed increasing joy of my life has been to see the fundamental principles of the University, which were so bitterly and contemptuously opposed in those early days, completely victorious along the whole line. The alumni have had with me the satisfaction of seeing excellent men in commanding positions as regards university instruction, who had taken ground against the Cornell plan of organization, finally obliged, in the institutions they controlled, to adopt the very principles and arrangements they had condemned.

The alumni have also, I am sure, rejoiced with me over the vast and ever increasing influence of the University upon the whole system of instruction in the State of New York, in giving it a higher and better development.

But our mutual congratulations have a wider scope than that afforded by any one state. Both the annual *Register* and the recent "Ten-Year Book" show in the most striking manner that the field of Cornell's influence is the entire nation; that its graduates are now to be found doing the best of work wherever the American flag waves;—whether in war or peace.

The recent magnificent gifts to the University, including that for the Students' Hospital in Ithaca, and the Medical Department in New York, show conclusively that generous, far-sighted, and patriotic men recognize in Cornell's great success a proof of her eminent fitness to carry out any noble intentions they may form as regards the higher education in our country.

Two departments remain which I trust that some one of our fellow citizens of wealth, wide view, and genuine patriotism will yet establish and endow.

The first of these is a

### COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.

Whatever may be the outcome of the questions now before our country, there is clearly to be in the near future a vast extension of our foreign commercial relations, and our universities must bear this in mind. Other nations are making a beginning. Germany, having established various intermediate commercial schools, has now created at Leipzig, in intimate relations with the university there, a department of commerce in the higher sense of the word, where men are prepared for a commercial career, not only by instruction in the various languages of the more important commercial countries, and in the practical branches which most obviously demand attention, but in such subjects as the actual practical workings of international commerce; the work of the produce and other exchanges; the regulation of systems of weights and measures throughout the civilized world; methods of determining quality in grain, yarn, silk, and other staple and commercial articles; the systems of money used in different countries; the systems of exchange, of transportation of goods, of railroad fares and freight rates, of ocean conveyance of freight; price quotations; the explanation of the settlement of balances by export and import; a knowledge of merchandise based on the study of natural sciences, and determined by instruments of precision such as the microscope and polariscope; insurance in all its ramifications; political economy; commercial law; and all other matters which it concerns a young man preparing for an international commercial career, in the broadest sense, in these modern days, to know.

The reasons for establishing such a department now are fully as cogent as were the reasons for establishing departments of agriculture, mechanic arts and various branches of engineering thirty years ago, and I hope to see Cornell among the first at the front in these days as she was in those.

Certainly there could be no nobler thing for one of our men of wealth to do than to establish such a department at Cornell, and by linking his name with it, to erect the most honorable and most imperishable of monuments; in the heart of our great state and visible throughout the entire nation.

The other great need of the University is a

### DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC.

Nothing could do more to beautify and ennoble our University life and its whole influence throughout the State than such a creation, and most devoutly do I hope that some one of our magnificent fellow citizens will realize this.

But I have already written at such length that I must defer any full presentation of this part of the subject.

I trust that the alumni will also allow me to remind them that the Alumni Hall is not yet built, and that, in view of the great and rapidly increasing body of Cornellians in all parts of the country, it is more and more a necessity.

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## THE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS.

### Movement in Their Behalf by the Athletic Managers and Others.

If one were to put one's finger upon the weak spot in Cornell's athletics to-day, it would undoubtedly be the lack of developed material in the entering classes. Coaching not excepted, unless it be in track athletics, this is probably our greatest weakness. In football and baseball, our teams have usually received the very best coaching possible; in some years, it has equalled any that has been provided at the large Eastern universities. Yet despite efficient training and coaching, Cornell's teams have often fallen short of the success which comes to these other teams. Those who are in a position to know, believe they have hit upon the reason, when they say that Cornell has a very uncertain and insecure hold upon the large preparatory schools in the East from which Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the rest get the staunch athletic timber from which to build winning teams.

There is much truth in the statement, for even a casual examination of personal records reveals the fact that by far the majority of our best athletes have come to us as green men and have received their development here. Of course the Navy is an exception. It will always be in a class by itself in more than one respect, so long as Charles E. Courtney remains at the head of it. At any rate, the fact has been brought home to us very forcibly in past years, that Cornell suffers greatly from a lack of trained athletic material, such as other leading colleges have in abundance. It was with the hope of supplying this lack in a measure that the present preparatory school movement was started.

The idea is not a new one. We do not know who originated it. Suffice it to know that the football management are giving the greatest impetus to the scheme at the present time. Their efforts are being ably seconded by the track team authorities, while the Tennis Association and the student body in general will undoubtedly enlist their sympathies in the movement heart and soul.

Within a week or so, it is the intention of Manager Porter and Captain Starbuck of the football team to make a round of the leading preparatory schools of the East. While at each school, they will look over the ground thoroughly and endeavor to meet all the athletes who showed promise on the football field last fall. It is believed that by becoming acquainted with the men themselves, and with the athletic management of each school, our athletic authorities will be the better able to divine and supply their needs. Manager Porter announces that games for the second eleven will be scheduled with any preparatory school team which may desire them. In addition, coaches will be sent to any and all of these schools, to assist in rounding out the elevens, before important games. It is not too much to hope, Captain Starbuck assures us, that either this fall or next fall, games with some one of

the leading preparatory schools will be arranged for the 'Varsity to play here in Ithaca. This would obviously be the most effective plan of any, since nothing conducing to the sub-freshmen's enjoyment or entertainment while here would be left undone. At any rate, both captain and manager seem enthusiastic and sincere in this matter, so that we may confidently look for good results.

The track team, too, are apparently leaving no stones unturned to aid this movement. Arrangements have already been started to make the Inter-scholastic League meet, for the '93 cup, of greater interest and attractiveness. In addition to this, Manager Haines has issued the prospectus for a grand open handicap meet to be held in Ithaca on Saturday, May 6. It will be open to all schools, but to colleges in New York State only. By the introduction of this rule, the star athletes in the large schools of Andover, Lawrenceville, Exeter, and the rest may be induced to enter. Under the present restriction of the Inter-scholastic, which is open "only to New York State schools," these men have been excluded.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be given to the first, second, and third winners in all events except the team relay races. Each winning team will receive a handsome banner. There have also been donated two gold medals: one to go to that competitor who comes nearest to breaking an existing intercollegiate record, or makes the new one; the other, to the competitor, representing a school, who makes or breaks a national interscholastic record.

Arrangements for a meet of unprecedented size and attractiveness are being made. Everything possible will be done by the students for the visiting athletes' comfort and pleasure during their stay in the city. Already indications point to an eclipse of anything of the kind ever before attempted.

Such a meet must do much to bring Cornell prominently before the sub-freshman athlete, who has to choose an alma mater.

To a less degree, but no less energetically, the Tennis Association is pushing ahead the good work. Unless all signs fail an intercollegiate tennis association will be formed in the spring among the preparatory schools interested. A tournament will be held in Ithaca from which there will be selected a Cornell interscholastic champion. He will be sent to Newport to contest with the interscholastic representatives of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, and Pennsylvania. This tournament is almost assured, since advices have been received from many schools in the state signifying their willingness to enter. Of course, this will interest only tennis men, but tennis men are often good athletes in other branches of sport as well.

The most encouraging sign, however, comes from the student body. The feeling is general that such a movement can do much good if each one buckles down and works. This the majority seem anxious to do. Committees of students will be appointed to take charge of visiting athletes who come on for the meet in

May. These men will be responsible for the entertainment of those entrusted to them. There are any number of others anxious, even eager, to help along the movement in this or in any other way possible.

It is thought that sometime this term, the idea will take such definite form that an organization may be effected of the alumni of the different schools who are now in college whereby separate committees may be appointed to look into the material available at each of the several schools. Cornell alumni will be asked to cooperate with these committees in their work of investigation. Undoubtedly there will be a ready and generous response on their part.

Cornell's progress in athletics, while not brilliant, has been steady; no one can deny that. Our crew has reached the top; we lead all on the water. Who shall say that the day is far distant, when on land, as well, Cornell shall struggle with the foremost teams in baseball, in football, and on the track, and come out with her share of victories? Let us all, then, put our hand to the good work, where we think we see the work to do.

#### Debate Banquet.

The banquet to the debaters has been postponed until Thursday, April 13th. At the banquet the medals which have been won by the team will be presented. There will be about twenty-five persons at the banquet, three members from each of the debating clubs, the Faculty members of the Debate Council, and the debating team, Messrs. Nolan, Zink, Horton, and Hausner.

#### Harvard Wins the Debate.

The annual Harvard-Princeton debate, held at Princeton on April 5th, was won by Harvard for the fifth consecutive time. The subject was, "A foreign alliance between the United States and Great Britain, for the protection and advancement of their common interests, is advisable." Princeton supported the affirmative and Harvard the negative.

The judges were: Edward J. Phelps, ex-ambassador to England; J. B. Moore, professor of political economy at Columbia; and J. W. Jenks, professor of political economy at Cornell.

'96. Harley N. Crosby and Walter H. Edson are law partners enjoying a considerable practice in Sinclairville, N. Y.

'96. W. G. Pietsch is in the office of the *Chicago Chronicle*.

'96. J. L. Smith is an assistant engineer on the U. S. S. Concord.

'97. Dr. Casbar H. Mallarian is teacher of ancient and modern languages in the military academy at Newport News, Virginia.

'97. Miss Bessie Avery, preceptress and teacher of modern languages in the Gouverneur High School, visited friends in Sage College over Sunday, returning to her work on Monday.

'97. A. G. Miles has entered the company of the Cleveland Machine Screw Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

'97. George O. Schryver is teaching in a private boys' preparatory school, adjunct to the University of Chicago, in Kenilworth, Ill. He hopes to spend next summer, as he did last, in graduate work in the University of Chicago.

'97. Julius I. Wile is on the U. S. Steamship Boston at Manila.

#### THE AQUATIC OUTLOOK.

##### Cornell Rowing for 1899—Finances of the Navy.

On the 27th of June the Intercollegiate Regatta in competition for the University Challenge Cup will be rowed at Poughkeepsie over a four-mile course. There will be entered Pennsylvania, Columbia, Wisconsin, and Cornell,—possibly also Toronto. On account of the state of the tide the race will be late in the afternoon, probably about 6-6:30 P. M.

The Freshman race, in which Pennsylvania, Columbia, Wisconsin, and Cornell will enter crews, will be rowed on the 26th. For the same day also a four-oared competition has been arranged between the substitutes of the Pennsylvania and Cornell crews, and if possible a race in single sculls will be arranged also for the same day.

On May 30th the second crews of Pennsylvania and Cornell meet at Ithaca. The race will be rowed on the east side of the lake, and an observation train will be run on the Auburn track giving the finest opportunity for seeing a boat race ever offered to the people of Central New York. Excursion trains will on that day be run by the Lehigh and D. L. & W. railroads from Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo, Elmira, Scranton and intervening stations, Binghamton, and Owego. Undoubtedly a large body of people will be in that way attracted to Ithaca to view the race. The first 'Varsity crews of both Pennsylvania and Cornell will be picked by the middle of May, and no one announced as member of these crews will be eligible to row in the second 'Varsities.

The purpose of all these various competitions is to interest a greater number of men in the practice of rowing, and to reach and benefit a greater number of students. Heretofore the number really participating in competitions has been narrowed down to the eighteen men included in the 'Varsity and Freshman crews; now it is hoped that thirty or more men may take part every season.

The training of so many crews severely taxes the time and energies of Mr. Courtney, and he has already called in the assistance of Mr. Colson, last year's captain, to aid him. Mr. Colson was here during the Easter vacation and did excellent service. It is much to be regretted that his business obligations keep him from returning for work in the critical days of April and May. It is Mr. Courtney's hope that Mr. Briggs, the reliable old stroke, may come to his help later in this month.

The new barges which the Navy owes to the generosity of '99 and 1900 are coming grandly into play. It is now possible to take men out in pairs or fours and give a much closer personal attention to individual faults than has ever been heretofore possible. Next year through the wise provision of the class of 1900, acting on the suggestion of its Junior Ball committee, an eight-oared barge is to be provided in which future Freshman crews will receive their first introduction to cooperative work. All this represents a great advance in methods and equipment. Heretofore we have been obliged to give beginners their first lessons in an eight-oared shell,—bad for the shell and bad for the beginners. Poverty was the only excuse. We knew better, but we had not the means to do better. The

Navy has always been "on its uppers," though we are proud to say that it has always paid its obligations, and though without other resources than the loyalty and generosity of Cornell students, alumni, and friends, has in recent years, with the sole exception of the season of 1896, when there was a small deficit, closed the year with a few dollars in the treasury.

Last year was financially more successful than usual, and a surplus of \$1,000 admitted the trial of an experiment which the management has long been anxious to make. A regular boat-building industry has now been inaugurated under the charge of Mr. Courtney, and we are building our own boats. Mr. Hoyle of Philadelphia, a highly skilled builder of shells, and Mr. Hartmann of Ithaca, well-known as a clever boat-builder, have been regularly employed as part of Mr. Courtney's staff, and now the boat-shop in the upper story of the boat-house is a busy place from morning to night. The four-oared barge was the first out-put of Ithaca's new industry. The first eight-oared shell, a masterpiece of fine modelling and construction, is approaching completion, and will be ready for use by April 20th. After that a four-oared shell will be built, then either another eight-oar, or Col. Francis's pair-oar. In order to keep the shop busy during the year it will be necessary to accept outside orders, and the indications are that there will be no lack of these. Already Syracuse is pushing to get two boats built, and orders and enquiries have come in from three other sources. In building for ourselves we not only get what we want in way of model and construction, and are able to avail ourselves of Mr. Courtney's unrivalled knowledge of boats and their equipment, but we save \$50-60 in transportation costs on each boat, and \$100-150 in cost of construction.

It is too early yet to form any idea concerning the character of our crews. The Freshman material is said to be very promising, and there is no doubt that two good 'Varsity crews will emerge with the sifting and rearranging of the next month.

The organization of the Navy has gradually assumed a well-determined, business-like form. Every official knows his place and his duties. There is no longer any doubt about these things. All work together for the good of the whole. The permanent property of the Navy including launch, launch-house, boat-house, equipment, oars, tools, etc., exceeds \$15,000, all brought together and dedicated to the use of the students of the University since the date of the formation of the Athletic Council.

For many years our rowing interests were perpetually menaced by the danger that no competitors might appear to furnish even a single annual race. It was often uncertain until late in the spring whether Pennsylvania would put a crew on the water. Now we have an annual regatta assured, and are even over-burdened with richness of opportunity. The establishment of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association guarantees the permanence of at least one annual event, and leaves us free in case we should at any time wish it, to meet other rivals who may wish to row with us. We are not absolutely bound to row every year in the Intercollegiate Regatta, though it is highly unlikely that we should not. We are therefore free, either by absenting ourselves from the Intercollegiate Regatta, or better by training two crews, to compete

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One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending news items he is conferring a favor upon other Cornellians.

'71. James O'Neill is now circuit judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit of Wisconsin, and has occupied that position since 1891. Previously to this, he was attorney at Neilsville, Clark County, Wisconsin, and member of the Wisconsin Assembly. His residence is at Neilsville.

'72. Harvey Jetson Hurd of Elma, Erie Co., has been at Clifton Springs Sanitarium for the past month convalescing from a severe illness which has kept him from participation in business for over a year.

'72. A new edition of President David Starr Jordan's "Manual of the Vertebrate Animals of the Northern United States," in large duodecimo, is announced by A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago.

'75. Charles Sumner Harman has his offices in the First National Bank Building, Chicago.

'75. Frank H. Hiscock is a justice of the Supreme Court of New York State, and is living in Syracuse.

'76. J. K. Cady is engaged in architecture at 172 Washington Street, Chicago.

'77. Charles S. Francis, with Mrs. Francis and daughter, has gone abroad. They will return early in May.

'78. Forbes Heermans is a journalist living in Syracuse.

'78. Jesse R. Grant is living in San Diego, Cal., and is engaged in copper and gold mining.

'81. Charles O. Upton has succeeded H. W. Jeffers as superintendent of the Walker-Gordon Laboratory Company's farm at Plainsboro, N. J. Mr. Upton has been doing special work in dairy bacteriology during the past term, in preparation for his present duties, which require a thorough working knowledge of bacteriological technique in addition to the customary requirements.

'87. Frederick W. Thomson is the police magistrate of Syracuse.

'87. Horace White is the senator from the Syracuse district in the New York State Legislature.

'87. A comprehensive work on "German Higher Schools; the History, Organization, and Methods of Secondary Education in Germany" by Dr. James E. Russell, dean of the Teachers' College, New York, has just been published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York. An article by Dean Russell on "Training Teachers for Secondary Schools" appears in the April number of the New York *Educational Review*.

'87. On the basis of a reconnaissance made by him for Alexander Agassiz, Robert T. Hill has published through the *Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology* at Harvard University, a paper on "The Geological History of the Isthmus of Panama and Portions of Costa Rica." He finds that there is considerable evidence that a land barrier in the tropical region separated the two oceans as far back as Jurassic time, and con-

tinued through the Cretaceous Period.—*Appleton's Popular Science Monthly*.

'89. Charles H. Parshall is editor of the New York *Farmer* and the Otsego *Farmer*, both published at Cooperstown, N. Y.

'90. Grad. Walter C. Bronson is professor of English literature in Brown University.

'90. John Ford is state senator for the 19th district of New York, being one of the two Republican senators from the borough of New York.

'91. William G. Newbrook was married to Miss Bertha Marion Brock of Buffalo on March 16th. They will be at home after May 1st at the Westgate, Buffalo. Mrs. Newbrook was a student at Cornell in 1890-92, being a member of the class of '94.

'91. A Rodriguez has secured a position with Lewison and Just, contractors and builders in New York City.

'91. E. C. Bailey is practicing law in Los Angeles, California, having removed thither from New York City.

'92. Samuel H. Burnett, until recently professor of German and biology in Fairmount College, Wichita, Kansas, has now severed his connection with that college and returned to the University to conduct some researches in entomology and other biological subjects.

'93. William Young, who is practicing law in New York City, has joined the New York Athletic Club and will play on their baseball team through the spring season.

'93. non-grad. O. B. Dauchy and George V. Dauchy, '96, are with the Dauchy Iron Works, Chicago.

'93. Martin J. Insull is general manager of the Right Discount Meter Company, Chicago.

'93. Robert S. Hale is a practicing engineer at 31 Milk Street, Boston.

'93 non-grad. William David Miles is assistant stage manager, and is playing leading roles with the Grand Opera House Stock Company, which is now in its twenty-fifth week at the Grand Opera House, Indianapolis. Since leaving college in 1892 Mr. Miles has devoted himself conscientiously to his profession, and has achieved success, having played with John Drew, W. H. Crane, Madame Modjeska, and Stuart Robson and in the Empire Theater Stock Company.

'94. Samuel Scott Slater represents the 31st New York County assembly district in the New York Assembly. He holds the important post of membership on the committee on cities, and was prominent in the debate prior to the passage of the New York City police bills.

'94. J. P. Young is at present general inspector of the Ach Car Company at Alleghany, Pa.

'94. Elon H. Hooker has been appointed deputy superintendent of public works in New York State at a salary of \$5,000 a year. He was resident engineer of the Cornell Hydraulic Laboratory.

'94. The engagement of Herbert Williams to Miss Shaw of Watertown has been announced.

'94. E. H. Hooker is deputy state superintendent of public works with headquarters in Albany.

'94. Herbert J. Hagerman, ex-commodore of the Navy, is secretary of the American Legation at St. Petersburg, Russia.

'94. C. C. Rosewater is business manager of the Omaha *Bee*.

'95 Grad. Melbourne S. Read is professor of philosophy in Colgate University, Hamilton. For next year he offers a new course in the history of education.

'95. Roger H. Williams is travelling for Harris & Co., brokers, of 31 Nassau St., New York City.

'95. J. E. Edwards is a chief draughtsman in the Central-Hudson shops at West Albany, N. Y.

'96. Announcement has been made of the engagement of Clinton R. Wyckoff, of Buffalo, our old 'Varsity quarter back, to Miss Emma McGee, of Watkins.

'96 Grad. At the second regular monthly junior meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, held at the rooms of the society, 12 West 31st Street, New York City, on Tuesday evening, April 4, Arthur L. Rice presented a paper on "The Compression and Liquefaction of Gases, with special Reference to the Liquefaction of Air."

'97. Harold C. Pease is with the Twin City Rapid Transit Company of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.

'97. Newell Lyon has opened a law office at 220 Broadway, New York, and is doing well.

'98. Edward J. Savage, Isaac C. Ludlam, Wilton Bentley, and Clarence Oddie, '99, all 'Varsity crew men, are to represent the Knickerbocker Athletic Club in the four-oared race of the Harlem Regatta.

Alumni Recently Deceased.

The following alumni have died since the issue of the third Ten Year Book last year. Those who know of the decease of any others will confer a great favor upon the University authorities and also THE ALUMNI NEWS by sending us the facts in each case.

William Lewis Ament, LL.B. '97, died at Seneca Falls, N. Y., March 24, 1899.

Harry P. Chadderon, Ph.B. '94, died at Weedsport, N. Y., March 8, 1899.

Charles Edwin Cooke, Ph.B. '97, died at Albany, N. Y.

Patrick Charles Daly, LL.B. '95, died at Elmira, N. Y., November 28, 1898.

LeRoy Worden Graham, M. E. '97, died at Cortland, N. Y., December 11, 1898.

Almon Clayton Greene, B. C. E. '75, died at Copenhagen, N. Y., January 28, 1897.

Edmund Judson Moffat, B. Lit. '79, died at Denver, Colo., April 6, 1899.

Edward Nicoll, B.S. '72, died at San Diego, Cal., October 3, 1898.

William Henry Parker, B. Arch. '76, died at Galesville, Wis., February 11, 1899.

George Cox Parmeter, B.S. in Arch. '88, died at Denver, Colo., December 10, 1898.

Jessie May Pierson, Ph.B. '97, died at Trumansburg, N. Y., November 9, 1898.

Charles Seymour Preston, M.E. '94, died at Wheeling, W. Va., December 17, 1898.

Frank Peters Weeks, B.S. '77, died at San Pedro, Cal., October 9, 1889.

Hamilton Salisbury White, B.S. '77, died at Syracuse, N. Y., March 13, 1899.

Cornell Obituaries.

EDMUND JUDSON MOFFAT, '79.

Edmund Judson Moffat, '79, the able constitutional lawyer, who for some years has been living in

Denver, Col., died at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, on Thursday, April 6. He was a nephew of David H. Moffat, a Denver banker and mine owner, well known in the East. While in college, Mr. Moffat was one of the most popular men in his class. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He was interested in the *Era* and the *Cornellian* and was graduated as a commencement orator. After a course of study at the Albany Law School, he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession in New York. His exceptional ability as a lawyer rapidly brought him to the front. He represented the United States in the trial of the celebrated case arising from the Alabama Claims, and from 1882 to 1892 he was vice consul-general at London. During these ten years he was also head of the Department of Agriculture of the United States in Great Britain. He was afflicted with a lung trouble and at the advice of his uncle, gave up his work in England and removed to Colorado. An attack of the grippe aggravated his weakness into acute consumption and after a brave struggle, he died, at the age of forty-one years. Mr. Moffat was as well known in England as in this country for his exceptional grasp of the intricacies of international law and his early death removes an ornament to his profession.

I knew Mr. Moffat throughout his college course and afterward in London, where for many years he occupied an eminent social position. His lavish hospitality, his unselfish devotion to the interests of his countrymen, and his rare personal qualities endeared him alike to Americans and English. He was a member of many clubs, and when he ended his official career he was the recipient of a testimonial presented to him at a banquet of the famous Savage Club, attended by the foremost literary men of England. He had accumulated a vast fund of interesting anecdote during his residence in England, and his experiences during the trial of the Alabama Claims would make a fascinating volume. All this, alas, has perished with him, and with him have been extinguished the high hopes of his friends and former teachers. All that is now left is the memory of a singularly amiable character, and of abilities which under more favorable circumstances would have raised him to a high and enduring rank as a jurist.

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A WORD about the size of THE ALUMNI NEWS. It was our original intention to print a six-page paper, but during the present term we hope usually to publish eight pages each week. This week, owing to unavoidable delays at the printing office and elsewhere, we are obliged to put over two important articles, on Sibley College and Dr. Van De Water, until next week. Our next issue will contain ten pages and will be illustrated.

## PROSPECTUS.

The article on "The College of Architecture" which appeared in the last issue was the first of a series of sketches which will include several of the departments of the University.

In addition, the early issues of the paper will contain a complete record of Cornell men in the war; an article on the Board of Trustees; and from time to time articles similar to that on General Menocal which appeared last week, on Cornell men who are prominently before the public.

Members of the Athletic Council have signified their willingness to discuss all questions of athletic policy for the benefit of the NEWS readers. In each issue the alumni notes will receive much attention.

## ROWING MANAGEMENT.

In the current number of *Harper's Weekly*, Caspar Whitney gives vent to a grave doubt concerning the Poughkeepsie rowing policy in the following words:

"What with the Inter-collegiate Rowing Association, composed of Cornell, Columbia, and Pennsylvania, and the recently organized Poughkeepsie Highland Amateur Rowing Association, composed of the West Shore Railway officials and merchants of Poughkeepsie, it looks as if their race on the Hudson next June would not be lacking management or advertisement. This is one way of conducting college boat racing. I confess to believing it not the best way."

Mr. Whitney goes on to say in substance that if anything could lead

to a preference of the New London course it is this multiplication of officials and this elaboration of management at Poughkeepsie. Management and advertising, he says, are precisely what college boat-racing does not want. But just what Mr. Whitney's objection to the plan is does not appear. Whether it is an ethical one, that in some way such methods will tend toward corruption in some quarter, or whether it is that "management" will give the colleges in the Association an unpleasant notoriety, or will attract an undesirable class of spectators at the races, is not clear; and we should be glad to know on what grounds Mr. Whitney bases his belief, in order that the threatened evil, if it be real, may be averted in time. Meanwhile it is pleasant to know that our Harvard and Yale brethren at New London are free from the dangers which management brings in its train. The contrast afforded by the two cities in June will be therefore observed with great interest as affording a fine object lesson.

Since it may possibly have escaped the notice of some, it should be pointed out that none of the colleges concerned in the races at Poughkeepsie appear to be implicated in the advertising scheme which Mr. Whitney sees behind the Highland Amateur Rowing Association. The latter appears to be an organization of business men for business purposes, which, so long as it confines itself to legitimate methods, probably cannot do much harm.

## FROM EX-PRESIDENT WHITE.

Continued from First Page.

With every good wish to each and all of the men of Cornell, whether they became such under my own presidency or since, and with renewed thanks for their remembrance of me as evidenced by your kind invitation, I remain,

Dear Sir,

Most respectfully and truly yours,

ANDREW D. WHITE.

## Professor Willcox's Appointment.

Recently Professor Walter F. Willcox was appointed chief statistician of the next census. This is his seventh year of service at Cornell, and he is therefore, according to the custom, entitled to a vacation with leave of absence for a year. He will take advantage of this fact and spend the year in his work on the census instead of going abroad as is getting to be the custom. Professor Willcox was graduated from Amherst in the class of '84, and took his LL.B. and Ph.D. degrees at Columbia, in 1887 and 1891, respectively. His chair in the University is that of "Social Science and Statistics."

## For the '86 Prize.

As a result of the third competition for the '86 Memorial stage twenty-four Juniors, out of the whole number of 120 who tried, have been chosen to appear at the final competition on April 20.

## THE WOODFORD ORATORS.

Sketches of the Speakers Chosen  
--The Successful Orations.

The last three years have beheld a decrease in the number of Woodford contestants. In 1897, thirty odd orations in all were submitted to the committee; in 1898, there were twenty-four; while this year fewer than twenty persons competed for positions on the stage. This decline in interest is not easily accounted for unless we regard this as an off year, in the same way as 1897 was an exceptional one.

At any rate, the orations this year were well done. The themes offered by the successful ones are all most interesting and very timely. Another fact to be noted, is that all the Woodford orators this year are experienced speakers. All these men have appeared on the '86 Memorial Prize stage in their junior year.

HERRICK CLEVELAND ALLEN of Richfield, New York, speaks on "Some Tendencies of the Material Age." Before coming to Cornell, he spent two years at Union, where he won an enviable reputation in oratory and debate. Since entering the University he has won the '86 Memorial Prize in declamation; he has twice made the '94 Memorial Debate stage; and this year he has been chosen to represent the University at the Central Oratorical League Contest to be held in Ithaca in May. In addition, Mr. Allen had much practice as a campaign speaker while the last presidential election was on. From this it will be seen that his experience in speaking has been varied and extended. He is studying law in the University and is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

GEORGE ABRAM EVERETT will speak on "The Future of France." His home is in Potsdam, New York. His experience as a speaker dates from his entrance into the University. Like all other speakers, with the exception of Mr. Allen, Mr. Everett's development in public speaking has been due to the efficient training he has received in the Department of Oratory. When a freshman he played on his class baseball team and last year he spoke on the '86 Memorial Prize stage. He will receive the A. B. degree in June.

HERBERT BLANCHARD LEE is from Buffalo, New York. His oration is entitled "The Training for Political Life." Mr. Lee made his first appearance as a speaker last year, as a contestant for the '86 Memorial Prize. He was on the '99 track team, in his sophomore year, and during his course has been active in student interests, as a member of the Glee Club and the *Cornellian* Board, and business manager of the *Sun*. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Society, and will graduate in the Arts course in June.

WILLIAM CARRINGTON RICHARDSON, of Brooklyn, wrote on "Education for the Democracy." He has had more or less experience in debating as a member of the class clubs. His first work in public was done last year as a speaker on the '86 stage. Mr. Richardson has shown a deep interest in hospital work during his course. His course is Arts.

HIRAM HENRY TULLER's home is in Richfield Springs, New York. He entered as a freshman in the course in Civil Engineering, but changed to the Academic Department early last year. Mr. Tuller has been most prominent in the University as the very compe-

tent manager of last season's Varsity football team. He also spoke on the '86 Prize stage last year. He is a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity and of Quill and Dagger.

CHARLES VAN PATTEN YOUNG, of Williamsport, Pa., speaks on "Consent of the Governed in the Philippine Islands." His connection with almost every branch of Cornell's athletics is too well known to need mention. He has played for four years on the Varsity football and baseball teams, being captain of the latter in his junior year. He is at present pitching on the Varsity, with what Coach Jennings calls "marvelous form." Last year he competed for the '86 Memorial Prize. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity and of Quill and Dagger, and takes his A. B. this June.

The contest is to be held on May 5, and despite the scarcity of beginning competitors, will undoubtedly be as interesting and as closely contested as any Woodford contest thus far.

## THE AQUATIC OUTLOOK.

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with other colleges than those we meet in that regatta, and that without rowing two races in one year. If the rowing-distance could be reduced to three miles there would be no objection to two races. Three miles is enough, but the force of tradition founded on the Oxford-Cambridge usage is strong. However it is brought about, I hope and expect that another year Cornell will again be found rowing with Yale and Harvard.

BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER.

April 10, 1899.

## The Editors' Council.

Towards the end of last term the editors-in-chief and the business managers of the *Era*, *Sun*, *Magazine*, and *Widow* organized themselves into an "Editors' Council." The object is to bring about a more complete co-operation between the various papers, to systematize the work of each, and to help toward bringing about a mutual understanding on any questions which may arise regarding Cornell journalism. The constitution which was adopted outlines the character and defines the powers of the new organization. Its more important provisions are (a) that "the Council may originate and transact any business relating to said publications; shall consider and decide any matter that shall be brought to its notice by any member of the Council;" (b) that "each publication shall deposit with the secretary of the Council not later than March 6 a type-written copy of its constitution;" and (c) that "the business manager of each publication shall submit to the Council, not later than the first day of May, a complete report of the finances of his paper." Regular meetings are to be held on the first Monday of each month. It was the general understanding that the Council was not to interfere in the minor details of any publication, and the constitution provides that no radical change shall be made in any of the papers or in the organization of the Council, except on a three-fourths vote. The officers elected for the current year are: president, Charles R. Gaston, editor-in-chief of the *Magazine*; vice-president, C. C. Whinery, editor-in-chief of the *Era*; secretary-treasurer, Frederick A. Cleveland, editor-in-chief of the *Sun*.

**TRACK ATHLETICS.**

**Prospectus of the Team--Outline of Season's Plans by the Management.**

Although it is too early in the season to predict results, the prospects of the Varsity track athletic team seem unusually bright. Powell, the crack high jumper, and Barrett, the mile runner, are the only two real losses that the team has sustained this year, and many new men with good records to their credit ought more than to counterbalance this loss. Each year track athletics has gradually forged forward, although not well supported by the alumni or the students, but within the past two years it has become evident to all interested in Cornell's success in athletics that it is necessary to have all four major branches of athletics equally strong, as one weak branch would more than counterbalance the other stronger ones. It has also become evident to the student body that a victory over one of the larger colleges in a track meet means as much as a football or baseball victory over the same college; while the winning of the Intercollegiate track meet at Mott Haven would mean as much as the victory over rival colleges on the water.

Realizing this, the student body has, this year, for perhaps the first time, given the track team good support, and it is hoped that following upon this, the alumni will give a much needed financial aid to the team.

The schedule of meets is as follows: April 29th, University of Pennsylvania, relay races at Philadelphia; May 6th, open handicap meet at Percy Field, for all schools, but for colleges of N. Y. State only; May 13th, Syracuse University at Syracuse; May 20th, open; May 26th and 27th, Intercollegiate meet at New York; May 30, Princeton University at Elmira.

About one hundred and fifty candidates are training daily at Percy Field, but the following men may be mentioned as the most promising, at the present time, in their events.

100 yards dash. Baker and Joseph are the old men and both have records of 10 2-3 seconds but are expected to do 10 seconds flat this year.

C. D. Young is the most prominent new man and has a scholastic record of 10 seconds flat.

In the 220 yards dash DeLaMater and Taylor are the veterans, the latter holding the Cornell record of 22 3-4 seconds. There is some talk of his not running this year, which would mean great loss to the team, but it is hoped that he will reconsider his decision. H. E. Hastings is the most promising new man.

440 yards dash. E. R. Alexander is looked upon as the strongest man in this event, with Hastings, who has done it in 53 seconds, a close second. Captain Ripley, Bellinger, and Kennedy are the new men.

In the half mile run Bassett is by all odds the best man so far; but Hogan, Bauder, and Kennedy are expected to push him hard.

Berry is the best man in the mile, but Tuttle, Yeatman, Richardson, Oldberg, and Coates are all veterans.

On account of the Cross Country Club, Cornell will be especially strong in the new event, the two-mile run. Sweet, Coates, Torrance, and Yeatman are all particularly strong men.

In the low hurdles Walter, Clark, Ripley, and Alexander may be depended upon to give a good account

of themselves. In the high hurdles Captain Ripley holds the Cornell record of 16 1-5 seconds, while D. C. Alexander has done that event in 16 4-5. Buchanan is a promising new man.

G. A. Larkin, who last year did 21 ft. 9 in. in the broad jump, is expected to cover over 22 ft. this year, after good coaching. Kelly is another strong man.

In the high jump there are no strong men. Bushong and Benck, new men, are expected to clear the bar at 5 ft. 11 in. before the season closes. A. D. Warner is the only old man.

In the pole vault, Cornell will be unusually strong. Deming, who broke the Cornell indoor record of 10 ft. 6 in., should go to 11 ft., while Kinzie, Young, Hazen, and Odell will all probably clear 10 ft. 6 in.

Lueder, in the shot put, did 41 ft. 6 in. in the last indoor meet. Caldwell, Perkins, and Dorner are the other old men.

In the hammer throw Lueder will be the best man, while Caldwell, G. Young, Jr., and Boynton are expected to develop into strong men.

If enough money can be raised among the various Cornell alumni associations, the team will be sent to the training table for six weeks instead of four, as has heretofore been done.

The strong showing made by the relay team at Boston, when Williams was defeated in very fast time, was particularly gratifying in view of the time made by Harvard, Princeton, and other colleges.

R. H. Ripley, captain of the track team, is a hard, conscientious worker, and a man in whom the team places great reliance. This, in itself, should increase Cornell's chances for victory on the track.

**Return of the Baseball Team.**

On Friday at noon, the baseball party, returning home from their successful Southern trip, reached Ithaca and were welcomed by a large crowd of students. The men seemed glad to get to town. Captain Murtaugh said that while the trip had been very enjoyable, it was hard work all through. The trip of over 2,700 miles in ten days necessitated almost constant travelling when the team was not playing ball. In only a few places was morning practice possible. He said he felt proud of the team, and believed that, barring accidents, it would achieve unprecedented success this season.

The first home practice came on Monday afternoon, when light batting and fielding were indulged in. Robertson's arm is still sore. Genger was out, but Newton is nursing a badly sprained ankle. All the men appeared a trifle stiff. The end of the week, however, will undoubtedly see them in fit form to win the first home game on April 15.

Financially the trip proved a surprise since the deficit amounted to only \$300. This is good if we consider that one game was prevented and the team was detained one extra day. The out of town guarantees will more than make this good.

'97 non-grad. Charles Chase Hurlbut is in the employ of Hildreth & Co. of New York City, and is inspector of their iron and steel works at Harrisburg, Pa. On February 23 he was married to Miss Emma L. McCollom, '98 non-grad., of Troy, Pa.

'97. Ezra Cornell Blair, who was with the Astor Battery at Manila, is practicing law in New York City.

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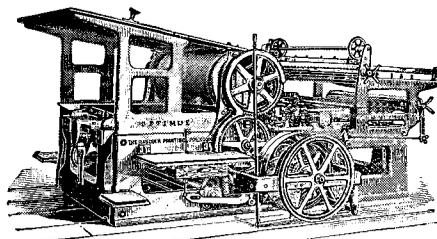
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## Regulations Regarding the "C."

At a meeting of the Athletic Council on February 6, the following rules were adopted to govern the wearing of the "C" by members of the various clubs that were recently brought under the jurisdiction of the Committee on General Athletics, viz., the Field and Track Team; the Cross Country Club; the Lacrosse Club; and the Fencers' Club.

### I. THE 'VARSITY "C."

(a) The 'Varsity "C" (i. e. the naked "C") may not be worn by any member unless awarded by the Athletic Council upon recommendation of the Committee on General Athletics, or upon appeal from its decision.

(b) The 'Varsity "C" (known as the "C for field and track") shall be the 'Varsity "C" for all branches under the control of the Committee on General Athletics.

(c) 'Varsity "C"s may be worn on working suits, jerseys, caps, and sweaters.

Each club or branch may award its monogram "C"s as follows:

(a) The Field and Track to members of teams entered in the intercollegiate games designated by the Committee on General Athletics.

(b) The Cross Country Club to the best from four runners (in time) in the spring handicap races, and to the members of teams entered in the intercollegiate games designated by the Committees on General Athletics.

(c) Lacrosse. To members of teams scheduled to play in games designated by the Committee on General Athletics.

(d) Fencers. To the six (6) best fencers upon vote of the club and the approval of the Committee on General Athletics.

### II. CLUB OR MONOGRAM "C"s.

(a) A club or monogram "C" shall consist of a uniform block "C" six and one-half inches high and seven inches broad, with the initials of the club in small block letters on the inner field.

(b) Club or monogram "C"s may be worn on working suits, jerseys, and caps, but may not be worn on sweaters.

'98. J. E. Sturdevant has removed from New York City to Denver, Col.

## Crew News.

The race of the second crews on Cayuga, on May 30th, is now certain to be accompanied by an observation train, run over the Auburn division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Probably the road will offer excursion rates from various cities, and will advertise the race to a large extent. The opportunity thus afforded for alumni to visit Ithaca and see for themselves the work of the crews will doubtless be accepted by many. The course will be on the east shore, two miles long, starting at McKinney's. The railroad tracks run near this course and though they wind around the shore, they are still continually in full view of the race.

The regatta at Poughkeepsie in June will be rowed at the old four-mile distance; but the race will be rowed farther out into the river than usual and at ebb tide for fast time. A four-oared race will be rowed on the morning of the regatta, and possibly a single scull race some time near the date of the 'Varsity race.

On the Inlet, every afternoon now, Captain Fisher and coxswain Pate take out different combinations made up from the following men: English, Hartley, Lyon, Perkins, Tryon, Fay, Vanderhoef, Taylor, Rice, Robbins, Dalzell, Beardslee, Will, King, Hulse, Wagner, Ayers, Coit, Smallwood, Dewey, Carrier, Rhodes, Holloway, Thomas, Hanmer. The 1901 crew is kept largely intact. The Freshmen, who still practice in the pair-oared and four-oared gigs, expect soon to use the shells. On Thursday, these Freshmen were excused from drill: Teagle, Walker, Burrows, Powley, Emmons, Kelley, Francis, Beyer, Longbothum, Petty, Huntington, Toohill, H. L. Chase, Hosford, Kirkpatrick, Nicholls, Randall, McLeary, Kugler, Brinkerhoff, Flowers, Price, Hinkley, Long. The squad contains several Freshmen who continue to row though not excused from drill.

John Hoyle, of Philadelphia, is at work at the boat house, under the supervision of Mr. Courtney, constructing boats for the Navy. He has practically completed the 'Varsity racing shell for this year's crew, and will soon begin work on a four-oared

shell. In June and during the summer he will turn out more gigs.

L. W. Emerick, '91, coxswain of one of Cornell's winning crews, will probably coach the eight of Syracuse University this year.

## University Lectures.

President Crane has announced an exceptionally full and interesting series of non-resident lecturers for the spring term. The first on the list was H. E. Krehbiel, musical critic of the *New York Tribune*, who lectured on Friday evening on "Folk Song in America." On April 14 and 15 Edouard Rod, the distinguished French savant and author, will lecture on "The Contemporary French Drama, as Exemplified by Cyrano de Bergerac," and on "The French Novel." Professor A. R. Marsh, of Harvard, will lecture on "Dante," on April 18. The Rev. Professor William Cunningham, of King's College, London, will preach in Sage Chapel on April 16, and on April 17, 19, and 20 will lecture before the University on "Stone Churches," "Plans of Towns," and "The Organization of Building Trades." Two lectures on "The Art of Music" will be given by Thomas M. Osborne, of Auburn, in the fourth week of April, on dates not yet definitely settled, and a third will be given to complete this course, by Mr. Farwell, a week or two later. Edward Rosewater, editor of the *Omaha Bee*, will lecture daily from April 24 to April 28 on "Journalism." On May 3, Robert T. Hill, '87, will lecture on "Porto Rico." Hon. John W. Foster, the ex-secretary of state, will lecture daily from May 8 to May 12 on "Diplomacy." Lastly, Professor Charles Waldstein, of King's College, Cambridge, long director of the American School at Athens, will lecture on May 15 on "The Spirit of Greek Art."

Dr. Lewis L. Forman is the editor of a volume of "Selections from Plato" just published by the Macmillans.

Professor Horatio S. White has been elected by the American Unitarian Association one of the trustees of a school to be soon established at Tarrytown, N. Y., by Mrs. C. B. Hackley, of New York.

Charles Scribner's Sons have just published the "Ethics" of Friedrich Paulsen, professor in the University of Berlin, translated and edited by Dr. Frank Thilly of the University of Missouri, who was instructor in philosophy in Cornell in 1892-93.

Professor L. H. Bailey's "Garden Making" in the "Garden Craft Series" is included among the best fifty books of the year 1898 as determined by the librarians' vote under the direction of the New York State Library.

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