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SOUTHERN TRIP CONTINUED.

A Sketch of the Rest of the Games Played in the South.

Cornell placed another victory to her credit on Tuesday, April 3d, by defeating Trinity College at Durham, N. C. The game throughout was very exciting and while Trinity bunched her hits better than did the visiting team, the superior work of the Cornell infield was enough to counter-balance this advantage. Lyon was in the box for Cornell and handled the ball well except for a slight slump in the sixth inning. Costello at third base played his usual brilliant game and it is quite evident that he will be given the position permanently. On first base Warner showed up in rather poor style, his lack of activity being his great handicap. Behind the bat Whinery played his usual steady game, while in the outfield; Stratton, Newton and Bole played good ball. Cornell's battery was superior to that of the home team throughout the game and showed improvement over the work of the day before.

Score by innings:

	R.	H.	E.
Cornell,	0	0	3
Trinity,	2	0	0

Batteries—Lyon and Whinery, Sonnehare and Wilkins.

Up to the fifth inning it looked as if Cornell would defeat Virginia on her own grounds on Wednesday but a costly error by Whinery who let a ball go by him, brought in two runs for the home team and lost the game for Cornell. The work of the team however was very good indeed. Considering the fact that there had been a shakeup in the infield, Lyon having been placed at first instead of Warner, the men did very well. Captain Bole pitched a strong game, Virginia being able to net only seven hits, while ten strike outs were placed to his credit. Carter for the home team also pitched a very strong game, allowing only five hits. Lyon in his new place at first base did very well indeed and it is more than likely that he will be retained in that position.

	R.	H.	E.
Cornell,	1	3	0
U. of Va.,	1	1	0

Batteries—Bole and Whinery, Carter and Nalle.

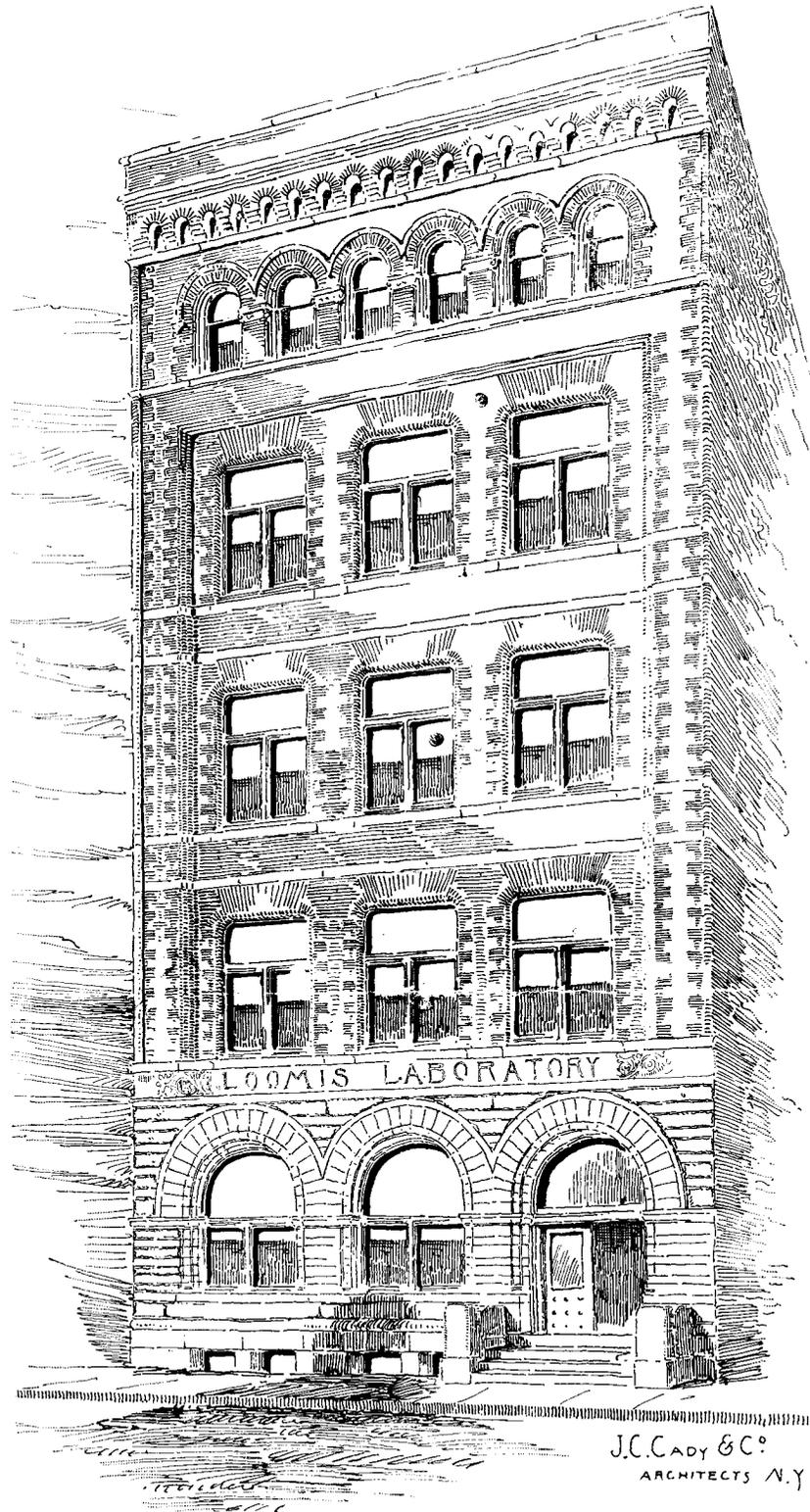
The last game of the Southern Trip resulted in an overwhelming defeat at the hands of Georgetown. The Varsity was in poor condition after the hard work of the previous week and was entirely outclassed by the Georgetown team. The game lasted only six innings as the Cornell team had to catch the afternoon train for Philadelphia. Saunders pitched well but received very poor support from the rest of the team.

Score by innings:

	R.	H.	E.
Cornell,	1	0	0
Georgetown,	2	3	0

The trip as a whole was a most successful one. Coach Jennings is well satisfied with the showing of the men and feels confident that the season will be a successful one for Cornell. He is especially gratified by the showing of the pitchers and of Whinery behind the bat.

From a financial standpoint, it has been an unusually successful athletic



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venture, for the receipts have been nearly sufficient to defray the expenses of the trip. Great credit is due Manager Wright for the able manner in which the whole affair was conducted. All arrangements had been carefully perfected beforehand so that there were no hitches or breaks during the ten days that the men were on the road.

FIRST HOME GAME.

Cornell 7; Tufts 4.

Cornell and Tufts crossed bats yesterday in weather that compelled the players to wear sweaters, snow falling nearly all the time the game was on. Cornell was victorious by the score of 7 to 4. For a time it looked like a shut-out for Tufts, as Captain Bole pitched excellent ball up to the sixth inning. Here Cornell

had two errors and Tufts got a couple of bases on balls and a hit which netted them three runs. Tufts made costly errors owing to the extreme cold. Their pitcher allowed Cornell only seven hits, but three of these were for three bases. Lyon played first base in good form and Costello was strong at third. Brown's playing was a feature.

In the first inning, Cornell scored four runs on an error by Hafford and a three base hit by Brown and a single by Costello. In the fifth two more were made on a three bagger by Captain Bole and Brown's single, one run having been made in the second on Bole's single and a three base hit by Robertson. Tufts scored three in the sixth on a base on balls, Brown's error and a passed ball by Whinery. In the ninth one more was added, on Patterson's short throw to first, the runner having been given his base on balls.

Considering the cold weather, the game was well played, and Coach Jennings expressed himself as satisfied. The coach will remain with the team until Saturday.

Full score:

CORNELL	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Warner c. f.	1	0	1	0	0
Bole (capt.) p.	3	2	0	4	0
Robertson 2 b.	0	1	4	4	0
Newton l. f.	1	0	1	0	0
Brown s. s.	2	2	3	2	1
Costello 3 b.	0	1	2	4	1
Patterson 3 b.	0	0	0	0	1
Sanders r. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Lyon lb.	0	1	13	0	0
Whinery c.	0	0	2	2	1

TUFTS	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hafford 3 b.	2	1	3	1	1
Fleming s. s.	1	1	2	0	1
Williams c. f.	1	0	2	1	0
Hazelton lb.	0	0	9	0	1
Woodworth r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Flagg s. s.	0	0	2	2	1
Richmond p.	0	1	0	6	0
Fiske c.	0	1	3	1	1
Lawton l. f.	0	0	3	0	0

Totals

CORNELL	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
CORNELL	4	1	0	0	2
TUFTS	0	0	0	0	3

Summary—Earned runs, Cornell, 1; three base hits, Bole, Robertson and Brown; first base on errors, Cornell, 2; Tufts, 2; first base on balls, off Bole, 8; off Richmond, 1; struck out by Bole, 2; by Richmond 1; hit by pitched ball, by Bole, 1; by Richmond, 1; passed balls, Whinery 1; Fiske, 1; stolen bases, Cornell, 7; Tufts, 2; left on bases, Cornell, 3; Tufts, 10; time of game, 1 hour and forty-five minutes; umpire, Mr. Hoagland, of Auburn.

CREW CUT.

Other Interesting Crew News.

Saturday marked the completion of another period of the freshman crew training, when Captain Dalzell posted at the Boat House the list of those candidates exempted from drill. The list is as follows:

P. F. Ballinger, F. E. Benedict, L. F. Bruce, I. P. Frenzel, T. R. Finucane, S. Hazlewood, R. L. Hutton, H. T. Kuschke, H. N. Longyear, W. Merrill, C. R. Osborne, P. W. Tinan, T. I. VanAlstyne; coxswains, N. A. Brown and J. B. Smith.

The Varsity candidates from the sophomore class who are exempted are the following: A. F. Brinckerhoff, E. L. Edmonston, J. M. Francis, H. E. Flowers, W. B. Kugler, S. H. McLeary, W. G. Nichols, A. S. Petty, E. H. Powley, E. D. Toohill; coxswains, G. E. Long and L. G. Price.

Throughout the week, both the first and second Varsities have made satisfactory improvement, but the numerous races have plainly shown the first boat's superiority. The third Varsity combination resumes practice as an eight this week.

Varsity training-table began Monday. The men chosen for training-table privileges are the members of the first and second combinations, as follows: Captain Dalzell, Robbins, Beardslee, Smallwood, English, Petty, Vanderhoef, Hartley, Francis, Toohill, Powley, Ayers, Chase, Beyer, Kugler, and Brinckerhoff. These men will, for the present, take dinner only at the table, which is located this year at the New Ithaca.

CORNELL'S ENDOWMENT.

The University's Friends Resent the Idea That It Is in Debt to the State.

Friends of Cornell University have been stirred up recently because it is asserted that the head of one of the educational institutions of the State has been circulating attacks misrepresenting Cornell, the gist of which has even got into the editorial columns of New York newspapers. The main item is that Cornell is hopelessly in debt to the State because the land grant provided by Congress was used to found the university. To Cornellians it appears rather that gratitude is due the national legislature. The national offer was about to lapse when Ezra Cornell came to the rescue with \$500,000, the State being unwilling to appropriate its own money to carry out the provisions of the act necessary to keep the grant.

The value of the national educational grant to New York was \$600,000. The Court of Appeals decided so in a ruling which cost Cornell more than a million dollars. It was an unassailable pronouncement, despite which it is constantly reasserted that the value was in truth several millions. Those who are hostile to Cornell say that this is "merely a legal decision," and that in reality the amount to which the good management of Cornell has multiplied its property should be credited to the original donor, or rather, to the trustee of the donor, the State.

It is not disputed that the original scrip brought only \$600,000, although Ezra Cornell paid more than the market price for some of it. To this he added \$500,000. Therefore nearly one-half of the multiplication of values must be credited to him. Still further, Ezra Cornell, in process of locating land for the university, spent \$576,000 of his own money. This was later repaid from the profits of the investment, but it was an indispensable part of the original sum at the disposal of the university. Lastly, in order to keep the land thus secured, while waiting for higher prices, Andrew D. White, John McGraw and other trustees added from time to time several hundred thousand dollars, without which the investment and with it the prospective profits must inevitably have gone by the board.

To sum up, Cornell's receipts from her Western land speculation are the profits from an investment of which one-quarter, \$600,000, was supplied by the Congress grant, and three-quarters, about \$1,500,000, was supplied by Ezra Cornell and other trustees of the university. The total profits from the land speculation are a trifle over \$4,000,000, of which therefore about \$1,000,000 may, in a sentimental survey of the matter, be credited to the State—or to the nation—always provided that no recognition be accorded to the time and thought given in the course of the speculation by two million-making financiers, Ezra Cornell and Henry W. Sage.

As tuition at Cornell is \$100, \$125 and \$150 a year, according to course, the lowest financial cost to the university of the 512 free scholarships it has given the State cannot be less than \$60,000 a year, which, at current interest rates, represents the income on a considerably larger sum than can, even on sentimental grounds, be accredited to State, or national, benefactions. Figured any

way possible, Cornell has returned to the State dollar for dollar, if it has not made the State actually its debtor, and therefore the objection to compensating Cornell for the extra eighty-eight scholarships demanded by the new Constitution of the State falls to the ground.

And it must be remembered that to Cornellians it seems fairer to compute the value of the free scholarships on the basis of the actual cost of tuition, about \$300 to the individual, though the fees are only from one-third to one-half as much; to take into consideration that the cost of educating its students constantly rises, and the rate of interest on its investments constantly falls; and, lastly, to compute at least a fair sum as the value of the services rendered by such money-makers as Cornell, Sage and their helpers. If it be fair to do this, the State, the Cornellians say, is in reality hopelessly in debt to Cornell, which has already returned more than the original gift and accumulated interest.—*New York Sun.*

Intercollegiate Gymnastics.

The first intercollegiate gymnastic contest was held at the Columbia University Gymnasium on Friday, March 23d, and resulted in a victory for the Columbia team over the representatives from Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, New York University, Haverford and Cornell. Yale secured second place in the meet with 17 points to the winners 26.

The individual contest for the all-round championship cup was close and exciting. Capt. J. de la Fuente of Columbia won from E. L. Eliason of Yale by a score of 109.91 points to 106.56.

The Harvard team was much applauded for their good work in double tumbling, but the special event was, however, won by the team from Princeton which gave a spectacular exhibition on the suspended parallel bars.

Despite the efforts of the recently formed "Cornell Gymnastic Association," only two representatives of the University appeared and although they deserve credit for their efforts, they were evidently outclassed by their opponents and discouraged by lack of support.

At a meeting held before the contest, it was announced that thirty colleges had joined the Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association. Officers for the coming year were also elected, as follows: President, E. L. Eliason, Yale; Vice-President, J. P. Jones, Harvard; Secretary, E. Y. Junior, Haverford; Treasurer, John Aitken, Princeton; Executive Committee, L. F. Katzenbach, Princeton; E. L. Eliason, Yale; B. H. Belcher, N. Y. U., C. Eastmont, Columbia and W. T. Starr, Harvard.

Changes in Baseball Rules.

Two important changes in the baseball rules for the coming season were made by the National Baseball League at its meeting in New York, March 9. Hereafter, a balk, or feint to throw, by the pitcher, meant to deceive a base runner, will permit base runners to move along one base; but the batsman cannot go to first. It was decided also to change the shape of the home plate so that the pitcher will have the side of a square for a mark instead of the point. It is believed that, because of this change, bases on balls will be fewer.

SUMMER SESSION FOR 1900.

An Outline of Summer Work Past and Present.

Announcement is made that the trustees have decided to continue the Summer Session, which was tried for the first time last year under University direction and control. The corps of professors and instructors has been raised from 38 to 52. That teachers are the chief attendants at the Summer Sessions is shown by the fact that of 423 in attendance, 344 were teachers. Of these 130 were college graduates, while more than one hundred were or had been undergraduate students of colleges.

The Nature Study Course, for which Cornell is unique, enrolled 111 students. This institution has a large body of trained scientists who are interested in the application of science to elementary education. Many city teachers spent every afternoon from July 5 to August 16, in the fields, the woods, along the gorges or by Cayuga Lake, observing and studying the myriad forms of plant and animal life. The spectacle of University professors enthusiastically teaching primary nature work to primary teachers is one not to be seen in any country outside of the United States, and probably in no university other than Cornell. Limitations of space and teaching force alone prevent an attendance of several hundred teachers at these unique courses in Nature Study offered by Professors Roberts, Bailey and Comstock.

The Summer Sessions at Cornell University endeavor to supply instruction especially valuable to teachers. Thus from two to six courses are announced in Ancient and Modern Languages, in all the Sciences, as well as in History and Political Science. The professional advancement of teachers is promoted by courses in the Science and Art of Education, and in the fundamental subjects like Psychology, on the one hand, and Ethics and Political and Social Science, on the other. It is also announced that a number of distinguished professors from other universities have been invited to give instruction at Cornell during the Summer Session.

A feature of the Cornell Summer Sessions of interest to teachers, is the fact that graduates of colleges are enabled to enter upon graduate work at these periods. A year's credit may thus in time be won, without the surrender of desirable positions.

Among the names of the men who will give instruction in the Summer Session of 1900, we notice especially those of Professor Hiram Corson, long celebrated for his teaching of English Literature at Cornell; and Professor David Kinley, of the University of Illinois, who offers courses in Civics and Political and Social Science. Another new name is that of Professor E. B. McGilvary, lately called from the University of California to the Sage Professorship of Moral Philosophy at Cornell. He offers courses in Ethics. Over eighty courses in all are to be given during the Summer Session. They cover a wide range of subjects. Detailed announcements of the courses offered may be obtained from the Registrar.

Lacrosse Work.

The outdoor work of the Lacrosse team which began early last week on the field north of the Armory consisted up to Saturday of stick work for the most part and some practice in running passes by the defense and attack squads. The uneven and muddy ground, however, hindered the work. Last Saturday, the men lined up for the first time on Percy Field. Enough men were present to form two teams and fast and encouraging work was done by both sides.

Of last year's team only Dodge, E. P. Smith (captain), Briner, Tappan, George Smith, and Wood are now in the University, but a number of new men have come out and the outlook is very promising. The two teams will line up against each other every afternoon this week at five o'clock and this steady work ought to get the men into good form for the first game of the season with Hobart on April 19.

The following is the list of candidates besides the old men already mentioned: Brooks, Boecher, Magoffin, Graton, Scoville, Simis, Mack, Forrest, McDonough, Scott, Ripley, Givins, Holcomb, Peck and Buckingham.

Negotiations are now going on to secure "Jack" Curry, captain of the Crescent Athletic Club team of Brooklyn, as coach for the coming season.

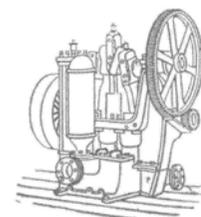
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One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending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

'72, M.S. It is announced that the trustees of Indiana University have decided to name the university athletic field in honor of Dr. David Starr Jordan. Dr. Jordan, while president of Indiana, took a deep interest in athletics, and it is to show in some way the appreciation of the university that the athletic field is to be known as Jordan Field.

'73, Ph.B. Librarian George W. Harris, of the University, attended the Library Club's annual dinner, at the rooms of the Aldine Association, New York City, during vacation. There were present at the meeting nearly all the prominent librarians of the country, including those of the Congressional Library, the large city libraries and the college libraries.

'77, B.Arch. The department of experimental engineering, Sibley College, has just received a new hydraulic ram, the gift of Deming & Company, Salem, Ohio, one member of which firm, William Lloyd Deming, is an early graduate of Cornell. The machine will be especially valuable for experimental work, for which it has been arranged with special fittings.

'78, B.S. Rev. Watson Weed contributes to the April number of *The Coming Age* a rather unusual essay entitled, "Macbeth, a Religious Poem." The article is novel both from the standpoint of the theologian and the student of literature.

Ex-'79. Frank D. Lyon is engaged with the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford as special agent for New York State.

'80, A.B. Frederic J. Whiton's present address is 323 W. 83rd Street, New York City.

'80, B. Agr. W. A. Henry is a director of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis.

'83, A. B. William Delafield Dwellé, of Penn Yan, N. Y., died early this week at Palm Beach, Florida. Obituary notice will be given later.

'86, Ph.B. A recent number of the *New York Nation* contains an unusually eulogistic notice of Professor C. H. Hull's edition of the works of Sir William Petty, upon which he has been engaged for the last four years, and which was recently published in England and this country from the University Press, Cambridge. The reviewer says in conclusion: "That there should be given to a young American economist to edit, under the generous auspices of an English University press, the writings of the most distinguished British economic thinker before Adam Smith, is noteworthy. That the result should be a work so definitive in its completeness and so supreme in its scholarship is even more remarkable."

'90, M.E. Ernest Spencer Bowen is at the head of the Bowen Manufacturing Company, Auburn, N. Y., makers of bicycle parts.

'90, M. E. William Dalton is now at Cornell doing special research work with a view to improvements in his department of the Schenectady Locomotive Works.

'91, A.B. Bertha Prichard Reed is preceptress of the Millbrook, (N. Y.) Memorial School.

'91, M.E. George M. Brill, has recently opened an office in Chicago for the general practice of electrical and refrigerating engineering. Mr. Brill upon graduating from Cornell entered the employ of the Solvay Process Company, at Syracuse, at first having charge of tests and experiments. In five years he was chief engineer of the Detroit plant of that company, having charge of its construction. He severed that connection to take charge of the general engineering of Swift & Company. Mr. Brill's field has been a broad one both in engineering and management and his progress has been marked. Although he has opened an office he still retains a consulting connection with Swift & Company.

Ex-'91, LL.B. William S. Jenney is a member of the team representing the Onondaga Golf Club of Syracuse in the spring golf tournament at Atlantic City.

'91, B. L. Charles Russell is temporarily sojourning at Pasadena, Cal.

'91, B. L. I. B. Easton is in the lumber business at Albany.

Ex-'92, Ph.B. Leonard A. Blue has been awarded a fellowship in political science in the University of Pennsylvania.

Clark University, at Worcester, Mass., has just issued a large pamphlet, part of the work commemorative of the University's decennial, containing a list of all students at the university since its founding, with their published works. Cornell is represented by nine names of former students or professors. The nine men who have been in some way or other connected with Cornell before or after study at Clark University are Ernest Albee, Ph.D. '94, who was at Clark in 1889-1890; William Frederick Durand, at Clark in 1889; Rollin A. Harris, Ph.B. '85, Ph.D. '88, at Clark in 1889-1890; Rolla R. Ramsey, at Clark in 1898-1899; Louis Siff, B.S. '97, at Clark in 1898-1899; Charles A. Strong, at Clark in 1890-1891; Charles H. Thurber, Ph. B. '86, at Clark in 1899; Guy M. Whipple, at Clark in 1887-1898; J. Francis Williams, at Clark in 1889-1890.

'92, Ph.D. Miss Alice Walton, instructor in Greek and Archæology at Wellesley College, is spending her vacation in Ithaca as the guest of Professor and Mrs. H. J. Ryan.

'92, A.B. Miss Frances F. H. Flint, who is a teacher of classics in the Manhattan Boys' High School, is visiting the University this week.

'94, M.E. Morris De Frees Sample is an inspector of electric wiring in the Indianapolis Fire Department. His address is 14 Journal Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

'95, E.E. J. R. Woodbridge is now located at Murray, Utah, in the employ of the Taylor & Brunton Ore Sampling Company of Salt Lake City. His address is Box 122, Murray, Utah. Mr. Woodbridge, in a recent letter to the NEWS, writes as follows regarding an opening for engineers in Utah: "Utah is but lightly sprinkled with Cornellians today; but the present rapid development of the mining possibilities of this State, with the consequent

necessity for more mills and smelters, promises to furnish a profitable field for men of good substantial training, and I trust Cornell will not be behind in furnishing her share."

'95, M.E. Samuel Gilbert Colt has left the employ of McIntosh, Seymour & Company, manufacturers of electrical engines, Auburn, and is now with the Stanley Manufacturing Company, Pittsfield, Mass.

'95, C.E., '98, M.C.E. Joseph S. Swindells left Brooklyn last month for San Juan, Puerto Rico.

'96, Ph.B., '97, LL.B. On April 4 Oliver D. Burden, of Syracuse, N. Y., arrived in Ithaca for a visit of a few days.

Ex-'96. Ledra Heazlitt, who took the degree of M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in '97 and spent two years in the University Hospital after being graduated, is now practicing his profession at Auburn, N. Y.

'97, A. B. Frank E. Gannett, who has been visiting at the University since his return from the Philippines, left Ithaca for his home in Syracuse last Saturday.

Ex-'97. George Porter, Jr., and wife were last week at the University on their wedding tour.

'97, A.B. H. J. Westwood, who since graduation has been practicing law in Buffalo, present address 797 Ellicott Square, was in Ithaca this week.

'97, B.L. Ellis L. Aldrich has changed his residence to 719 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'98, M.E. The engagement of Theodore Dimon to Miss Huntington, of Newburg, N. Y., has been announced.

'98, B.S. Miss Susie P. Nichols, who has received the appointment to the woman's table for botanical research, supported by the Smithsonian Institute at the Stazione Zoologica in Naples, has occupied the table through the autumn and, beginning with April will again occupy it for a period of a few months. She is the second Cornellian who has received this honorable distinction.

Ex-'98. Edward Josiah Savage has a position as clerk in the American Exchange National Bank, New York City.

'99, M.E. Frank Hall Eastman is an inspector and tester of electrical supplies at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Ex-'99. John Allen Haines has been spending the winter at Pasadena, Cal. He expects to return East this spring in time to accompany the track team to Paris.

'99, B. S. Joseph Emery Ward has been ill at the Beta Theta Pi House, Ithaca, where he came to visit for a short time.

'99, M. E. Ernest Allen Drake will be married Wednesday evening of this week to Miss Grace Ethel Stanford, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvie R. Stanford, 310 East Mill Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

'99, Ph.D. The engagement of Miss Helen B. Clawson of Ithaca to P. Beveridge Kennedy, '99, is announced. The wedding will take place about the middle of June. Dr. Kennedy is now expert in the Division of Agrostology, Washington, D. C., but will resign his position there in June, and go to Nevada where he has been appointed professor of botany and horticulture in the State University.

'99, LL. B. Last Saturday, after a two week's confinement in the City Hospital, of Ithaca, Robert H. Ripley was able to leave. He remained in town a few days visiting his friends.

'99, Spec. Frederick M. Nellis accompanied the baseball team on part of their recent Southern trip. He joined the men at Macon, Ga., and remained with them till the team left Georgia.

Obituary.

EDWARD CHAPIN CALDWELL, '03.

At his home in Milton, Pa., Edward Chapin Caldwell, twenty-one years old, died Tuesday, April 3, of acute Brights disease. Caldwell entered Cornell last fall from Bucknell to take Electrical Engineering. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

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THE SOUTHERN TRIP.

Considering the small amount of seasoned material in this year's baseball team there is reason to consider the results of the southern trip satisfactory. The team won five out of nine games, and taking into account that they had not previously played together and that they had no outdoor practice, no fault can be found with this outcome. Last year's team, which comprised far less green material, lost but one game in the South. But there is no fair comparison, and we have good reason to think that this year's team, with a sensible understanding of the need of constant hard work may in the end accomplish a more consistent record than that of '99 which began the season overconfident, won a few hard games cleverly, and then went to pieces.

THE ONLY REMEDY.

It is to be hoped that the city of Ithaca will at last wake up to its criminal folly in leaving the hill without fire protection. The city has thus far fastened itself like a leech upon the University from which it draws its life. Not content with the usual large profits from student trade, the city has systematically overtaxed the property of all connected with the University, while at the same time denying them such primary returns for taxation as protection from fire.

This is, to say the least, short-sighted policy. The constant succession of dispatches telling of unchecked fires in the portion of the city inhabited by students, in which the occupants of the buildings were glad to escape alive with the loss of all their possessions, cannot fail to affect disadvantageously the attendance upon the University. And it is upon a growing attendance in Cornell that the growth, progress, and prosperity of Ithaca depends.

If, however, as seems probable, the

city continues unwilling even to look out for its own true interests, there is one unailing remedy for the whole difficulty. This is a system of Dormitories, adequate to house all the students not living in fraternity houses of their own, and built with every attention both to the prevention of fires and to their slow progress and the safe and easy removal of the occupants and their effects in case fire should occur. Let us hope that such halls, as desirable for the social life and solidarity of the student body as for the greater security to life and property which they would afford, will not long be lacking. We trust that all friends and alumni will ponder well the urgency of the need.

Sage Chapel Preachers For This Term.

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

April 8-15, Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D., LL.D., Brooklyn, Congregationalist; April 22, Rev. James H. Ecob, D.D., West New Brighton, Presbyterian; April 29, Rev. Walter W. Battershall, D.D., Albany, Episcopalian; May 6, Rev. Robert Collyer, New York, Unitarian; May 13-20, Rev. Amory H. Bradford, D.D., Montclair, N. J., Congregationalist; May 27, Rev. Joseph H. Twichell, Hartford, Conn., Congregationalist; June 3, Rev. William H. Whitsitt, D.D., Louisville, Ky., Baptist; June 10, Rev. John Dows Hills, Dayton, O., Congregationalist; June 17, Baccalaureate, Rev. George A. Gordon, D.D., Boston, Mass., Congregationalist.

Sibley Lectures.

Dr. Thurston announces the following provisional list of Sibley lectures for the term.

April 13, Professor E. J. Houston, of the Thomson-Houston and General Electric Companies.

April 20, Mr. W. B. Potter, mechanical engineer to the General Electric Company, on "Three-Phase Railway Work."

April 27, Mr. E. W. Rice.

May 4, Mr. W. M. MacFarland, late of U. S. N. engineers, and now of Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company.

May 11, U. S. Consul J. C. Monogham, of Chemnitz, Germany, on "Engineering and Trade Education in Germany."

May 18, Mr. John Fritz, ex-president A. S. M. E., general manager of Bethlehem Iron and Steel Company, on "The Steel Industry."

May 25, Mr. E. L. Shuer, of the National Cash Register Company, on "Factory Organization."

Other lecturers will probably be Mr. H. E. Longwell, of the Westinghouse Company, who will discuss recent progress in that company's field of work, and Captain E. L. Zalinski, who will speak on "Torpedoes and Submarine Mines."

Mr. John V. Van Pelt, who has for the past three years filled with signal ability an assistant professorship in design in the College of Architecture, will leave the University at the close of the present term. His purpose is to spend several years in European travel and in study at the Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris, from which he was graduated. His ultimate plans are not yet decided.

TO ROW AT POUGHKEEPSIE.

Arrangements for the Races This Year. June 30th the Date.

The stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association, Francis S. Bangs of Columbia, Thomas Reath of Pennsylvania, and Frederick D. Colson of Cornell, met in New York city on April 4th, and decided to hold the regatta of the Association on the Hudson River course at Poughkeepsie on the afternoon of Saturday, June 30th. The 'varsity four-oared race will be rowed at four o'clock, the freshman eight-oared race at five o'clock, and the 'varsity eight-oared race at six o'clock. Columbia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Cornell will probably enter crews in all three races. Syracuse expects to enter a crew in the eight-oared 'varsity race. Provision will be made for single scull and pair-oared races provided three entries for each event are received by May 15. It is feared, however, that that number of entries will not be received.

Mr. Richard Armstrong, Yale '95, who referred the races last year, will act in that capacity again this year. The names of the other officials for the races will be announced shortly.

At the meeting of the Stewards, Mr. Reath, the Pennsylvania representative, notified the Stewards of the presentation by Mr. Davidson Kennedy, Pennsylvania '79, of a silver cup as a perpetual challenge trophy for the 'Varsity four-oared race, the deed of gift being under the same conditions as those attached to the Seaman cup.

Newspaper reports to the effect that the Intercollegiate Rowing Association has agreed with the Poughkeepsie Highland Amateur Rowing Association to row on the Hudson River course at Poughkeepsie for five years, are without foundation. No business arrangements with outside parties have as yet been entered into by the Stewards. It is not Cornell's present intention to enter into any agreement which will compel her to row for five years at any particular place or with any particular colleges.

Lectures on the Life of Christ.—An Interesting Series Given This Term by C. U. C. A.

The University Christian Association announces that Professor Hibbard of the School of Railway Mechanical Engineering, Sibley College, will give a course of nine lectures at Barnes Hall each Sunday morning from April 8 to June 3 inclusive, on the general subject, "The Present and Future Influences of the Teachings of Jesus Christ." The various Bible study classes which the Association has conducted during the year will unite in this course, and in addition, a general invitation is given to all interested, students and faculty, to be present. This spring term course is similar in purpose to the one given by Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler two years ago on "The Sermon on the Mount," and that by Professor Jenks last year on the "Social Significance of the Teachings of Christ."

Nearly 250 men are now in training for the Yale track team, a larger number than ever before in the history of the university.

Any issues of the *Alumni News*, except Vol. II., No. 1, that have not been received by our subscribers and to which they are entitled, will be promptly supplied as long as the reserve lasts.

The Fool and His Money.

Many opportunities are offered for the separation of the fool and his money by mushroom benefit orders and similar weak organizations. People are captivated by the alluring prospects of cheap insurance held out by the promoters of these schemes, based on apparently flawless mathematical calculations.

The final outcome of a life insurance policy is a great deal more important to the beneficiary than a few dollars seemingly saved in an annual premium. Thousands of dollars lost by bad management of a company, cannot be compensated for by the reflection that the so-called insurance was cheap. A premium paid to an insecure organization is the purchase money of disappointment and bitter regret. It is even more; it turns blessings into curses and possible competence to absolute poverty.

When you apply for insurance, seek to know if the company is likely to survive you or you will survive it.

Paying for a thing you cannot get after you have paid for it over a series of years, is to live in a fool's paradise of fancied security, only to end in disappointed expectations.

Another thing to be taken into consideration is that one cannot be certain that he will be insurable in a good company when the inevitable final catastrophe comes to the "cheap" concern. Be not deluded by the specious talk about the "good" accomplished by these "concerns," but look into them. Too much care cannot be exercised in making your choice of the company which is to be the custodian of the money which you desire to provide for your family, and having once made it, do not be persuaded to change it for something apparently cheaper, and certainly insecure.

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WASHINGTON ALUMNI DINE.

President Schurman Sends Letter and Proposes Toast--Addresses by Professor Willcox and Others.

The Cornell Alumni Association of Washington gave its annual dinner at the Shoreham Thursday night, April 5. Undismayed by the result of the baseball game between Georgetown and Cornell in the afternoon, more than fifty loyal sons of the University which sits on the hills above Lake Cayuga met to glorify their alma mater, sing the old songs again and talk over old times. The table was decorated with red and white.

President Schurman was unable to be present, but sent a letter, which was read by the toastmaster, Dr. L. O. Howard, '77, in which was briefly mentioned the extraordinary progress which Cornell has made the past few years, and proposing the toast, "The greater Cornell," to respond to which the toastmaster called upon Professor Walter F. Willcox of the department of economics, now on leave of absence from the University, and holding the place of chief statistician of the twelfth United States census. Professor Willcox contrasted the old-time conditions with regard to the higher education, as they existed in New England, with the new ideas practically introduced by Cornell, and widely adopted, not only in other colleges and universities of recent establishment, but to a certain extent by the older and more conservative institutions.

Rev. J. D. Whitney, president of Georgetown University was called upon to explain why Georgetown beat Cornell in the afternoon baseball game, and gracefully evaded a direct reply by telling a story of southern life.

Dr. H. S. Pritchett, superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey, recently elected president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke in response to the toast, "Technical education." Mr. D. E. Fox, representing the Washington Association of Ann Arbor Alumni, spoke of the relations between the University of Michigan and Cornell. Dr. H. W. Wiley, representing the Harvard association, spoke in his usual happy vein of all sorts of things, and Dr. H. L. K. Shaw, of Albany, spoke of the new Cornell Medical College.

So much enthusiasm was aroused that a suggestion that the annual dinner be supplemented by informal monthly gatherings or smokers to be held next season, received universal approval. The repetition of the Cornell yell toward midnight and the spirited singing of favorite Cornell songs closed the program.

The committee on arrangements were: Dr. L. O. Howard, '77, chairman; R. A. Pearson, '94; H. H. Burroughs, '94; C. D. Ehret, '96; J. K. Haywood, '96.

In addition to those already named there were present D. E. Salmon, Geo. E. Patrick, J. C. Nellegar, S. J. Brown, O. W. Ferguson, F. D. Neale, Richard Rathbun, Frank Hamilton Cushing, A. M. Farrington, A. D. Slauson, John Van Rensselaer, C. F. Chisholm, Ralph Jenkins, Robert T. Hill, W. P. Cutter, Edwin S. Potter, Theo. F. Laist, J. F. Hayford, R. H. Strother, Lewis P. Clephane, G. C. Farkell, J. C. M. Hanson, W. G. Johnson, Albert F. Zahm, E. W. Donn, Jr.; F. A. Tennant, R. N. Flint, F. Albert Weiler, William

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THE GREAT FRENCH LECTURER

M. Henri de Regnier at Cornell--A Synopsis of His Interesting Lecture.

In spite of many other attractions a large and appreciative audience gathered in Barnes Hall last Saturday evening to hear M. de Regnier discourse on The Poets of Today, and the Future of Poetry in France. The speaker's manner was so natural and his enunciation so slow and distinct that he was readily understood by all.

He began by saying that there were two ways of studying a school or group of poets: by examining their theories, or by considering the results they achieved in their works. The latter would be the lecturer's method, but some preliminary remarks would first be needed. The French poets, prior to the new school which has grown up within the last fifteen years, sought to express themselves in as clear and precise a manner as possible, leaving no room for study and interpretation; they endeavored to impose their thought upon others in the simplest and most authoritative manner.

The new school, on the other hand, is a revolt against the Realism of the day and a struggle for idealistic and individual expression. The poets of this school wish to present their thoughts in a manner more vague and hidden under the veil of symbolic figure, a form of metaphorical expression which has given one name to the school. At the same time they wish to introduce the mysterious and allegorical as Dante did in the Divine Comedy and Goethe in the Second Part of Faust. They also bestow the most careful labor upon the form of their poems, and this refinement has been incorrectly judged by the age as a symptom of decadence and the school has been disparagingly termed the Decadent School. This is incorrect, for true decadence is marked by lack of originality, by slavish imitation, as is shown clearly in the history of art, for example. The new school, on the contrary, strives for idealism, originality, and freedom of expression, none of which characteristics belong to a period of decadence, but rather to an epoch of renaissance, which is the term that should rightfully be applied to the school.

M. de Regnier then proceeded to characterize the three poets who had exerted the greatest influence on the new school: Villiers de L'Isle Adam, Paul Verlaine and Stéphane Mallarmé. The first was distinguished for his Idealism, the second for his Individuality, and the third, who left but little written, for his philosophical tendencies, which make him the Ruskin of the school.

The lecturer then passed in rapid review the leading poets of the group, pausing a moment to dwell on Maeterlinck, who, although a Belgian, is a distinguished member of the school. His contribution to it is the Poetry of Terror. Two other foreigners, curiously enough of American origin, have made themselves famous as French poets. They are Mr. Stuart Merrill and Mr. Francis Vielé-Griffin.

In conclusion, M. de Regnier said very frankly that it is too soon to pronounce an authoritative opinion on the school as no one of its members has yet completed his work and furnished materials for a definitive judgement. They are all young, none over forty, and in the opinion of the lecturer a part of the poet's skill is the result of practice and comes only from years of assiduous toil. M. de Regnier believed, however, that the new school expresses the aspirations of the age and possesses all the characteristics of true poetry, and that instead of representing decadence of the art it is the harbinger of a new birth.

CORNELL'S VETERINARY COLLEGE.

Some Interesting Facts About it That are Well Worth Noting.

The standing of the New York State Veterinary College, established by the state in connection with Cornell University, is higher than that of any other institution of the kind. It is the State's college, and it directly as well as indirectly serves the State and its administrative departments. Toxins, such as tuberculin and mallein, are prepared for the use of the State Board of Health. Diagnoses and special investigations, involving visits to various parts of the state, are made for the State Commissioner of Agriculture. All this is in addition to the value to the people of having competent veterinarians to guard the health and cure the diseases of live stock.

The special merit of the college as an educational and investigating institution lies in the fact that every member of the instructing corps gives his whole time and energy to the teaching and investigation, instead of following the lead of other veterinary colleges in making the teaching a secondary object while the teacher devotes his energies mainly to his private practice.

The increase in students is shown by the following table for four years:

	Total.
1896-7—Students working for a veterinary degree	11
Agricultural students taking veterinary studies	66
1897-8—For veterinary degree	17
Agricultural students	53
1898-9—For veterinary degree	24
Agricultural students	83
1899-1900—For veterinary degree	30
Agricultural students	84

Such uniform and satisfactory increase is the more reassuring because matriculation and curriculum are much more exacting than in other colleges. This is almost the only American veterinary college that has increased its attendance in the past few years. As complete statistics are at hand give the following comparison of students' attendance for several recent years at the principal veterinary colleges in America:

	Decrease.	Increase.
University of Pennsylvania, Veterinary Department	33.4 per cent	
McGill University, Veterinary Department	36.7 per cent	
Harvard University, Veterinary Department	55.9 per cent	
American Veterinary College and New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, united in New York American Veterinary College	78.9 per cent	
New York State Veterinary College, course for veterinary degree	172.7 per cent	
New York State Veterinary College, agricultural students taking veterinary course	48 per cent	

Judged by the test of growth, the claim for this college is overwhelming. The gains are with the college that has the most exacting matriculation and curriculum.

In the examinations for license to practice the grading of the students of the New York State Veterinary College is higher than that of students from other colleges. Half of the New York State College graduates received marks of ninety per cent. and upward, and no candidate fell below the eighty per cent. mark. Of the graduates of other colleges nearly half were below 80; forty per cent. were between 80 and 89, and 12.5 per cent. secured a mark of 90 and upward.—*Troy Times.*

Important Legislation with Reference to the College of Forestry

Considerable legislation concerning the New York State College of Forestry at Cornell was enacted by the legislature at Albany during its last session. The appropriation bill contained the usual item of \$10,000 for the college, which is the sum the State pays annually for the education of trained foresters. For the needs of the state forest in the Adirondacks, of which the college has charge, the supply bill gave \$30,000; but the most important legislation is comprised in another bill which provides that all receipts from sales of material in the forest should go into a special fund from which money may be taken for the care or improvement of the woods without special legislation. Under this act a contract has been made with a manufacturer who will erect a plant to manufacture staves and wood alcohol and will take all the hard wood that may be cut in the next fifteen years. This contract will turn into the fund between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. Thus the market question, which has been troubling the college authorities for some time, has been solved.

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MEDICAL COLLEGE RALLY.

An Interesting Letter from our
New York Branch.

To the News:—

It is hard to realize that so many weeks have passed since the first letter from the Medical College was published in the NEWS of January 24, and that now our mid-year examinations have come and gone, leaving some of us sadder, if not wiser, and that the dreaded "finals" are but five weeks distant. Yet, despite the fact that the time has gone so unaccountably, a number of things have happened in the interval which deserve a place in our annals.

Earliest in date and chief in importance was our "Cornell rally," the first student mass meeting of the sort held at the Medical College, but a precursor, we hope, of many more in the future. It occurred on the afternoon of the Alumnae Luncheon, January 27, the day after the Alumni Banquet, and was the outcome of a brilliant idea conceived by some old Cornellians at the College who were struck by the fact that President Schurman, Miss Brownell, Professor Burr and the Glee Club would be in town simultaneously on that particular Saturday afternoon. On the strength of this coincidence, letters were dispatched to most of the speakers advertised for the banquet and luncheon, as many, in fact, as we could invite with so limited a time at our disposal, announcing a Student Mass Meeting for the purpose of promoting Cornell loyalty and asking them to come over into the College and help us. Affirmative replies were received from all.

Most of our students had never seen the President, much less met him, and many of them didn't know what "Prexy" meant. Miss Brownell, Professor Burr and Mr. Bronk were strange and unfamiliar names vaguely associated with that far-away Cornell of which we were said to be a part. How things have changed since then will presently appear.

For several days before the mass-meeting, curiosity and interest were rife among the "Medics." This state of affairs was furthered by the rumor that the gallery of the banquet hall at the Waldorf was to be open to visitors at the Alumni Banquet and an additional opportunity thus afforded us of hearing the speakers and the Glee Club. The rumor was contradicted, however, by a letter from the chairman of the banquet committee, who wrote that the committee was sorry to be obliged to close the gallery this year on account of the annoyance caused to speakers by the laughter and conversation of visitors on previous occasions. The action of the committee was certainly justified, under the circumstances, but it is to be hoped that another year arrangements can be made to allow a limited number to occupy the gallery, so that some of our students may acquire enough interest in the annual banquet to one day attend it themselves as loyal Alumni. Actuated by such a motive, and with the purpose of welcoming to the University the women of the Medical College, the committee of the Alumnae luncheon this year extended invitations to all the women at the College, graduate and undergraduate, and voted an especial invitation to Miss Andréson, secretary of the office, who is recognized here by graduates and students alike as one of the most loyal of the adopted Cornellians at headquarters. This graceful action

on the part of the Alumnae committee has perceptibly furthered the growing cordiality between the Medical College and the University at large.

To return to the mass-meeting. When the appointed day was reached, the interest of the preceding week culminated in a suppressed excitement which was evident through the morning in the conversation of groups of students gathered in hall and class rooms between recitations. By afternoon it ceased to be suppressed and broke out in cheers of all sorts, terminating finally in variations of the Cornell slogan. The Sophomores, assisted by a few of the upper-classmen, began some systematic yelling under the leadership of C. D. Moses, '97, whom they selected for that purpose. The Freshmen, whose attempts at the yell were rather uncertain, finally retired to the seclusion of the dissecting room where, with the ready permission of Dr. Haynes,—another good Cornellian, by the way,—they endeavored to imitate "the long yell" and "the short yell" as they understood them. They were not left to struggle along unassisted, however, for presently the whole delegation from below went up "to teach the freshmen to yell," with the result that the combined forces soon evolved what is probably destined to be the slogan of the Medical College. It goes like this, you'll all hear it one of these days—at Poughkeepsie perhaps.

"CORNELL, I YELL YELL YELL CORNELL!
M - E - D - I - C - A - L - !"

Meanwhile, downstairs in the amphitheatre, Janitor Williams called "Jaxy" as soon as the significance of the President's nick-name dawned on the students who had been unfamiliar with that time-honored abbreviation—was utilizing such scant materials as were at his disposal for the decorations of the lecture room where the meeting was to be held. In the hall, students and visitors were collecting rapidly, the former finally becoming so unmanageable in their enthusiasm that Mr. Williams was persuaded to let them enter the amphitheatre half an hour before the time set for the mass meeting. Here they were joined by the yelling delegation from upstairs and the result could have been heard six blocks away. In the building the effect was indescribable, and the chief plotters of the mass-meeting shook in their shoes at the thought of the energy they had let loose, if any part of the program should miscarry.

Fortunately, at this stage of affairs, members of the Glee Club began to arrive and early among them Mr. W. H. Baker, '01, who is also a member of this year's *Cornellian* board. Mr. Baker's arrival was most opportune. He consented to address the howling mob in the amphitheatre and, if possible, "hold them down" until Dean Polk and the other speakers arrived. Mr. Meacham, '02, Sophomore Class President, called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Baker, who spoke for a quarter of an hour or more on the character and aims of the *Cornellian* and appealed to the Medical students for their interest and support. Before the representative of the *Cornellian* board had finished speaking, Dean Polk and President Schurman arrived, but did not make their entrance into the amphitheatre until Mr. Baker had concluded his speech and been heartily applauded. Their appearance was greeted with deafening cheers and the old yell and the new one were given down in fine style—Moses leading in true Cornell fashion—followed by

prolonged calls for "Prexy" and "Polk." By this time the rest of the Glee Club men had arrived on the scene, and when the whole delegation made their entry to the meeting, it seemed as if the cheering would never subside sufficiently for Dean Polk to introduce the President.

Quiet was finally restored, however, and the Dean formally opened the meeting and gave the floor to "Prexy." The President spoke in his usual easy manner. He dwelt at length upon the fact that the Medical College was as much a part of Cornell as any of its Colleges in Ithaca and heartily welcomed our students to the University. He emphasized the need and advantage of the best kind of Cornell spirit, saying that it meant more than mere athletic enthusiasm, good and desirable as that is in its place: that it gave the tone to a college and raised its standard physically, mentally and morally. In short, that upon the Cornell spirit of the medical students, upon their *esprit de corps*, largely depends the standing of the College and the character of its graduates. The President spoke warmly of the munificence of Colonel Payne, and he aroused great enthusiasm by his reference to the gift of a friend for a laboratory of Physiology and Anatomy at Ithaca. He closed with an expression of pleasure at the cordiality of his reception and the Cornell enthusiasm of the "Medics" and expressed his regret that another appointment prevented him from staying until the end of the meeting.

After Prexy had finished speaking and had been heartily cheered, he resigned the floor to Dr. Polk and excused himself from the meeting. The Dean introduced the Glee Club who sang "Alma Mater" for the first time within the walls of the Medical College. An absolute quiet descended at last upon the Medics as the Club stood there in the familiar old semicircle and the leader gave the key on his little pitch pipe and then threw back his head with a gesture well known to a few of us, the signal for a Cornell song. The audience listened breathlessly to the rhythm and harmony of the well-trained voices, and when the last note finally died away there was a moment's utter stillness, and then a perfect pandemonium of applause. Again and again the Club bowed their acknowledgements, but nothing would do but to repeat "Alma Mater." That was what the Medics wanted and they cheered themselves hoarse until they got it, and they've had it ever since; they sing it, hum it and whistle it here, till it's in the very air and you can always catch the echo of it now by listening at any hour of the day.

When we finally consented to let the Glee Club sit down a little while, Dr. Polk gave us a short and very amusing talk about our work. He was interrupted a number of times by laughter and applause, especially at his reference to organic chemistry which he assured us was growing more complicated every year, so that our successors will have a worse time of it, even, than we do—if that is conceivable! After the cheering which the Dean's speech aroused had subsided, he called upon the Glee Club again and thereby produced another pandemonium of greeting. The yell resolved itself into a rhythmic reiteration of "Glee Club! Glee Club! Glee Club!" Dr. Polk leaned back in his chair smiling and evidently amused; the visitors and many of the women in the audience manifested an inclination to hold their ears,

while the Glee Club stood close to the railing of the amphitheatre, deafened, speechless, but evidently pleased with their reception.

When some semblance of order had been restored, the Glee Club sang "Katy," an Irish song made famous by Louis Fuertes of '97 and but lately added to their repertoire. After that, they sang again and again in response to enthusiastic encores.

Meanwhile, Miss Brownell, Warden of Sage College, had arrived from the Alumnae Luncheon at which she was one of the speakers. She had been detained after her address and had then hurried to the Medical College fearing she would be late for our meeting which she had promised to attend.

Dr. Polk, himself taken by surprise at her sudden appearance, came forward to give her both an official and a personal welcome to the College, and then introduced her more formally to the meeting.

The oddity of her precipitate entrance evidently amused her, as did also the puzzled expression of some of the Medics, to whom "Sage,"—which they had just cheered again (on the appearance of some well-known University woman),—was the merest of unmeaning names. So the speaker threw back her head and laughed heartily at her audience and the Medics straightway laughed with her; and thereupon she and they became the best of good friends, and Miss Brownell is assured of a welcome whenever and however she will visit us again.

Her speech was brief and graceful. She said she was sorry to be late and did not want to take up time by talking to us collectively when she would so much prefer to meet us personally: that she wanted to thank us for so unexpectedly cordial a welcome and hoped she might have the opportunity of shaking hands with all of us before she had to say good-bye.

Then she sat down amid more applause and cheering; and the Glee Club sang the "Evening Song" and then, by request, "Alma Mater,"—and straightway Miss Brownell was on her feet—"as we do 'on the hill'" she explained—and every man and woman in the room stood with her, and many joined in singing the chorus. Then the Glee Club gave down the yell for "the Medics" and we gave down the yell for the Glee Club (for about the 150th time), and Dr. Polk dismissed the meeting, and immediately the audience went down to shake hands with Miss Brownell and with Dr. Polk and with the Glee Club and with Professor Burr, (who had arrived too late to address the meeting, but stayed to meet the addressed.)

So ended the first Cornell Mass Meeting in the history of our Medical College; but its effect did not end there. Some of the consequences of that hastily improvised "rally" will be told a subsequent issue of the NEWS.

N. G. S.

New York, March 18, 1900.

On April 3 the juniors and seniors of the College of Forestry meet at Axton, the college forest headquarters in the Adirondacks, where they will work during the spring, under Professors Roth and Gifford. Professor Fernow will remain at Ithaca to give his synoptical lectures to the sophomores and students of political economy, but will make frequent trips to Axton, to inspect the work going on there.

A FRENCH LAW SCHOOL.

Letter from E. G. Lorenzen, '98.

Through the courtesy of Professor Pound, we are enabled to publish the following extract of a letter from E. G. Lorenzen, Ph.B., '98, LL.B., '99, now a student in Paris, giving a glimpse of the French law school of that city which is of interest since the Dreyfus case has drawn attention to French jurisprudence:

I suppose you will pardon a reference to myself and to the French instruction of the law. I have been in Spain all summer and autumn until November, trying to learn the language. Since then I have been in Paris, studying at the School of Political Science and in the Law School. Gradually I have drifted more and more to the latter place, realizing that my interest centred in law.

The study of law on the continent is naturally very different from our method. It seems queer at first never to be cited to a single case and to follow attentively the exposition of the law by the professor or in a textbook and then, in the end, hear him incidentally remark, or read in a foot-note that the cases decide differently. This disregard for the "jurisprudence," as they call it, and idealizing of the "doctrine" (theory) is quite astounding at first. Even after a careful study of the subject one is never able to tell what the law is.

This, of course, is due to the French system of jurisprudence which does not make the decisions of the supreme court absolutely binding upon the inferior courts and thus enables them to give full freedom to their own views. On almost every point different decisions can be found not only in the different courts, but even at different times in the same court.

Another cause of confusion is the sharp division between a civil and a commercial jurisdiction with its many derivative results.

The instruction in the Law School is given to about 3,000 students by 45 professors, each one teaching only one branch of the law. It is not true, however, that he is necessarily the best man in the faculty for the subject as certain chairs have a prestige and are eagerly seized by all whenever an opportunity offers itself. Thus, Professor Weiss, by far the greatest French authority on private international law, is teaching civil law, although he is not so conspicuous in the latter field.

Three years are needed to obtain the degree of "licencié" which constitutes the admission to the bar. Since the enactment of the recent law which exempts only doctors in law from a two years' military service, many students study two years longer to obtain that degree.

In regard to the subjects, the French system is singular in embracing the political and economic sciences. The doctorate, for instance, may be taken either in the juridical or economic sciences. Roman law is studied to quite an extent but not as profoundly by far as in Germany. On the other hand, a great deal of attention is paid to the comparative study of the law in the different countries.

It would be too tedious to enumerate all the courses given. Suffice it to say that 22 are given in the first 3 years and embrace 3 of Roman law, 5 of civil law, 2 of commercial law, and 1 of history of law, constitutional

law, administrative law, public international law, private international law, political economy, finances, etc. Attendance at the lectures is not compulsory and still the lecture-rooms are filled. They must be too small comparatively, for I know that many never go to the law school at all but go regularly to a "coach" (répétiteur).

A few files of volume one of the Alumni News are still left. An early application must be made in order to secure one. Volume one will be sent postpaid upon the receipt of \$1.00.

Fencing Meet With Pennsylvanai

Arrangements are almost completed for a fencing meet between Cornell and Pennsylvania at Ithaca on April 20th. Since the services of a famous fencing-master of Philadelphia have been secured by Pennsylvania, there is no doubt but that he will develop a strong team.

The meet will be held in Barnes Hall. Several members of the faculty have kindly consented to give short addresses. The program will also include broad-sword and single-stick bouts between members of the Cornell Fencers' Club, and several musical selections.

Woodford Speakers.

The following five seniors have been chosen by the judges to speak on the Woodford Stage:

JOHN WESLEY FAUST, Poughkeepsie, The Negro and the South.

FRANK HOWARD HAUSNER, Farmington, The Cause of Liberty.

EUGENE THEODORE LIES, Buffalo, The New Social Consciousness.

WILLIAM OSGOOD MORGAN, Pittsfield, Mass., Energy—as Typical of American Institutions.

EDGER SEEBER MOSHER, Auburn, Individualism in Politics.

Handball Tournament.

In the contest for the Ickelheimer cup for doubles the following teams succeeded in remaining until the last round: E. T. Magoffin, '00, and R. B. Mildon, '00; T. D. J. Healy, '00, and J. S. Albright, '01; E. F. Clark, '00, and W. Mulford, '01. Magoffin and Mildon won from the second team, and then from the third, which had held the bye. The winners' names will be engraved on the cup which will be kept to record future tournaments in a similar manner.

Cornell in the Pennsylvania Track Carnival.

When seen in regard to the report that Cornell had entered teams in the two and four-mile championship relay races to be run at the University of Pennsylvania Carnival the twenty-eighth of April, trainer Moakley stated that Cornell would not run in the two-mile race and it was still unsettled about the four-mile race. Bassett and Bellinger had been counted on for this latter race; but the former will not run and the latter is out of condition. If Bellinger can be gotten into shape, it is probable Cornell will have a team in the four-mile championship.

Trainer Moakley further stated that Cornell would remain in the one-mile class race with Columbia, Lafayette, Georgetown and State College and would not enter the one-mile championship. He said he would be well satisfied if we succeeded in winning the class race.

Complete files of volume two of the Alumni News may be obtained at the end of the year. Since there is only a limited number, applications together with \$2.00 should be sent at once.

During the vacation Dr. Luzerne Coville and Professor S. H. Gage, of the Medical College, inspected the buildings of the various medical colleges of Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, for the purpose of obtaining data for the plans to be drawn for the new hall of Physiology and Anatomy.

Immediately after the Pennsylvania-Cornell chess match in Philadelphia, Saturday evening, March 31, Harry N. Pillsbury, the national chess champion, gave an exhibition of simultaneous chess, playing the twelve members of the University teams blind-fold. In this contest the opponents of the champion had greater success than is usual in such events. Frank S. Storey, of the Cornell team, won his game, and drawn games were secured by W. W. Fisher, of Pennsylvania, and Ernest H. Riedel and Gerhard W. Heuser, of Cornell.

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Books by Cornell Professors.

Professor Nathaniel Schmidt of the Chair of Semitic Languages and Literatures, has now in press his latest work entitled, "The Son of God and the Son of Man in Modern Theology." This volume deals with the Christ conception from the point of view of the principles of literary and historical criticism, and in the modern theological research. Examining the origin and character of the Messianic hope, the author shows that when the true character of the Hebrew prophecies is recognized, there is still room in modern theology for a view of man's origin and nature in harmony with the doctrines of evolution. The subject of a scientifically justifiable typology is also fully discussed, which subject has been much neglected by modern scholars. This volume is the first in a series of works on Modern Theology which Macmillan & Company intend to publish. Without doubt this first book, as well as all the others that are to come later, will receive the attention of scholars far and wide.

"First Experiments in Psychology" in two volumes by Professor Edward B. Titchener, aims to supply a detailed set of rules for the performance of the classical experiments of that science. These books fill a long-felt need. Those at present in the field,—and they are very few,—are inadequate and defective. The first volume deals with the qualitative analysis of mental structure; the second, of the methods to be followed in the measurement of mental function. In connection with both there are full references to monographs upon the subject in hand, and to the best available instruments. Rules, directions, and examples are fully indicated in each case. This work, the outcome of seven years' experience and research in the laboratory at Cornell, is a most valuable accession to psychological literature.

In addition to the above are two translations by Professor Titchener of the works of Professor Wundt of the University of Leipsic, namely: "The Principles of Physiological Psychology," a review of the extensive literature of psychological science; and the third volume of the series on "Ethics" which deals with Professor Wundt's system of morality. In the same line is to be noticed an edition of "Aristotle's Psychology" edited by Assist-

ant Professor W. A. Hammond of the Department of Philosophy.

A "School Geography" in three volumes by Professor R. S. Tarr, is another work shortly to be issued. The three volumes treat respectively of home geography, that of North America, and that of other continents. Professor Tarr's associate in the work is Dr. F. N. McMurray, of Columbia University.

Three new volumes have also been added to the Macmillan series of German classics, which series is under the general editorship of Professor Waterman T. Hewett. These are Goethe's Poems, edited by Professor M. D. Learned, University of Pennsylvania; Goethe's Faust, edited by Henry Wood, Johns Hopkins University; and Schiller's Wallenstein, edited by Max Winkler, of the University of Michigan.

Another classic is Dr. L. L. Forman's selections from Plato. This volume being merely an introduction to the study of that author, deals mainly with the life of Socrates. The notes are grammatical rather than philosophic.

By Professor L.H. Bailey will shortly appear, "The Principles of Vegetable Gardening," and a text book of Botany for schools. Under his editorship will be published "Rural Wealth and Welfare," by Professor G. T. Fairchild, of Berea College; "Irrigation and Drainage," by Professor F. H. King, of the University of Wisconsin; and "The Amateur's Practical Garden Book," by C. E. Hunn, Gardener to the Horticultural Department of Cornell.

Professor I. P. Roberts also presents an addition to the above series in "The Farmstead," a book of practical advice to farm-dwellers or prospective farmers. Professor Roberts discusses in detail the location and equipment of houses, barns and farm-buildings, and explains how the gains from farming may be applied to the making of a comfortable and attractive home.

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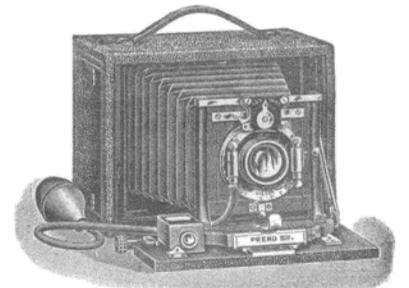
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