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SCHOOL OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE.

Professor Durand's and Associates' Work in Naval Architecture and Engineering.

Cornell University has always been notable for foresight. It has broken paths, as the Germans say, into many a new educational field, where the feet of the many who have followed have now worn a main-travelled road. Of late years the best instance of this Cornell characteristic is the Graduate School of Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture. Ever since the Civil War, American ship-building has lain prostrate, until within a half dozen years we have seen it once more gather its feet under it, and now everybody concedes it great things for the future. How sound, then, was the judgment of Director Thurston, upon whose recommendation a graduate school entirely devoted to giving to mechanical engineers a special training to fit them for naval architects and marine engineers was established at Cornell University eight years ago.

Of course Professor Thurston, who served in the United States Engineering Corps, and various naval engineers have from the first served on the instructing staff of Sibley College. Eight years ago, however, naval architecture and marine engineering were completely differentiated. W. F. Durand, a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, was appointed principal of the new school. He brought to it an experience of eleven years in the engineering branch of the navy,—during which time he had given particular attention to the general problems of marine construction,—and six years' experience as a teacher of general engineering. Before planning out his work here, Professor Durand visited all the European schools of naval architecture, and particularly those at Paris and Greenwich, to familiarize himself personally with the work there attempted, and the methods employed. He is assisted in the work of the school by Professor McDermott, who was for twelve years employed as designer and had charge of the scientific work in the J. & G. Thompson ship-building establishment of Clydebank, Scotland, where, during his time, the Paris and New York were built, and many warships constructed for the British and other governments. Later, he was naval architect of a shipyard at Southampton, England.

These two experts have now trained some seventy-five naval architects and marine engineers, chiefly, it may be said, the former. Much of the work in these subdivisions of the school is identical, but the work of each is somewhat specialized, the naval architect being, of course, chiefly interested in the ship, and the marine engineer in the engine and propulsion of the ship. The men thus trained are in all the great ship-building establishments in the United States. In the yards at Newport News alone, Professor Durand found thirteen of them last summer, one of them chief draughtsman in charge of detailed work in the office of the Naval Constructor. These Cornell men have had a share in the design and con-

struction of the Kearsarge, Kentucky, and Illinois. Another bunch of men educated here, working in Cramps' shipyard, have had a hand in the Massachusetts, Brooklyn, Minneapolis, Iowa, and Alabama. Still others, in Harlan & Hollingsworth's yards have been designing and constructing torpedo-boats. And many are the Cornellians who, scattered through the big yards on the Great Lakes, have been doing an important work in building and designing merchant vessels.

As marine engineers they have a long and honorable record in the U. S. Revenue Marine, as engineers on ships, as inspectors of government work on revenue cutters, and in the

see it resting chiefly upon the basis of trained intelligence which Cornell is now preparing for it. This organic connection with the material progress and greatness of the nation is something denied to institutions which cling exclusively to the old "classical course," and it is a matter in which the patriotism of Cornellians can take especial pride.

The Annual of the College of Architecture.

The '98-'99 Annual of the College of Architecture, a copy of which has just been received at the News office, is gotten up in an attractive and artistic style that well befits that institution. The first part contains



designing of these vessels. It may be added that fifteen Cornellians served in the Naval Engineer Corps during the war with Spain, and twenty-five others passed examinations and were put on the waiting list.

The very successful character of the work of the school is illustrated by the eagerness of the employers to secure men trained in it. Its success is shown also in the number of students taking the work; which, during the first seven years, only some dozen, year by year, rose suddenly a year ago to more than twenty, and this year again to thirty. The unusually large class of last year was absorbed by the shipyards with the same promptness as the smaller preceding classes. Thus, year by year, the ship-building of the country is coming into the hands of Cornellians, and when this industry in America regains its primacy over other countries, as it surely will, we may look to

the usual lists of faculty and students and detailed announcements of courses, and in addition a memorial page to Clifton Beckwith Brown. The second and most attractive part of the book contains specimens of work done by the students. These include work in design, sketch problems, work in construction, drawing and clay modeling, and sketching from nature and still life. The cuts are sufficiently large to give an excellent idea of the skill and finish which characterize the work of the students and which make the book valuable for its artistic merits alone.

As a whole, the evidences of work already done and plans for the future speak highly for the institution and the untiring efforts of Professor Trowbridge and his assistants, Professors Martin, VanPelt, and Brauner. Copies of the Annual may be obtained upon application to Professor Trowbridge.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association.

The American Economic Association held its twelfth annual meeting at Ithaca, December 27-29. The first session was held on Wednesday morning in Barnes Hall. After President Schurman had welcomed the members of the association to the University, President Hadley, of Yale University, who was then also president of the American Economic Association, delivered his presidential address on "Economic Theory and Political Morality." The controversial nature of the subject led to an animated discussion which was participated in by such well known economists as Professors Commons, Keasbey, Seligman, Bemis, Mayo, Giddings, and Powers.

The subsequent sessions were held in Boardman Hall. Wednesday afternoon was given up to a discussion of miscellaneous subjects. Professor Richard J. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin, who was subsequently elected president of the association for 1900, read a paper on "Senior's Theory of Monopolies." Professor H. C. Emery, of Bowdoin College, discussed the peculiar position which the speculator occupies in distribution; while Professor E. Dana Durand, of Stanford University, who received his doctor's degree at Cornell in 1896, and who is now doing work for the Industrial Commission, read a paper on "Taxation as a Partial Substitute for Borrowing to cover Permanent Municipal Improvements."

On Wednesday evening President and Mrs. Schurman gave a reception to the members of the association.

Probably the most interesting session was that held on Thursday morning which was devoted to a discussion of trusts and combinations. This was due not only to the general interest now taken in that subject but also to the prominence of the speakers. The Honorable Charles S. Fairchild, ex-secretary of the Treasury, explained how these great forms of industry are financed; while James B. Dill, Esq., one of the great corporation lawyers who has been instrumental in organizing some of the largest combinations formed in the past few years, dwelt upon some tendencies in connection with their organization and management which may become dangerous. Professor Sidney Sherwood, of Johns Hopkins University, pointed out the opportunity, which these great aggregations of capital afford to undertake genius.

The session on Thursday afternoon was given up to a discussion of railroad questions. W. H. Baldwin, Jr., President of the Long Island Railroad Company, traced the development and the attendant advantages and disadvantages of the railroad relief and beneficiary associations. Dr. B. H. Meyer, of the University of Wisconsin, read a paper on "Railroad Charters," the subject which he is investigating for the Industrial Commission. Henry C. Adams, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, indicated the difficulties that there were in the attempts satisfactorily to adjust railroad rates.

On Thursday evening the Town and Gown Club of Ithaca entertained

the members of the association at an informal smoker given at the club house.

The last session was held Friday morning. John Graham Brooks, of the Consumers' League, told what efforts the League was making to do away with the sweat shop evil. Professor Walter F. Willcox, of Cornell University, now acting as chief statistician of the twelfth census, outlined the plans for the twelfth census. Professor Jenks, of Cornell University, who has been acting for some time past as expert for the Industrial Commission, presented the report of the committee appointed at the previous annual meeting of the association, held at New Haven to investigate the subject of colonial finances. The meeting then adjourned to meet December 27-29, 1900, at Detroit, Michigan, in connection with the American Historical Association.

CORNELL PROFESSORS DURING VACATION.

Cornell was fairly well represented in the programs of the various learned societies which have been holding meetings during the holidays. Announcement of the meeting of the American Economic Association at Ithaca appears in another column.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of the American Historical Association, held in Boston and Cambridge, December 27, 28 and 29, Miss Ruth Putnam, '78, read one of the papers, and Professor Morse Stephens was toastmaster at the dinner of the association on Friday evening. Professor Moses Coit Tyler was elected vice-president of the association.

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt read a paper on "The Son of Man in the Book of Daniel" before the New York meeting of the American Exegetical Society. Professor Wilder, who is president of the Association of American Anatomists and secretary of the Committee on Anatomical Nomenclature, addressed its New Haven meeting on "Historical, Ethical and Practical Considerations Respecting the Names and Numbers of the Definite Encephalic Segments," besides reading other papers. Archibald R. Ward, '98, of the State Veterinary College, discussed "The Bacterial Invasion of the Udder" before the American Physiological Society. Dr. George H. McKnight, '92, of Ohio State University, read a paper on "Germanic Elements in Havelok" at the meeting of the Modern Language Association in New York, besides presenting another paper at the meeting of the central division of the Modern Language held in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. David Irons also presented a paper before the American Psychological Association in New Haven.

LECTURE COURSE IN BANKING AND INVESTMENTS.

An important course will be given at Cornell this term by non-resident lecturers on banking and investments. It will include an exposition of the practical work of banks, foreign exchange, gold exports and imports; the nature of investments in real estate, city bonds and railway bonds; the Stock Exchange and speculation. The list of lecturers includes Joseph G. Cannon, vice-president of the Fourth National Bank, New York; ex-Judge Meyer S. Isaacs, of New York; Louis Marshall, of New York, and others of note.

THE REORGANIZATION OF THE COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS.

Comments on the Scheme by the University Press.

THE ALUMNI NEWS published in its last number the plan of "ex-Editor Magazine" for reorganizing the college publications. It will be remembered that the scheme, in brief, is this:—Consolidate the *Era* and the *Magazine* into a single publication of purely literary character; change the *Cornellian* into an illustrated record of statistics; leave the *Widow*, *Sun* and *News* each to the field it now occupies. The following comment on the plan has been made by the editors of the various publications:

THE ERA'S POSITION.

The scheme as outlined by an ex-editor of the *Magazine*, looking toward the rearrangement of the University publications, and the reorganization of their boards, (though more extensive), is somewhat in line with a suggestion which was to have been offered by the *Era* last September.

Last year the *Era* felt that the Alumni were not being represented properly, and it was our intention to alter the policy of the *Era* in such a manner that by degrees (in the course of a year or two), it would become an Alumni paper entirely, to be published bi-weekly and in the form of the present *Era*. The appearance of THE ALUMNI NEWS made some other policy necessary, and we naturally thought of amalgamating with the *Era* the *Magazine*. Advertising contracts had however been signed with many of the trades people, and it seemed unwise to cancel these this year.

The *Era* is quite willing to consider a proposition from the *Magazine* for a reorganization on a literary basis entirely, with a competent and energetic board, yet one sufficiently small to act together, and do better work.

If the *Cornellian* can be changed as suggested, the new *Era* would have the entire University for its field, and the result would be much more satisfactory to the subscribers. Selections to the board should not be left to class elections, but should be by competition entirely.

Very respectfully,
CARL D. FISHER,
Editor of the *Era*.

THE MAGAZINE'S POSITION.

The Cornell *Magazine* heartily favors the plan suggested by an ex-editor and will do all in its power to further it. Clearly the publications exist for their readers and not the readers for the publications. This readjustment of the functions of the various papers will give each a field of its own and make each appeal more and more to its own class of readers.

ARTHUR L. ANDREWS,
Editor of the *Magazine*.

THE SUN'S ENDORSEMENT.

The scheme by which it is proposed to cut down the number of college publications is, it seems to me, a good one.

A brief account of my reasons takes in the undoubted success of THE ALUMNI NEWS as an alumni organ, thus taking away one of the three functions of the *Era*. The weekly news summary, another of the *Era's* departments is, also, handled by the ALUMNI NEWS. The only remaining

function is of a literary character, and this is the chief function of the *Magazine*. Thus, the three departments of the *Era* are paralleled by the various departments of THE ALUMNI NEWS and the *Magazine*.

The literary paper should be a monthly, it seems to me, and there seems to be room for only one literary paper at Cornell. The abolition of literary work in the *Cornellian*, and the uniting of *Era* and *Magazine* would give a single more effective literary paper.

The name "*Era*" should be perpetuated, in justice to the past record and past editors of the oldest Cornell publication. If the union can be accomplished without discontent, the minor details will not be too difficult of arrangement; and the gain in effectiveness to the publications, taken as a whole, will be great enough to warrant an earnest effort to carry out the proposed scheme.

C. A. STEVENS,
Editor of the *Sun*.

STATEMENT OF THE CORNELLIAN.

To define specifically the field of each of the University student publications would apparently be beneficial.

In so far as the *Cornellian* is concerned, however, it would seem to be hardly necessary to restrict it to a purely statistical book in order to prevent its encroaching on the territory of any of the other student periodicals. An ideal function of a University annual would naturally be to present in an attractive form, by either verse or short prose sketches, a brief résumé of the principal undergraduate events of the current year. This would not trespass to any extent on the field of the *Sun*, *Era*, or *Widow*. It would be a species of statistics that should give to the *Cornellian* an added value as a book of reference and a souvenir of the University life.

J. H. MASSIE,
Editor of *Cornellian*.

THE WIDOW'S VIEWS.

As the *Widow* is the publication least affected by the reorganization proposed by "ex-Editor Magazine," she may speak, perhaps in the least prejudiced manner. And, after as much serious thought as seemed bearable at one sitting, she unhesitatingly announces that the scheme strikes her as a good one.

It is possible that there may be some personal hardship, and even unfairness, marked in the process of the amalgamation of the *Era* and *Magazine* boards, but the *Widow* is Jesuitical enough to believe that sometimes the means justifies the end.

The *Widow*, moreover, is strongly

in favor of the perpetuation of the name "*Era*." A designation so long famous in the columns of the *Widow* as "Error", should not be forced out by such a formal, unpoetic one as the "Magazine."

It is a good thing, "a grand good thing", to have the news concentrated, for though the *Widow* has on occasion obtained great joy from the *Era's* accounts of celebrations, street-cars, and things, she realized all the time that her gibes lacked point because so few of her readers had read the original articles. The *Sun* and the *News* will do very well, if the *Sun* will but get over announcing Class Meetings several hours after occurrence.

As for the concentration of purely literary matter, who could be filled with greater joy at the prospect thereof than the *Widow*? To have all the unconscious humor in college penned up for slaughter in one house, would be delicious.

But seriously, this matter of having one magazine for earnest literary effort is really the point that appeals to the *Widow's* aesthetic soul. There is a disgracefully small array of such effort in good Cornell. It should be encouraged and given a recognized place. If the new era is to produce a new *Era* with such a mission, hail to it.

Yours cordially,
JESSE H. WILSON, JR.,
Acting Editor *Widow*.

THE ALUMNI NEWS STATEMENT.

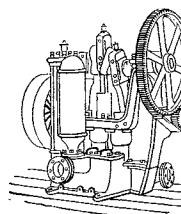
THE ALUMNI NEWS believes the suggestions of "ex-Editor Magazine," regarding the college publications, are timely and should be adopted. It agrees with him, when he says that the *Cornellian* in its present character savors of the small college, and that its usefulness will be increased by making it more and more a statistical illustrated record of the year and by cutting out its literary matter. The *Widow*, one of the most deserving of the University papers, would be benefitted by the new arrangement. An amalgamation of the *Magazine* and *Era*, to be called the *Era*, is a logical step, we believe, and would produce a strong literary paper. As to the part of the scheme which pertains to us, we are again heartily in accord. The *Sun* and ALUMNI NEWS must work together, from their very nature. Further, we shall be willing to take on THE ALUMNI NEWS board as many of the present *Era* editors as shall be necessary to make suggested changes in *Era* and *Magazine*. We strongly urge the adoption of the plan at the opening of the fall term of 1900.

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THE ALUMNI.

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.

Ex.-'78. J. W. Albertson, is telegraph editor of *The Daily Post-Intelligencer*, Seattle, Wash.

'82. On November 17, Vice-President Branner, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, returned from his seven months' tour of investigation of the coral reefs of Brazil. The problem which Professor Agassiz wished to see worked out when he planned this expedition was the origin and geological age of the reefs of the northeastern coast, and through them the history of the coast. The work was eminently successful, and the party brought home with them many photographs and geological specimens. Dr. Branner traveled 20,000 miles, 200 of which were done on foot in the interior. Here he was able to note the improvements in economic and social conditions since his residence there in 1883. The report embodying the results of the trip will be read with great interest in scientific circles. It will soon be ready to forward to the museum of comparative anatomy at Harvard, by which it is to be published early next year, after the return of Professor Agassiz from his present cruise in the South Seas.

'86. Chas. H. Baker is president of The Snoqualmie Falls Power Company, at Snoqualmie, Wash., with main offices at Seattle, Wash.

'86. Philip Price Barton married Miss Georgia Henry Thurston on December 28, at the Calvary Protestant Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.

'86. George H. Pierce has recently moved to Denver, Colo., where he expects to practice his profession of Architecture.

'86-'87. Alfred S. Proctor, ex-'87, and A. L. Hawley, '86, are associated in business as president and secretary respectively of the Denver Tent and Awning Company at 1638-1640 Arapahoe Street, Denver, Col.

'87. Arch. Charles W. Hopkinson is an architect at Cleveland, Ohio. His present address is 343 Franklin Ave., Cleveland, O.

'87. C. E. Edwin D. Carnaghan is doing engineering work in Sombrerete, State of Zacatecas, Mexico.

'88. Professor Charles H. Hull served as one of the judges of the Harvard-Princeton debate, on December 15. The other judges were: Andrew P. Wiswell, Judge Supreme Court of Maine, and Simeon Baldwin, Judge Supreme Court of Errors, Connecticut.

'89. Walter H. Baldwin is a mechanical engineer at 1510 Old Colony Building, Chicago. He is also sales manager of the Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company at the above address.

'89. Isaac C. Brewer is superintendent of the Jarecki Chemical Works of Sandusky, Ohio. He is also city civil engineer for Sandusky.

'89. C.E. J. S. Stone is in charge of the template department of the American Bridge Works, Chicago.

'89. Louis B. Marks, the inventor of the enclosed arc light, is now president of the Marks Enclosed Arc Light Company. Mr. Marks lies at 51 E. 67th Street, New York.

'89. Clifton Price is instructor in Latin at the University of California. His present address is 2223 Chapel Street, Berkeley, Cal.

'92. John Lovejoy Elliott is working with the Ethical Society of New York directly under Professor Felix Adler. Mr. Elliott is working principally in the slums, making studies in social science. His address is at the offices of the Society, 669 Madison Avenue, New York.

'92. E.E. Percy Henry Knight is superintendent of the Utah Power Company, of Salt Lake City. His address is 241 East First South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'92. Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Laura Stanley Dickey, '92, daughter of Mr. James N. Dickey, City Treasurer of Newburg, N. Y., and Mr. E. B. Howell, of Detroit, Mich. Miss Dickey is a niece of Supreme Court Justice William Dickey, of New York, and of United States Shipping Commissioner Joseph M. Dickey, of Newburg.

'93. A.B. William W. Southworth has law offices at 375 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is making a specialty of real estate law.

'94. The engagement of James Parker Hall to Miss Movius, both of Buffalo, has been announced. Mr. Hall has just been appointed associate professor of law in Leland Stanford University.

'94. Samuel S. Slater, who was a candidate for re-election to the assembly from the 31st district of New York, was declared defeated on the first count. The recount reverses the result, electing Mr. Slater by a plurality of 27, thus reseating Mr. Slater in the New York assembly. His Democratic opponent died after election day.

Ex.-'94. Olcott Payne is junior member of the firm of Kelsey, Payne & Armitage, Brokers, with offices in the Burke Building, Seattle, Washington.

Before locating in Seattle, Mr. Payne spent some time in Western Alaska in Kotzebue Sound and the now famous Golofnin Bay country where the Rhodes Mining Company, of which he is the secretary and treasurer, is operating.

Ex.-'95. H. C. Copeland, is advertising manager of the Seattle Daily Star, in Seattle, Washington. During the year '98-'99, he was connected with The Nuggett Express with headquarters at Dawson City, Yukon Territory.

'95. M.E. Harry L. Collins, address 100 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, is with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of that city.

'95. On Monday morning, Dec. 4, A. M. Johnson, of Oberlin, Ohio, was nearly killed in a disastrous wreck on the D. R. G. R. R. near Salida, Colo. His father who was travelling with him was killed. Seven or eight lives were lost in the wreck which was a rear end collision, a following train dashing into the Pullman in which they were asleep. Mr. Johnson's back was reported broken and it was not thought that he could live but word has just been received from the chief surgeon of the road that he is doing well and is expected to recover.

'96. D. Sc. Miss Martha Doan is teaching chemistry at the manual training high school of Indianapolis, Ind.

'96, Arch. Henry W. Tomlinson has his architectural offices at 1106 Steinway Hall, Chicago. Mr. Tomlinson has recently been elected secretary of the Architectural League of America.

'96. H. K. Runnette is now in the employ of the Pittsburg Iron Company. He travels for the company and furnishes estimates on iron work for various kinds of structures.

'96. At seven o'clock in the evening of December 20, occurred the marriage of Miss Emma Marie Magee to Clinton Randolph Wyckoff, '96, at the home of the bride in Watkins, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. R. Ruf, of the Presbyterian church of Watkins, and took place in the drawing room, which was elegantly decorated with white chrysanthemums and smilax, a large arch being formed from the ceiling to the floor with a large mirror heavily decorated as a background. Other rooms were handsomely trimmed in yellow, white and red. From the house leading to the casino, where refreshments were served, was an archway covered with awning and carpeted. The casino was trimmed with holly, wild smilax, bitter-sweet berries, running hemlock, begonias, etc. On the north wall hung two large hearts of evergreen, bearing the letters M. and W. worked with white chrysanthemums. The tables were laid for 114, and were decorated with bride roses. In the center of the room was the bride's table, which seated twelve. The maid of honor was Miss Lucy Magee, and the bridesmaids were Miss Helen Stothoff, of Watkins, and Miss Caroline Webster, of Geneva. The groom was attended by his brother, George Wyckoff, and Joseph Beacham, '97, of the United States army. There were over a hundred guests present, among whom were the following Cornellians: Joseph Beacham, '97, George Wyckoff, ex-'02; Ferdinand Wyckoff, ex-'00; Welling Wyckoff, '96; Jervis Langdon, '97; Stewart Stothoff, '97. After a brief wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff will live in Buffalo, where Mr. Wyckoff is engaged in the practice of law.

'97, Ph.B., '98, LL.B. Irwin Esmond is practicing law at Ballston Spa., N. Y. He recently married Miss Brown of that city.

'97. Harold H. Hill has left his position in the Cleveland office of the Erie City Iron Works, and is now a contracting engineer with offices in the New England Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

'97. Harry W. Tobey is in the employ of the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company at Pittsfield, Mass.

'97. M.E. Enrique Keutsch Müller is in the employ of the Wm. Trigg Shipbuilding Co. located at Richmond, Va.

'97, M.E. Fred Davis Herbert is now a consulting engineer located at 44 Broad Street, New York city.

'98. Louis H. Hood is in the coal business with his father in the firm of Hood Coal Company of Geneva, N. Y. The firm handles the P. & R. coal in the vicinity.

'98, M.E. Albert H. Emery, Jr., is at Hamilton, Ohio, with the Niles Tool Works Company.

'98. Miss Mabel Mead has been appointed instructor in the Greeley High School of Colorado.

'98, C.E. Alfred Frank is assistant to the resident engineer of the Cincinnati Water Works Commission, now engaged in the building of new water works for the city.

'99, Ph.B. Royal Storrs Haynes was recently selected as prosector in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Columbia, where he is studying.

'99, C.E. Ernest David Button, of Schaghticoke, N. Y., was married December 27 to Bessie Geraldine Lang, daughter of ex-Mayor Lang, of Ithaca.

'99. Perry E. Wurst is studying at the Buffalo Law School. His address is 33 St. John's Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

'99. M. W. Kingsley is engaged in engineering work at Cleveland, Ohio.

'99. Walter Martin Zink is studying law at the Buffalo Law School. His address is 112 Plymouth avenue, Buffalo, New York.

'99. W. B. Secor, is a teacher of mathematics and physics at Cascadia School.

'99. Robert G. Ware, Jr., is doing engineering work at Harrisburg, Pa.

'99. F. H. Moyer has resigned his position of superintendent of the Troy (O.) Electrical Works, to become superintendent of the Springfield (O.) Architectural Iron Company of which his father is president.

Obituaries.

JOHN JACOB BERGER, '87.

The death of John Jacob Berger occurred at the residence of Gen. Alonzo Alden, 2,506 Fifth Avenue, in Troy, N. Y., October 24, 1899. Mr. Berger had been a sufferer for the last two years, and while his demise was not unexpected it will be deeply felt. Mr. Berger was born at East Millstone, N. J., in 1865 and went to Troy when seventeen years of age. He entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, pursuing a course in civil engineering, and was graduated in 1886, after four years of brilliant scholastic achievements. He had at the time of his graduation the highest in percentage of any that had ever been graduated from the institute in civil engineering. Mr. Berger took a post-graduate course at the University, remaining one year and receiving the degree of mechanical engineer. He then took a practical course of training at Lynn, Mass., and entered the field of his profession an expert. He had been engaged in electrical work in this section, having done the work in many large buildings both in Troy and Albany. While at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute he became a charter member of the Zeta Sigma fraternity, and he also organized a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association work. He was quiet and unassuming, yet a warm friend and welcome associate. His life held out many inducements for a successful career. His wife, who was Miss Lottie Peck of Lansingburgh, and one son survive. Mr. Berger was the son of Rev. Dr. Martin L. Berger of Cleveland, Ohio, and had resided with Mr. and Mrs. Alden since going to Troy.



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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1900.

We have plenty of University spirit here at Cornell. What we need now is a common centre where that spirit, which already is strong, may be nourished and developed. We need here a great University Club like Houston Hall at Philadelphia, like the Harvard Union which Major Higginson has just made possible at Cambridge: a common centre, where all the University interests may be comfortably housed, where students and teachers may mingle, where wandering alumni may be sheltered, and where great meetings may be held.

The trustees have already given a fine site. May our graduates who are going around with bulging pockets rally to the support of their Alma Mater!"—Dean White in his speech at the Football Smoker, Dec. 9.

CORNELL AND COUNTRY.

There is today no public man in the United States so much in demand as orator of the day upon important semi-public occasions as our President. It goes without saying that a man who is the active head at one and the same time of Cornell University and of the United States Philippine Commission cannot give much time to the preparation of addresses, nor many days to the delivery of them. Nevertheless in the first two weeks of December President Schurman gave addresses before the Union League of Philadelphia, the Liberal Club of Buffalo, and the Congregational Club of New York and vicinity, all of which were at once recognized as important public documents. During the months now immediately before us, he is to address the Albany Historical Society and Legislature of this State in the Capitol at Albany, to address the students of Yale and Columbia Universities, and in the line of succession after Presidents Harrison and McKinley, Senator Depew, Archbishop Ireland, and Bourke Cockran, to give the address on Washington's Birthday under the auspices of the Union League Club of Chicago.

Upon all these occasions President Schurman is a national figure. He

speaks as a statesman, devoting his great powers of exposition to the service of his country in the clear statement of facts, the convincing enunciation of principles, and the unerring deduction from fact and principle of the course which it is at once wisdom and duty for America to pursue.

The patriotic spirit of Cornellians has ever put foremost the service of their country. This University was called into being by an act of the national legislature for purposes of public service. It is dedicated to the material and spiritual advancement of the nation, and it does not withhold its noblest and wisest in the hour of national crisis, when new policies and enormous governmental problems are upon us. Rather it is proud and glad that in this instance the head of the University should conspicuously represent the spirit of patriotic usefulness which is fundamental to Cornellians and to Cornell.

OUR NON-RESIDENT TEACHERS.

We print elsewhere in this number the list of Sage Chapel Preachers for the term, and the announcement of a course of lectures on Banking. Cornellians are a little in danger of forgetting, from mere familiarity, how much the University does for us in bringing distinguished men from the outside world to join for a time in the work of instruction. In religious education our instructors are all the strongest personalities of the Christian churches, and now and then one from the Jewish synagogue.

In matters secular not less is constantly doing. The heads of the departments of the state government are this year filing in, one at a time, to give us a direct insight into the actual working of our political institutions. A course of illustrated lectures on our new territory and neighbors in Asia, the Philippines, Japan, China, and Siam reaches the second lecture tomorrow night, and is to be supplemented by lectures on American achievement in Cuba and Porto Rico—all by men recognized as authorities in their subjects. On Founder's Day, January 11th, America's foremost novelist, William Dean Howells, is to add an address on the profession of the writer to the series in which Charles A. Dana, Andrew Carnegie, and Lyman Abbott have already figured. Similarly last year an ex-secretary of state gave us a course on diplomacy, a distinguished editor a course on journalism, and another gentleman gave here a course on insurance which proved of very unusual importance. And next year it will be the same. This is always the way at Cornell.

Those who are in a position to know, frequently remark that no other American institution of learning begins to do as much in this way as

Cornell. At older and richer universities the students, formed into clubs, themselves take the initiative and secure the distinguished speakers whom they wish to hear, at no expense to the university treasuries. This is only one of many matters in which Cornellians enjoy peculiar advantages. It behooves us not to fall into the way of taking these things for granted, but remembering that our Alma Mater has always had a more fostering care of us than has fallen to the lot of other collegians, to show ourselves proportionally exceptional in the generous love with which, when we can, we strive to repay her.

SAGE CHAPEL PREACHERS.

President Schurman has announced the following list of Sage Chapel preachers for the winter term:

January 7-14, Rev. S. A. Eliot, Unitarian, of Boston.

January 21, Rev. J. A. Leighton, Ph.D., Episcopalian, of Hobart College.

January 28, Rev. C. C. Albertson, Ph.D., Methodist, of Germantown.

February 4, President George B. Stewart, Presbyterian, of Auburn Theological Seminary.

February 11, Rev. Wm. M. Grosvenor, D.D., Episcopalian, of New Canaan.

February 18-25, Rev. Philip S. Moxom, D.D., Congregational, of Springfield.

March 4, Rev. Joseph Waite, Unitarian, of Hartford.

March 11, President W. H. P. Faunce, Baptist, of Brown University.

SAGE MEMORIAL MOSAICS.

The following description of the mosaics which the Trustees are having put in the Sage Memorial Apse is taken from the *New York Times*:

The largest series of figure mosaics ever executed in America is nearing completion at the workrooms of J. & R. Lamb, 25 Sixth Avenue. The mosaics are for the Henry Sage Memorial Apse in the chapel of Cornell University. The largest portion of the work—a series of groups in the dome—is already in place, and the mosaics which will be placed around the base of the dome will all be in position in a few weeks.

The cartoons for the work were on view recently at the Messrs. Lamb's studio, and it is evident that the chapel at Cornell will be enriched by work of as high a character as any produced in recent years here or abroad. Modern mosaic workers make no attempt to rival the minuteness in detail of the Renaissance period of the art, their productions resembling more nearly Byzantine mosaics. But in spite of this there is none of the patchy appearance which has marred many recent works in this medium. The colors are brilliant, of course, but they blend harmoniously, and the quasi-primitive rigidity of line—the Wardour Street imitation of antiquity, as it has been termed—is conspicuous by its absence.

Especially successful are the figures of angels in the dome, which were designed by F. S. Lamb. They are symbolic of the Church militant and triumphant and the Holy Communion. Other portions of the work were designed by Charles R. Lamb and Ella Condice Lamb.

THE TRIANGULAR CHESS TOURNAMENT.

Cornell Wins Second Place.

The triangular tournament of the newly organized College Chess League, consisting of Brown, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania, was begun Wednesday morning, December 27, at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club. There were six contestants in all, two from each college as follows:

Brown—Clarence B. Lester and Harry W. Davis; Cornell—Louis A. Karpinski and Ernest Riedel; Pennsylvania—R. B. Griffith and J. Spencer Francis.

The play continued for three days, Major Hanham acting as referee and announcing the pairing for each match. Cornell missed tying Pennsylvania for first place by half a point and came in a close second. The final record of the tournament is summarized as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Won.	Lost.
Brown . .	½	7½	Pennsyl'ia	6 2
Cornell . .	5½	2½		

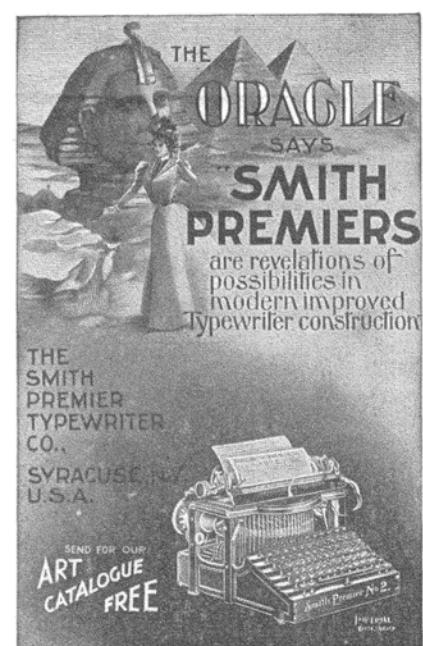
The individual scores are :

	Won.	Lost.	Won.	Lost.
Davis . .	0	4	Riedel . .	3 1
Lester . .	½	3½	Francis . .	2 2
Karpinski . .	2½	1½	Griffith . .	4 0

At a business meeting held after the conclusion of the first round it was announced that a trophy had been provided for annual competition by Isaac L. Rice. A vote of thanks to the donor, as well as to the Manhattan Chess Club and Referee Hanham was adopted. Another meeting, at which officers are to be elected, will shortly be held.

After all play ceased a meeting was held with Karpinski, of Cornell, in the chair, and Francis, of Pennsylvania, acting as secretary. It was decided to form an organization of the three colleges under the title of the Triangular College Chess League, and to hold the second annual tournament in New York next year. No student will be allowed to play more than four times in the contest, and will not be eligible if beyond his fifth year of matriculation. The Rice trophy will be placed in the custody of a Board of Trustees consisting of one member of each of the different faculties. The business will be in charge of one graduate from each college.

The three colleges will make application to Columbia, Harvard, Yale and Princeton for representation in the next cable chess match with Oxford and Cambridge, and the American team is thus expected to be materially strengthened.



Annual Christmas Trip of the Cornell Musical Clubs.

A sixteen-section Pullman sleeper and a Lehigh combination baggage car and smoker rolled out of Ithaca early the morning of December 26, and, as a special train, carried part of the musical clubs to join the other fifty-four men in Buffalo. In that city, Mr. Seward Simons, '79, and the Buffalo Club tendered an enjoyable luncheon to the men in the afternoon and opened the club to them for the remainder of the day. The first concert of the trip, given that evening at the Twentieth Century Club on Delaware Avenue, was remarkably successful for a first concert. The house was comfortably filled—the credit being largely due to Mr. Austin, of the Buffalo *Express*, and to Orson C. Hoyt, '99, and other alumni. While in Buffalo the clubs stayed at the Genesee House.

Over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, the clubs went next morning, December 27, to Cleveland, arriving in time for luncheon at the Colonial Hotel. The attendance at the concert in Association Hall that evening was poor, because of lack of advertising. The small audience, however, failed to discourage the singers and players, for they gave one of the best concerts of the trip.

Detroit was the next stop. There on the afternoon of December 28, the men were entertained at a reception at the residence of Mrs. Hosie on Forest Street. The concert in the evening, one of the attractions of the Star course of the Y. M. C. A., was given in the Light Guard Armory before some twenty-five hundred people.

Friday morning the clubs travelled by the C. H. and D. railroad to Lima, Ohio, where they were accommodated at the Lima House. The attendance at the concert in the Faurot Opera House, was the most discouraging of the trip. The double quartet of the Glee Club sang at a dance after the concert.

Springfield, Ohio, next heard the undergraduate musicians. Here again insufficient advertising accounts for the small audience. After the concert, Mr. Frank C. Johnson, ex-'87, invited the men to the Lagonda, where they spent some most pleasant hours around the table.

The clubs arrived in Cincinnati Sunday morning, December 31, and went direct to the Gibson House for luncheon. The afternoon and evening were happily spent at an informal reception and buffet supper at "Kirch-Leim," the residence of Mr. Schmidlapp at East Walnut Hills overlooking the Ohio river. Mr. Schmidlapp, who is the brother-in-law of Walter Balke, '96, made an ideal host. Monday, New Year's Day, the alumni of Cincinnati took the visitors through the city and suburbs as a trolley party, and, after showing them the Zoo and other points of interest, gave them a supper and smoker.

Tuesday morning the clubs visited Moerlein's brewery; in the afternoon they were entertained at the Avondale Club. The Cincinnati concert was held in the Music Hall that evening, January 2. At eleven o'clock the alumni bade farewell to the clubs at the Gibson House. Late Wednesday afternoon, the musical clubs reached Pittsburg. After dinner at the Hotel Schenley, they gave their final concert at Carnegie Hall. A dance followed. The clubs arrived home Thursday night with stories of many enjoyable incidents of the trip. As Manager Fisher was absent most

of the trip, the assistants, J. L. Senior, '01, and A. T. Wood, '01, were in control.

The programme usually rendered was as follows:

PART FIRST.

1. (a) Alma Mater.
- (b) Cornell.
2. The Ameer, Banjo Club
3. There was an Old Soldier, Glee Club
4. Violin Solo—Air Varié No. 7, Op. 15 (DeBériot), Mr. Goldmark
5. Fortune Teller, Mandolin Club
6. There, Little Girl, Don't Cry, Messrs. Mott, Cavnah, Morrison, Petermann.

PART SECOND.

1. Topsy Turvey, Banjo Club
2. Courtship, Glee Club
3. Katie, Mr. Petermann and Glee Club
4. X-Ray Waltzes, Mandolin Club
5. The Dixie Kid, Glee Club
6. Cornell Evening Song, Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

The men with the clubs were, W. H. Morrison, '01, leader of the glee club; Warner, '00; Cavnah, '01; Baker, '01; Fenner, '03; Taylor, '03; Ryan, '03; Valentine, '00; Mott, '03; Ditmars, '03; Knapp, '00; Sommer, '03; Bowen, '02; Williams, '01; Chase, '03; Hart, '01; Niles, '00; Crouse, '03; Slocum, '01; Culver, '02; Petermann, '00; Fay, '01; W. H. Nevin, '00, leader of the banjo club; Pate, '00; Hannan, '00; Beltaire, '02; Huntington, '00; McAdam, '00; Austin, '01; Smith, '03; Hess, '02; Morse, '03; Stearns, '02; Yawger, '02; Estabrook, '00; Ayers, '00; Dresser, '01; Dresser, '00; Babcock, '00; A. P. Bryant, leader of the mandolin club; Owen, '03; Crossette, '02; Estabrook, '00; Couch, '02; Chase, '02; Philbrick, '00; Southard, '01; Goldmark, '02; Young, '00.

In Other Universities.

Early in December the chemical laboratory of Johns Hopkins University was destroyed by fire. Various chemicals, some of them quite valuable, some expensive chemical analytical machines, and a number of rare books on chemistry were involved in the loss. The trustees have decided to restore the building at once.

Heinrich Conried, manager of the Irving Place Theatre, New York, produced Lessing's "Minna von Barnhelm" in Philadelphia last week in aid of the fund for the publication of a series of monographs on the German drama in America, now being prepared by the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Conried has now made a valuable offer to the Deutscher Verlen, of Columbia, offering the society the use of his theatre and accessories and his services as coach, for the production of a German play.

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Cornell Authors.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

Among the many readers of Professor Goldwin Smith's "United States," not a few must have wished that he would discharge a similar function for his native land, and present a clear, connected and succinct survey of English from a political point of view. The task was, by comparison, colossal, because, not a hundred, but a thousand, years had to be embraced in the conspectus. Nevertheless, it has been undertaken, and admirably performed, in two volumes, collectively comprising some eleven hundred pages, which are entitled *The United Kingdom, A Political History*, by GOLDWIN SMITH (Macmillans). This is a book which, from one point of view may be classed with the attempts of Montesquieu, Comte and Buckle to evolve a philosophy of history, while, at the same time, scholars who have devoted many years to the investigation of particular epochs will observe with surprise and satisfaction the author's familiarity with the outcome of the latest research in every section of his comprehensive field. As regards the breadth of his canvas, Professor Smith begins with an account of the political state of things among the English before the landing of William the Norman, and he brings down his narrative to 1840, so far as the United Kingdom is concerned, and almost to our own day, as regards the British colonies and dependencies.

Mr. Lawrence Godkin in his "Random Recollections," published in a recent number of the New York *Evening Post*, says of Professor Goldwin Smith: "He is, since Cardinal Newman's death, the greatest master of English style. The English language is not in the hands of any living man so potent an instrument as in his. A more remarkable achievement than his 'Political History of the United States,' in the way of literary condensation, I do not know. His greater and more recent work, 'The United Kingdom,' is in no respect inferior. In the hundreds of judgments which in it he passes, on men and events, it is rare indeed that one can say he ever strikes a false note."

DAVID STARR JORDAN.

A pamphlet has lately been published by Doubleday & McClure, New York, bearing the formidable title:

"The True Basis of Economics, or the Law of Independent and Collective Human Life." It is a correspondence between David Starr Jordan and Dr. J. H. Stallard, of Menlo Park, on the merits of the doctrine of Henry George. Dr. Stallard, whose death occurred two weeks ago, had been for many years a devoted advocate of the "Single Tax." He asked President Jordan's opinion of it and received a two-page reply wherein are concisely expressed the objections to the "faulty" logic and metaphysical arguments of the single taxers. Dr. Stallard's reply of sixty pages and an appendix of notes equal in length, serve to reaffirm the writer's faith in the doctrine. Incidentally regret is expressed "that the law of human life should be utterly ignored" at Stanford.

It is not so much the single tax as the grounds on which such a political reform should be justified, that is under discussion. The results of the book are of small importance. The principal interest lies in the widely different outlooks of the two writers, on the nature of social change. President Jordan states clearly and holds consistently the ground of social expediency. Dr. Stallard retires far beyond range to the heights of "natural law," and peppers harmlessly away with the antiquated guns of the eighteenth century philosophy.

BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER.

The lecture which Professor Wheeler of this University, as he then was, delivered last year at Harvard on "Dionysius and Immortality; the Greek Faith in Immortality as affected by the Rise of Individualism," has recently been published by Houghton, Mifflin & Company.

The net receipts of the Yale-Princeton game were \$27,400, and from the Yale-Harvard game, nearly \$44,000. Each management received a half of the proceeds.

A new five horse-power gas engine has been set up in Sibley College for the use of the department of experimental engineering. It is the gift of the manufacturers.

Among Cornellians revisiting Ithaca during the holidays were Professor E. D. Durand, '96, W. W. Kuntz, '97, Miss C. E. Smith, '94, Miss M. P. Coppins, '97, W. M. Torrance, '95, R. M. Breckenridge, '92, L. C. Root, '92, Professor C. J. Bullock and Professor W. F. Willcox.

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TRAIN LEAVE ITHACA AT 9.05 A. M. 12.15 P. M. 9.30 P. M.

Cornell Authors.

'95. Charles H. Blatchford was married at New Haven, Conn., on November 30, 1899, to Miss Careta Clark, daughter of the lately retired president of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. After leaving Cornell Mr. Blatchford graduated at the Northwestern Law School in '97, and at the Yale Law School in '98, since which time he has been practicing his profession in Chicago. Mr. Blatchford is a member of the law firm of Smith, Blatchford & Taylor with offices at 415 First National Bank Building. Mr. and Mrs. Blatchford are now living at 74 Buena Avenue, Chicago.

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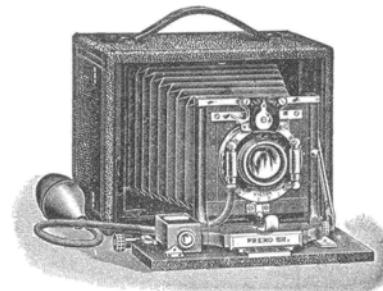
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