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## A VALUABLE COLLECTION.

### Dean Crane's Gift to the University Library.

The library of Cornell is once more happy in the gift of a rich special collection of books. Dean Crane, of the College of Arts and Sciences, has just bestowed upon it that unique body of mediæval sermon-books, the treasure-trove of half a lifetime, from which he has drawn such notable contributions to comparative storiology and the history of European literature.

It is now nearly twenty years since Professor Crane first pointed out to scholars the treasures which lurk in their old sermon-books, and since that day he has perhaps stood foremost among those who have drawn them forth into the light. When, in 1890, his epoch-making edition of the stories, or exempla, of Jacques de Vitry appeared, I prepared for the *Cornell Magazine* the following note which should now be reprinted for a wider reading:

In this late day of after-gleaning, to discover a new field of literature is no common achievement. Yet it is hardly less than this that Professor Crane has done by his work among the mediæval preachers. If a decade ago any field of human thought seemed dry and barren, it was surely the popular theology of the closing centuries of the Middle Ages. But in this desert Professor Crane has found a spring whence come draughts of the most delicious refreshing.

It was in his little study on *Mediæval sermon-books and stories*, in 1883, that the part played by the preachers as story tellers in the diffusion of imaginative literature was first clearly and comprehensively pointed out. Already in that essay it was shown that the tales of the popular sermonizers were largely oriental in their origin, and that the main channel through which they found distribution in the West was the facile memory of a great preacher of the thirteenth century, whose anecdotes, familiar through his borrowers and in manuscript, had never been given to the world in print. This story-loving preacher was the eminent prelate James of Vitriacum, or Vitry in France—preacher of crusades and writer of histories, Bishop of Acre in the Holy Land, then Cardinal-Bishop of Frascati and prince of the Roman church—known to his own time as Jacobus a Vitriaco, to ours as Jacques de Vitry. It was but natural, therefore, when the English Folk-Lore Society wisely resolved to publish, from a manuscript of the sermons in which he used them, this wealth of stories, that it should turn for an editor to the one man who had shown himself master of all the field.

But it is much more than an edition, even of this fundamental source, that Professor Crane has given us. In a double sense the Jacques de Vitry has but served him as a text. His hundred-page introduction, an enlargement of his previous essay, is the first broad survey of the rise and spread of illustrative stories in sermons and of the whole activity of the mediæval preachers in their use. From their sparing employ by Gregory the Great he passes rapidly to the great change in the spirit and method of preaching brought by the rise of the Friars, dwells long and lovingly on what little we know of the life and writings of Jacques de Vitry himself, then passes to a more summary study of the later sermonizers who borrowed from his store. Of their surviving productions he makes three great classes: collections of sermons using such illustrative stories, or *exempla*, collections of the stories alone for the use of preachers, and translations of these collections from the churchly Latin into the rising modern tongues. Ranging over the whole of western Christendom with that breadth of research and that rare bibliographic knowledge which always mark his work, paus-

ing here and there only to point out the true parentage of some collection or version hitherto vagrant, he follows the pulpit story-tellers through all their published utterances, till the Reformation, with its sterner sense of the dignity of their calling, checked their garrulous tongues in both the younger and the elder church, and on profaner lips their anecdotes found a place among the unsavory *facetiae* of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Yet not even from the pulpit did they wholly perish; and Professor Crane has dared so far to lift the curtain of the modern preacher's study as to betray at least a handful of them still lurking in the collections of illustrations for use—O mores!—in the sermons of our own day.

It is not alone for the students of literature that the delightful volume has worth. Not less is its value to history. These stories exhale the very breath of their times. In an age when the wandering preacher was newspaper, library, lyceum, all in one, his words the only touch that came to common folk of the swelling life and thought of the outside world, such tales had a meaning it is hard for us to realize. Not the preacher himself dreamed how wide was the scope of the influences he thus brought to bear on the western peoples. Not alone the old legends of the Fathers of the desert and the pious anecdotes of St. Gregory, but stories that had drifted to him he knew not whence, in his wanderings throughout Europe or in the far lands of the Crusades; fables of Aesop and of Phaedrus, their pagan authorship long forgotten, but still instinct with the common sense of classic days,—ingenious Indian tales, flotsam of folk-lore since the dawn of civilization,—wondrous creations of Arabian fancy, oddly linked to some Christian moral. Yet there is much that is fresh; experiences and observations of the preacher himself, as he faced down the heretic Albigenses, or measured wits with the wily Saracen beyond the sea, or listened to the maudering confessions of hysterical penitents, or drank in the wierd hearsays and vaporings of his fellow clerks. It is in this labyrinth that there comes to our aid the patient scholarship of Professor Crane's notes, pointing out, so far as possible, the source of each anecdote, the channel of its coming, the media and extent of its later diffusion, the varying forms in which it has been clad.

All was grist that came to the friar's mill. Yet one must not too rashly infer that this catholic hospitality seriously mars the value of his stories as a mirror of his time. Each has had its Christian baptism and bears becomingly its Christian lesson. The story of the man who, fleeing from a unicorn falls into a chasm, and clutching a shrub in his fall, beholds two mice gnawing at the root of the shrub, four serpents eating its trunk, below him at the bottom of the chasm a dragon waiting to devour him, above his head a sharp sword held only by a slender thread, but spies also a little honey dropping from the branches of the shrub, and, forgetting all his dangers, reaches out after the honey, mirrors not less truly the whole religious philosophy of the Middle Age that it once was told on the banks of the Indus; for now the pursuing unicorn is death, the chasm is this world, the shrub is the brief span of human life, gnawed by the white mouse of day and the black one of night, the serpents are the four intermingled and dissolving elements of the human body, the abyss is Hell and the dragon the Devil, the sharp sword is the judgment of God, the drops of honey are the fleeting delights of life, the man's fall is its end. All is there but the miracle which alone can save him.

Of the many old friends we meet among these stories, some—like that of the woman of the spilt milk—make here their first European appearance; and it may well be doubted if they have since found a more charming narrator. Amazing to a modern reader is the wide range of knowledge laid under tribute by the sermonizer. One must remember that to the ages of faith the world was created mainly as a moral lesson, and that all natural science found its end in the hidden spiritual meanings it revealed. Not a little of Professor Crane's introduction is devoted to the attempts thus to moralize into usefulness zoology, mineralogy, natural history in general.

That a study such as this could be made in our remote corner of the world, far from the great collections of books and manuscripts, is a thing encouraging to all of us. The works on which it is based, many of them not reprinted since the fifteenth century, are among the rarest in literature. However dearly it has cost its author, it cannot but be gratifying to Cornellians that there has thus been gathered by him upon our campus what is probably the richest collection of these old preachers possessed by any private scholar. May it long stay with us as a source of such delightful work as this.

It is this collection, much enriched in the years which have since passed, that Dean Crane now turns over to the University library—a noble capstone for that fine library of folk-lore which he has for years been building up on its shelves. There could be no happier connecting link between the great Fiske and Zarncke collections in the field of the Romanic and Germanic literatures and the rich shelves of the President White Library on the history of superstition. And let us not forget to be grateful to the wisdom of another donor who makes his benefaction sure by giving it, at whatever personal sacrifice, while he can himself deliver the gift.

GEORGE L. BURR.

## The Fencers' Club.

Enthusiastic activity marks the life of the Fencers' Club just at present. This is caused by the prospect of meets with worthy opponents. Negotiations are about complete for contests with Pennsylvania and Syracuse during this term, while definite arrangements have been made for a meet with Columbia on the evening of March 2, the contest on this occasion being one number on the program of the Yale-Columbia indoor athletic games. Further, the team is planning to take part in the annual intercollegiate fencing tournament which will come during the spring vacation and in which Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Cornell and other colleges will participate.

For next term, the club is trying to get a meet with Harvard and according to present indications, she will succeed. With these many different battlefields ahead, it is easy to understand the enthusiasm of the members, a considerable number of whom are working earnestly to get on the teams which will represent Cornell. Among last year's fencers there are still a number in the club, the most promising of them being Wieland, Viles, Knipe, Krebs and Shepard.

## Musical Lectures.

Mr. Arthur Farwell gave in Barnes Hall on January 15, 16, and 17, a series of three University lectures on "The Theory of Music." Mr. Farwell is a resident of New York City, and is this year a member of the instructing staff of the University, his title being Lecturer in Music. He gave last year, as a non-resident lecturer, an address on "Wagner and the Opera."

The titles of Mr. Farwell's lectures were "Nature in Science and Art," "Form in Music," and the "Influence of Music in Greek Civilization." Other lectures will be given later, to make when completed, a series of eight.

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING.

### Football Management's Report.

The special order of business at the Athletic Council meeting held last Monday night was the financial report of Graduate Treasurer Treman. A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures in each branch of athletics for the year 1899 was submitted to the Council. A somewhat summarized statement of the football finances, being of special interest at this time, is given below:

On hand, Jan. 1, 1899, . . . . .	\$ 1000 00
Receipts during the year 1899, . . . . .	20787 65
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Expenditures during the year 1899.	
Bills left over from 1899, . . . . .	\$ 488 20
Trainer, . . . . .	390 37
Medical attendance, . . . . .	512 75
Percy Field, . . . . .	759 16
Officials, . . . . .	121 20
Training table, . . . . .	1341 79
Printing, posting, stationery, typewriting, . . . . .	149 82
Clippings, . . . . .	12 00
Street car fares, . . . . .	127 50
Repairing, . . . . .	128 65
Rubbers, . . . . .	82 74
Field attendants, . . . . .	28 75
Photographs, . . . . .	9 90
Visiting teams, . . . . .	2469 54
Telegraph, telephone, express, postage, . . . . .	98 10
Coaching, . . . . .	2602 30
Supplies, . . . . .	1193 13
Traveling expenses, . . . . .	3403 62
	13919 37

On hand at date of report, . . . . .	\$ 7868 28
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The baseball and track deficits were ordered paid out of the football surplus. A committee composed of the president of the Council, the graduate treasurer, and the advisory members of the four branches of sport, was appointed to consider what should be done with the balance of the football surplus. It is hoped that by far the larger portion of this balance can be devoted to permanent improvements at Percy Field and at the boathouse. It was voted that a map be made of Percy Field to enable the above committee to apportion out the field to the football, baseball, and track interests. If possible, separate fields will be allotted to football and baseball, and the running track improved.

A provisional report of a sub-committee of the Providence Conference was submitted to the Council by Prof. Dennis, Cornell's representative in this conference and a discussion had thereon. It is expected that the final report will be issued some time during this year.

## Senior Class Photograph.

This year is probably the first time that a Senior class has chosen an out-of-town man as class photographer. And this action was taken simply to oppose the arbitrary demand and illiberal proposition of the Ithaca photographers, who have banded together in the interest of higher prices and less work.

Endean, of Cleveland, received the appointment because of his offer and guarantee to do excellent work at a reasonable figure. He will set up a studio in Ithaca and stay until he finishes all the class work.

## GYMNASIUM EDUCATION.

**Important Action by Directors—  
Cornell's Methods.**

The third annual meeting of the Society of College Gymnasium Directors was held in the Yale Gymnasium, Dec. 29 and 30. The Society is composed of the head directors of the gymnasiums of fifteen colleges and universities who have been actively engaged in college work not less than three years and thus constitutes the highest authority on gymnastic work in the country.

This meeting was especially important because of the action taken on two points. First, a committee, with Dr. J. W. Seaver of Yale as Chairman, was appointed to study the therapeutic effect of judicious gymnastic work on heart disease and hernia, and to report the best methods. The significance of this step is apparent when it is known that large numbers of students come to college afflicted with some sort or other of these organic disorders, that some forms of light gymnastic work have been proved to be a very helpful, if not the most helpful remedy, and that this action is the first effort made by any scientific or medical organization to investigate the subject.

The other important feature was the appointment of another committee, with Dr. W. C. Anderson of Yale as its Chairman, to investigate the relation of gymnastics and athletics to the college. This includes a wise oversight of the men on the various athletic teams, preventing those who are physically unfit through natural defects from entering into athletics at all and preventing those who are crippled by injuries from participating in contests. An investigation of the facts and proposed measures for reform were unanimously adopted, because recently several athletes have been seriously injured from being allowed by trainers to go into games when they were in no physical condition to do so.

This committee will also make an effort to have the faculties of the various colleges give university credit, to the students, usually Freshmen, of whom they require gymnastic work. The plan has been tried in the University of Chicago and Haverford College. It not only puts a stop to the grumbling over compulsory gymnastic exercise, but arouses an interest in the work.

The Society during this meeting revised and improved in detail the intercollegiate method of physical measurements and strength tests which was adopted two years ago. This uniform method will now allow a more satisfactory and accurate method of compiling statistics and of comparing the strong men of the various colleges in their annual competition. Steps were also taken for the revision of the nomenclature.

Dr. W. G. Anderson is the newly elected President of the Society.

The examination of athletes on the lines marked out above is practiced by the local department of physical culture, in all branches except football. In this, too, beginning with next fall, all candidates will be carefully examined and excluded from training if unfit. Physical examination of students in general is here required at entrance, and may also be obtained, if desired, at any time later in the course.

In regard to the intercollegiate strength tests also mentioned at the Society's meeting, it may be said that Dr. Hitchcock has never adopted

these, because he has believed them to be wholly inadequate, and many times even injurious. The tests specified do not really test the true strength of the individual, while they often strain one in such a way as to do lasting harm. They do not prove anything as to a man's real physical ability and are better left alone.

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**'94 Memorial Debate.**

The annual '94 Memorial Debate contest, held January 10 at the Armory, was won by Frank Howard Hausner, '00 Law. In the absence of President Schurman who was called to Washington and of Professor D. C. Lee, who was ill, the Hon. Samuel D. Halliday presided. After music by the Cadet Band, he announced the subject for debate, viz.: Resolved, That the administration of municipal governments in America should be entirely non-partisan. He then introduced the first speaker on the affirmative, Forrest Ellwood Cardullo.

Mr. Cardullo defined the terms of the question and prepared the way for the other speakers on his side. Manton Marble Wyvell spoke first on the negative. The remaining speakers on the affirmative were Edward Frank Clark, Charles Crane Hawley and Frank Hausner, and on the negative William Miller McCrea, James Bennett Nolan and Leonard Jesse Reynolds.

The affirmative contended that a municipality should be constructed on the lines of a business corporation and that a non-partisan government would furnish the necessary requisites, namely: honesty and efficiency.

The negative replied that in spite of this plan there would still be class and social differences between the people and that after all a test of efficiency would not always be final. Each speaker was allowed eight minutes in his opening speech and five in his rebuttal.

At the close of the debate the committee of award—William H. Hotchkiss, A. M., of Buffalo, Charles I. Avery, B. S., of Auburn, and William Hazlitt Smith, A. B., of Ithaca, after a short retirement, announced its decision in favor of Frank Howard Hausner.

According to custom the Debate Council held a meeting immediately after the debate to choose the representatives in the intercollegiate contest with Columbia. F. H. Hausner, J. B. Nolan, and L. J. Reynolds, with W. M. McCrea as substitute, were chosen.

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Columbia has issued a call for candidates for the freshman crew to which about 30 men have responded. A complete change in the rowing policy will be made and a system of class races will be introduced.

Besides Professor M. C. Tyler, Professor H. Morse Stevens, and Miss Putnam, '78, who have already been noted as present at the recent meeting of the American Historical Association, the following Cornellians were also present: G. M. Dutcher, '97, and W. H. Ottman, '97, both members of the Cornell Graduate School of History; Miss Lillian C. Swift, '97, Frank G. Bates, '91, J. C. Edmunds and W. C. Abbott, who were at one time members of the Graduate school and the latter of whom was at one time an instructor in English at Cornell.

**College Sports and Scholarship.**

The Boston *Traveller* has recently published an article replying to the charge that college athletics are detrimental to scholarship. The article contains the following statements from three leading universities:

From Princeton University Dr. H. N. Van Dyke writes:

"In reply to your letter of Dec. 1, I write to say:

"(1) That of the students engaged in athletics the percentage of honor men is about the same as in the class as a whole.

"(2) That since students under examination conditions are not allowed to hold places on athletic teams those engaged in athletics are as a rule careful to make up any deficiencies promptly.

"(3) That while in some individual cases athletics are detrimental to scholarship in other cases they are distinctly beneficial, and that in our opinion they are not injurious, under proper restrictions, to the general standard or scholarship."

The rank list from Harvard shows the following result:

This list, for the year 1898-99, shows that no less than 29 men who were prominent in football took honors in one or more branches, while more than 20 received two or more honors. Captain Burden, who is at the same time president of his class and senior marshal, taking six.

Ten of the baseball squad similarly distinguished themselves, and over 20 of the track athletes were on the list, besides a goodly number of the crew. Above all, Klein, the Harvard strong man, received honors in 10 courses.

Prof. E. W. Huffcut, the president of the athletic association of Cornell, states that he has just completed a careful statistical examination of the question of the scholarship of football men, and that "there is no indication that their work in the fall term is below their work in the terms when they did not play football." Says Prof. Huffcut: "My own observation tends to convince me that playing, or not playing football has but little to do with a student's class standing. Men will take leisure for something, and energetic men like to take it for outdoor sports; others take the same amount of leisure for other things, musical clubs, dramatic clubs, chess clubs, college periodicals, and the

like, or, perhaps, in mere social pleasures or plain loafing.' A student's class standing is therefore but very little influenced by the particular form of leisure amusement in which he indulges."

Supplementary to the above statement by Professor Huffcut, the NEWS is able to publish a summary of the statistics of the Cornell football team for '98-'99. The statistics have been carefully prepared by the registrar and are accurate. Taking the 18 men who received the 'Varsity "C" in football in 1898, we find the following results for the year 1898-'99:

In the fall term when the men played football, 11 received an average of from 57 to 74 per cent and 7 an average of 75 per cent and over; for the whole year including the terms when the men did not play football, 12 had an average of from 59 to 74 per cent and 6 an average of 75 per cent or over. This shows a slight advantage in favor of the term when they played football, but in general the variations both in individual cases and as a whole are so slight as to lead to the conclusion that football has little or nothing to do with class studying.

**Hockey.**

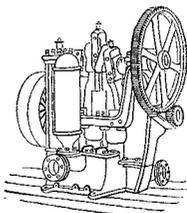
The agitation in favor of a hockey team, noted in last week's issue, has aroused considerable interest. Under the direction of G. A. Smith, who has had considerable experience in the game at Toronto University, about twenty-five men have been practicing, throughout the past week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Much good material has been brought out, particularly among the Canadian men, but a great deal of work at team play is necessary, before the men can be gotten into proper shape.

On Friday afternoon, a meeting of the candidates for the team was held in Room 2, Morse Hall, for the purpose of organizing a hockey club. E. B. Whitman, '01, was elected manager. A petition was drawn up and signed by all present, asking the Athletic Council to grant them permission to play games under the name of "The Cornell Hockey Club." A challenge was read from the Buffalo University team, for a game to be played in about two weeks. As soon as possible this and several other games will be arranged.

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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.

'72. W. J. Youngs, Governor Roosevelt's private secretary, is expected to lecture before the University January 19th on the work of the Executive, in the course on the State Government.

'75. Hon. Frank H. Hiscock, Judge of the Supreme Court at Syracuse, has declined the appointment to the appellate division of the Supreme Court, tendered him at the beginning of the year.

'79. Edward C. Russel is attorney-at-law in Helena, Montana.

'85, A. B., '88, LL. B. At the December election in Binghamton, N. Y., Henry Collier Olmstead was elected city judge.

'87, M.E. W. F. D. Crane, formerly with the H. W. Johns Manufacturing Company of New York, is now in automobile work with the Columbia and Electrical Vehicle Company, of Hartford, Conn.

'88. John R. Mott contributes to the *Collegian* for January articles entitled "The Influence of Dwight L. Moody on the Student Movement," and "Among the Students of Denmark."

'90. William S. Young has withdrawn from the Deane and International Steam Pump Companies, and is devoting himself exclusively to the general practice of law at 32 Liberty Street, New York.

'90. Louis G. Thatcher of West Danby, Conn., has accepted a position as general representative of the Waterbury American at Torrington, Conn.

'90, M. M. E. George Ira Alden has been elected chairman of the school committee of Worcester, Mass.

'91, M.E. Albert L. Kuehmsted is general manager and a large shareholder in the Gregory Electric Company of St. Louis.

'91. H. A. Benedict is electrical engineer for the Albany & Hudson Railway and Power Co., Albany, N. Y.

'92, M.E. Francis Raymond is in the offices of the General Incandescent and Arc Light Company at St. Louis.

'93. Frank C. Cosby is employed by the Underground Cable Company of Pittsburg.

'93. H. J. Armstrong is in charge of the customs assay office at Republic, Washington.

'93. Wells S. Gilbert is in the employ of the U. S. Flour Manufacturing Company of West Superior, Wis.

'93, M. E. Frank G. Snyder, of Philadelphia, visited in Ithaca during the vacation.

'93. F. C. Draper has formed a partnership with W. W. Taber for the practice of architecture, with offices in Syracuse.

'93. Ward Barnum is assistant professor of mechanical engineering in Washington Agricultural College and School of Science, Pullman, Washington.

'94. Willis R. VanDemark has opened a law office at 714 Powers Building, Rochester, N. Y.

'94. E. W. Bentley is secretary and superintendent of the Champion Saw and Gas Engine Co., of Beaver Falls, Pa. In connection with his brother, L. L. Bentley, '90, he has designed the line of gas engines manufactured by the above company.

'94. C. C. Rosewater, managing editor of the *Omaha Bee* was in town last week after a visit to New York City.

'94, Ph. D. Joseph Alexander Leighton, chaplain of Hobart College, will be the Sage Chapel preacher on January 21.

'95, LL. B., '97 LL. M. Louis H. Kilbourne is a lawyer of Wellsboro, Pa.

'95. Dr. C. C. Swisher, at present head of the department of American history of Columbian University, has been appointed acting professor of economics in the same institution, to succeed Professor Lee Davis Lodge, who has resigned to become president of Firman University.

'95. Albert Barnes is instructor in mechanical engineering, Clemson College, South Carolina. He is the designer and patentee of a dowel pin machine, a sand paper machine, and a compression micrometer.

'95. W. E. Barnes is assistant superintendent of works No. 6 of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

'95. Harry J. Clark, chief engineer of the Syracuse, (N. Y.) Rapid Transit Company, has been appointed superintendent of the road as well. He has been connected with the company since its organization by the consolidation of the various street railway companies in Syracuse in 1896.

Ex-'95. Frank Butler Diltz was married to Miss Bessie Foster Smith January 17, at the residence of Mr. Theodore Webb in Fulton.

Ex-'96. Fred B. Matthews is with the Buffalo Refining and Supply Company.

'96. Charles Robert Gaston read a paper on "The Scholar's Ideal" at the annual meeting of the Federation of Graduate clubs in New York, on December 28, and later he was elected president of the Federation.

'96. W. L. Benitz is professor of mechanical engineering at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.

'97. T. A. Bennett is engineer and draughtsman for Gifford Bros., manufacturers of ice elevating and conveying machinery, Hudson, N. Y.

'97. Charles F. Hamilton has an office in the Galena Laboratory, Franklin, Pa.

'97. John J. Swann left New York on December 15 for a year's residence in Paris. He is sent to France by the Ingersoll Sergeant Drill Company of New York City.

'97. George L. Weller is with the Louisville Cotton Mills Company.

'97, Ph. D. In Miss Anna Maude Bowen, the recently appointed dean of women in the Northwestern University, is found a good illustration of the scholarly possibilities of the region from which she comes. Born twenty-six years ago in Chicago and educated in one of its high schools, she entered its suburban university at Evanston and was given the degree of bachelor of philosophy with highest honors in 1894. Miss Bowen did the full college work in three years. At the close of her collegiate work

Miss Bowen went to Cornell University for graduate studies in Germanic languages and philology, under Professors Hart, Hewett, White and Wheeler. She was the youngest of about 150 graduate students in attendance and was awarded a fellowship in Germanics during her first year, being one of two women among the twenty-three fellows at the time. Her degree of doctor of philosophy was given after two years' work, her thesis, "On the Sources of Wagner's Meistersinger," taking rank at once as a valuable contribution to literary and linguistic history. In the autumn of 1896 she entered the University of Leipsic for further work in Germanic philology, chiefly with Professors Sievers and Brugmann, and she received there a recognition and privileges which had not before been granted to women students. Returning to America, Miss Bowen gave valuable literary assistance to Professor Hewett at Cornell, taught for a short time in the High school at Martin's Ferry, Ohio, and, until her call to Evanston, was resident in New York city.—Harper's Bazaar.

'97. William T. Howell, now with Dodd, Mead & Company, publishers, Fifth Avenue, New York, is assistant editor of the *International Year Book*.

'97 Ph. B., '98 LL.B. Robert M. Snow has become a member of the law firm of Brownell, Oot & Snow, having offices at 1031, Onondaga County Savings Bank Building, Syracuse. The Brownell of the firm is Spencer Brownell, '97.

'98. At Yale University C. A. MacHenry is a graduate student in the law school; and Tyiichi Kairiyama holds a graduate scholarship in the philosophical department.

'98. Oliver R. Beckwith has law offices at 3 Asylum Street, Hartford, Conn.

'98. Ernest G. Lorenzen is spending several years in travel and study abroad. Until November he was in Spain learning Spanish. He is now in Paris, address No. 5, Rue des Carres, and for the rest of the year will follow courses in law and political science in the College de Droit and the Ecole des Sciences Politiques. Next year he expects to continue these studies in German universities.

'98. Harry P. Humphrey has law offices at 72 Second Street, Troy.

Ex-'98. John J. Hopin is a promising young lawyer of Newark, N. J. His address is 800 Broad Street.

'99. A quiet wedding occurred in December at the residence of Mrs. John Snaith, No. 123 Quarry Street, Ithaca, the marriage of her daughter, Eva Mary, to E. Austin Barnes, '99, of Syracuse. The house was very prettily decorated in green and white, festoons of ground pine, and banks of palms, making a very pleasing effect. Promptly at eight o'clock the wedding party entered to the strains of Lohengrin. Mr. Barnes, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Henry N. Sporborg, '99, of Boston, was followed by the maid of honor, Miss Miriam A. Snaith. The Rev. Dr. Synnot read the impressive Episcopal service. The wedding supper was served at small tables, also decorated in green and white. After the wedding journey Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will reside in Syracuse.

'99. E. R. Sweetland, who last fall coached the Hamilton college foot ball team, was unanimously elected coach of the Syracuse university eleven for the next season.

Ex-'99. O. B. Strong is principal of Savannah, (Ga.) School for Boys.

'99. William C. Richardson is teaching at the Blake School, 4 East 49th Street, New York.

'99. H. L. Hibbard has left the Schenectady Locomotive Works to enter the government office of the Newport News ship yards.

'99. C. H. Belden is in Hartford, Conn., with E. S. Belden, contractor.

'99. The Harper Lumber Company, of Meadville, Pa., consisting of W. S. Harper, L. F. Smith, Myron Harper, and John W. Bork, wound up affairs on January, and was dissolved, Walter G. Harper, '99, succeeded to his father's interests. He purchased the interest of Mr. Smith in a new company organized as the W. G. Harper Lumber Company.

'00. Arthur L. Stern, having completed the required work for graduation, has left the University to enter business in Rochester, N. Y.

'00. J. G. Rosenberg has commenced studies at the New York Law School.

'00. R. E. Fletcher, having completed his work in the University, has accepted a position in the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C.

'00, Grad. Morris R. Ebersole, assistant in chemistry in Cornell, lectured to the chemistry students of Cincinnati University on January 2.

Ex-'01. M. F. Dirnberger has left the College of Law to resume his position in the law office of Bissell, Carey & Cooke, Buffalo, which he held several years before entering Cornell.

Obituary.

FRANK BERRY CLARK '96.

The details of the drowning of Frank Berry Clark '96, whose obituary notice appeared in THE ALUMNI NEWS of November 10, 1899, are at hand.

Clark, chief of the party of engineers who were engaged on a survey in Nicaragua, started with a companion and five native boatman for the mail-steamer "Adele" on October 29. Passing through the Machuca Rapids, the boat struck a rock and upset. The accident was witnessed by people on the steamer, who affirm that Clark sank immediately, and that his companion floated only a short distance. No doubt the heavy clothing and boots worn by the engineers prevented them from helping themselves, for both were excellent swimmers. The bodies are unrecovered. Three of the natives were picked up alive, and the bodies of the other two were found.

The following is an order of Chief Miller, of the Isthmian Canal Commission:

GREYTOWN HEADQUARTERS,  
November 21, 1899.

By order of the President of the Isthmian Canal Commission, dated the 27th of October, 1899, Mr. Frank B. Clark was promoted to the grade of Senior Assistant Engineer, the promotion to date from October 1, 1899.

Although a deplorable accident caused the death of Mr. Clark on the 29th of October, the deceased officer's estate will, of course receive the increased salary for October; and this matter is published especially that it may be known that Mr. Clark's great worth was appreciated by the Isthmian Canal Commission, and by those with whom he worked.

(Signed) J. IMBRIE MILLER,  
Chief Engineer of Surveys.

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SCHOLARSHIP OF ATHLETIC MEN.

Once again time and pains have been spent to show that taking part in athletics does not affect scholarship adversely. Testimony to this effect by Harvard, Princeton, and this University is printed elsewhere in this number. College men are pretty well acquainted with the facts, but the public has to be reconvinced every few years.

## SOCIAL LIFE.

In the absence of an Alumni Hall and undergraduate club where professors, alumni and undergraduates may meet on a common footing for social intercourse, we find the Christian Association of the University placing its building and resources at the disposal of the University at large, offering a cordial invitation to all to come and mingle socially each week during the winter term. Announcement will be found in another column concerning the weekly series of socials that the C. U. C. A. will hold this winter. Class and University socials have long been held at Cornell but this plan, which was inaugurated last year, is a decided advance toward that mark at which we are all aiming—a community of social interests. It is this that will serve greatly to break up the cliquiness of our present college life and every effort should be made to encourage the attempt.

## SURPLUS SCHOLARSHIP.

We print in this number an article by Professor Burr descriptive of the rare value of the collection of mediaeval sermons and books of tales which Professor Crane has just presented to the University. In this connection it may be worth while to call attention to the breadth of scholarship characteristic of many Cornell teachers. We know Professor Crane as a teacher of Italian and French, as dean of a faculty and one time acting president of the Univer-

sity. But how many Cornellians know that Professor Crane is more famous as a folk-lorist than for all these put together? In one sense he is better known in Austria and Germany than here at Cornell.

Similarly Professor Moses Coit Tyler, who teaches the political and constitutional history of America to Cornellians, is known to the outside world as historian of Colonial and Revolutionary American literature. Judge Finch is our teacher of the history and evolution of the law, but elsewhere, "from Maine to Oregon," he is the author of "Nathan Hale" and "The Blue and the Gray." And Professor Burr himself, who contributes the article mentioned, although, we believe, at his strongest as a student of mediaeval times has, nevertheless, won his international reputation in the subsidiary art of the paleographer or decipherer of old manuscripts, thanks to his work for the American Venezuela Commission.

## BEQUESTS AND ALUMNI.

Probably Cornellians have often noted how unceasingly bequests flow into the treasuries of certain universities. Fewer, unquestionably, know that the alumni of those institutions, particularly those engaged in the practice of the law, have it always on their minds to secure or at least to suggest bequests to the universities in which they studied. One of these men, a prominent corporation lawyer of New York City, who attended the recent meeting at Cornell of the American Economic Association, was speaking of this custom to an officer of the University. He explained that a lawyer and his client usually sit down to talk over the general subject of a will before actually drawing it up; and if the client has more than enough to meet the actual needs of his family, he commonly says something of charitable or educational institutions, generally in an entirely vague way, which makes it quite natural for his lawyer to suggest by way of definite object, his own Alma Mater. He has himself, he added, secured several such bequests, which are now lying in various wills, one for the sum of \$500,000. "But," said he, laughing, "a young Cornellian in my office has just cut me out of \$100,000 which he put in for Cornell in a will he had the opportunity to draw." We give the story for the moral which may be deduced from it by other Cornellians both young and old—if there be any Cornellians who are old. Certainly it would be hard to find a university which could make better use of bequests than Cornell, or, we may add, one which receives fewer of them.

## An Interesting Exhibition.

A collection of drawings of animals and birds, which is of great in-

terest to the artist as well as the scientist has been open to inspection during the past week at the exhibition room of the College of Architecture, Lincoln Hall. These paintings are the work of Charles R. Knight of the Natural History Museum in New York and Louis A. Fuertes, '97, whose unique methods and brilliant work in the study of birds are so well known at Cornell. It is seldom however that the general public has an opportunity to see any of his work, which covers a wide field, from Florida to Alaska whither he went with the party of Mr. Harriman. Mr. Knight, as assistant curator of paleontology in the museum has accomplished results of the utmost interest, in the reconstruction of extinct animals.

The collection contains undoubtedly some of the best works of both artists. The majority of Mr. Fuertes' drawings are in water color, some exquisitely finished, others more sketchy but strong and full of action. There are also a number of very expressive detail and outline drawings in pencil. The success of this artist lies in the fact that he collects the specimens personally from which his bird studies are made and records as soon as possible the natural colors, which often change after death or in captivity.

The most interesting work shown by Mr. Knight is the restoration of the Irish Elk, in clay, accompanied by sketches of the fossil remains and living species from which data were obtained. In the same line is a group of models and drawings of the great lizards of the Mesozoic age. Mr. Knight's pencil and color drawings of animals appeal strongly to all animal lovers through their beauty and action.

The exhibition itself is not large, but its value to science and the amount of patient investigation required in representing the subjects can hardly be overestimated.

## A Gift to the Library.

Mrs. Herbert Tuttle has given to Cornell University (Modern European Seminary Room of the Library) an elegant and interesting Calendar for 1900. It consists of twelve original studies in water colors made at various times since 1876. Among the first, is the reproduction of one of the famous Arches of The Santa Maria Novella in Florence—a bit of cloister which would serve as a design for a Monument to Peace, so perfect is its dignity and beauty and repose. Another study is of the old pine on the Campus and the Goldwin Smith stone bench, which bears the fine inscription: "Above all Nations is Humanity." Another is a sketch made in 1876 of a room in the home of the Wends in the Spree Wald, Germany. This served as one illustration to the article written by Professor Tuttle for *Harper's Monthly* in March, 1877.

*Harper's* have given Mrs. Tuttle permission to reproduce it for this Calendar. There are also a study of a camp in the Adirondacks, and a sketch of a seaside scene. The above gives only an imperfect idea of the Calendar as a whole.

It is a composition which bears the marks of much labor and originality. The inscription which accompanies it, reads as follows:

Presented on this first day of January 1900, to Cornell University, in honor of Andrew D. White, President Jacob Gould Schurman, Professor George Lincoln Burr, all three

of whom have worked assiduously during the last year of the Century for Peace and Arbitration.

It is the donor's desire to have this Calendar kept in the same shelf with her husband's manuscripts which she presented to the University last year when she gave his portrait.

## The Masque Play.

The Masque will present at this year's Junior Week play an extravaganza entitled, "Hamlet and Company." As previously announced, the coaching is being done by Mr. Hawn, a dramatic director of considerable experience. Regular rehearsals are being held and the progress of the actors is encouraging. As usual a number of specialties will be introduced.

The management has given out the following partial and provisional cast. The vaudeville performers are not included:

Hamlet,	H. R. McClain, '02, Law.
Romeo,	A. C. Ryon, '01, Law.
Shylock,	C. B. Kugler, Jr., '03.
Macbeth,	T. B. Little, '01.
Othello,	M. C. Maxwell, '00.
Bassanio,	F. K. Purcell, '01.
Ophelia,	J. S. Miller, '01.
Juliet,	A. H. Pratt, '01.
Lady Macbeth,	C. W. Cross, '01.
Portia,	S. A. Harpending, '01.

## Handball.

Handball sport has received an impetus in the gift of Mr. Ickelheimer, '88, of New York, of two silver cups to be contested for by teams representing the classes in the university. Only classes will compete and membership on the class teams will be won by individual competition. The tournament for the prizes will begin January 13.



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**THE PHYSICAL REVIEW.**

**The Field Occupied by this Publication.**

With the November-December number, the ninth volume of the Physical Review is completed. This is the forty-ninth number since the establishment of the Review in 1893. At that time, there was no journal in America devoted exclusively to the subject of physics. Many American physicists published the results of their investigations in the American Journal of Science, a periodical which included chemistry, mineralogy, and geology as well as physics, and which was published in New Hampshire. Others sent their important researches to the Philosophical Magazine in London.

As the result of a liberal appropriation by the Board of Trustees, and a guarantee of continued support, it was found possible to start a journal for the publication of research work in physics, at Cornell. The attempt met with the cordial support of physicists throughout the country and from that time until the present, an abundance of excellent material describing original work in this science, has been received. So great indeed did the amount of available material for publication become that after the issue of four annual volumes, the Review, which had been issued every two months, was changed in July 1897, into a monthly magazine. Since that time, two volumes have been issued each year.

Not only has the Review served as a convenient channel for the publication of the scientific work done in the Department of Physics at Cornell, but it has likewise become the recognized channel for physicists in the United States, and as such has found its way into the scientific laboratories of similar departments all over the world. Members of the Cornell laboratory have published in all seventy-one papers describing original investigations, but the greater portion of the contents of the Review has consisted of papers by physicists from all parts of this country and Canada, and a large portion of the work which formerly was sent to England now appears in the pages of the Physical Review. A number of valuable contributions have likewise been received, unsolicited, from Germany, Holland, Sweden, (in which country the Review has a regular contributor in Professor Knut Angström, of the University of Upsala), Australia, and Japan. The Review is edited by Professors Nichols, Meritt, and Bedell.

**Friday Evening Socials.**

During the present term the Christian Association purposes to carry on a series of weekly socials similar to those instituted last year. They are intended to be wholly informal and are held mainly for the purpose of giving Faculty and students an opportunity to meet and become better acquainted. It is hoped that they may, too, serve as a common gathering place for students from all parts of the University and thus may help to promote unity of life throughout the University. At each gathering a simple program with possibly light refreshments will be provided. Occasionally, too, some professor will be invited to give a talk.

The first of these socials was held last Friday evening and was the most successful affair of its kind ever given. Hereafter they will be held

each Friday evening throughout the term from eight until ten o'clock.

**Cornell's Exhibit at Paris.**

The exhibit which Cornell is to send as part of the United States Educational Exhibit at the Paris Exposition, and which has been in preparation for the past few months under the direction of Dean Crane, will be forwarded to Albany early next week. From Albany United States Commissioner Rogers will ship the exhibit to Paris. A brief description of its general character is of interest at this time.

Sibley College and the College of Civil Engineering will have special exhibits. The latter's will consist of several volumes of the official publications of the college; drawings showing the general nature of the work of instruction; photographs showing in some measure the educational facilities of the college; and charts containing a graphical history of its progress.

The Sibley exhibit will be somewhat similar. A large number of portfolios have been prepared, containing bound collections of papers, giving a complete account of the workings of the various Sibley laboratories, blue-prints of shop-practice, photographs of the exteriors and interiors of the college buildings, and original work of the students in freehand and mechanical drawing. Other volumes will illustrate the forms of machine design problems, and of the solved experiments in the mechanical laboratory. Still others will contain collections of papers showing the results of original research published in the transactions of technical societies and furnished to the technical press. A special feature also will be volumes illustrating the work of the graduate schools of railway mechanical engineering and of marine engineering. The College of Architecture was also to have contributed a separate exhibit, but the notification coming late, Professor Trowbridge decided not to make the attempt.

The general University collections consist of somewhat over one hundred volumes, uniform for the most part in size and binding. They include the following: a complete set of Registers, in nine volumes, five volumes of the reports of Presidents White, Adams, and Schurman, six volumes of other University publications and among them the ten-year books, seven volumes of the literary publications; nine volumes of the Cornell Studies in Classical Philology, eight of the Philosophical Review; twelve of the Agricultural Experiment Station Reports, and nine of the monthly reports of the New York State Weather Bureau.

**Political Science Lectures.**

Among the lectures during the present term in the course on the New York State Government will be one on the work of the executive, by William J. Youngs, '72, Governor Roosevelt's private secretary and one on the State Senate by its presiding officer, Lieut. Gov. Woodruff.

**Faculty Residences.**

It is said that Professor A. B. Trowbridge, '90, and Professor J. H. Tanner will build new residences on Cornell Heights next spring. Professor L. H. Bailey's new residence next to the Infirmary on East State street will be ready for occupancy next September.

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**CORNELL AUTHORS.****"The Book of Knight and Barbara."—David Starr Jordan, '72.**

"The Book of Knight and Barbara," to which we have long been looking forward with curiosity, has come at last from the press of Appleton & Co. The book is made up of stories told originally by Dr. Jordan to his own children, and afterwards reproduced before large numbers of California children. These were asked to make drawings, and from drawings thus made most of the illustrations of the present volume were chosen. Some illustrations, however, were contributed by Mrs. Chloe Lesley Starks, and by Bristow Adams, who also designed the cover. "The Story of Bob," and the stories of "Senor Alcatraz," the "Little Blue Fox," and "How the Red Fox went Hunting" are reprinted from the *Popular Science Monthly*, while "How the Commander Sailed" appeared originally in the *Pacific Monthly*.

**Jennings to Coach the Baseball Team.**

The doubt about this year's baseball coach has been dispelled. Hugh Jennings, who had charge of the baseball players last year, has been able to arrange his affairs so that he can accept the offer of the Athletic Council. He is an energetic and faithful worker and if given the proper material we are sure he will try to surpass his effects of last year in molding it into winning form.

Coach Jennings will arrive in Ithaca about February 1st and will remain with the team until after the southern trip, which will be taken during the spring vacation.

**Sophomore Cotillion.**

The arrangements for the Sophomore Cotillion to be held in the Lyceum Wednesday evening, February 7, are about completed. Music will be furnished by the Ithaca Band and the Lyceum Orchestra. In addition to the cotillion proper, the dance list will contain twenty waltzes and nineteen two-steps. There will be five figures in the cotillion, and they will be led by W. B. Kugler and G. M. deMauriac. Alberger will do the catering. Dreka, of Philadelphia, will furnish the programs which will be in gray leather with the University seal burned in upon the front.

**The Junior Promenade.**

The committee in charge of the Junior Promenade announces that it will take place in the Armory, on the evening of February 9. Contracts have been made for the decorations with Rothschild Brothers, for catering with Alberger, for programs with Dreka of Philadelphia, for music with E. B. Treman of Ithaca, who will supply the Ithaca Band and the Lyceum Orchestra.

Twenty-one waltzes and twenty two-steps with about eight regular extras will constitute the dance list.

Dancing will begin earlier than usual, nine o'clock at the latest. The time between the opening of the doors, 8:30 and 9, will be filled with music.

**In Other Universities.**

By the will of the late Dorman B. Eaton, the exponent of civil service reform, Harvard gets \$100,000 for the establishment of a chair in political science, and Columbia a similar amount to be devoted to the founding of a professorship of municipal science and administration.

Harvard's new boathouse, which had been partially completed, was recently destroyed by fire, along with many of the shells and much of the valuable rowing equipment. The loss is a serious one as it will take some time to replace the equipment that was lost and the spring work of the crews on the water will probably be retarded.

The one-story frame building which is being erected in the rear of New Sibley is now rapidly nearing completion. The building is for the use of the Sibley School of the Railway Mechanical Engineering, as storage room for some of its illustrative apparatus and for demonstrative purposes. The building is on this account of cheap construction.

The College of Forestry has added to its accommodations a room in the north basement of White Hall. It will be used to a certain extent as a lecture room but was fitted up more particularly as a reading room for forestry students and for the display of forestry tools, and as a general forestry museum. The room has been finished off in yellow pine and is well appointed for the purposes for which it is intended.

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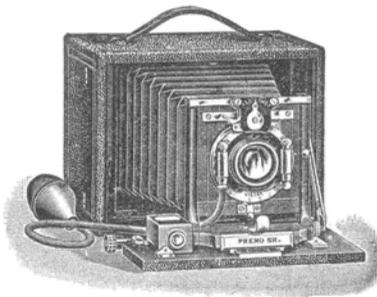
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