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PROFESSOR M. C. TYLER DEAD.

Cornell's Well Known Historian and Professor Passes Away.

On Friday, December 28, the sad news was announced that Professor Moses Coit Tyler had died about midnight of the night before. The news was not unexpected, for he had been at the point of death for several days. For about four weeks he had suffered with cystitis; but his condition was not considered dangerous until about a week before his death. Mrs. Tyler, his daughter, Mrs. Jessica Tyler Austen, and his son-in-law, Willard B. Austen, were with him at the end. The only other member of his immediate family is his son Edward, of New York City, literary editor of the *Literary Digest*.

Friday morning, the large bell in the Library tower tolled sixty-five, which was the number of the years of his life. The news of his death was commented widely upon by the press of the country and many tributes were paid to his memory by those conversant with the work he had done at Cornell and in the world of letters.

The funeral, preceded by a short service at his late home on East Avenue, was held Sunday at 3 P. M., in Sage Chapel. Rev. S. H. Synnott, D.D., and Rev. Professor C. M. Tyler officiated. The pall bearers were Professors T. F. Crane, J. L. Morris, J. M. Hart, E. A. Fuertes, R. H. Thurston, G. L. Burr, and Messrs. S. D. Halliday and H. V. Bostwick. The faculty attended in a body, and the church was filled with friends. The interment was in Pleasant Grove cemetery, north of Forest Home. This spot was selected some years ago by Professor Tyler himself.

Professor Tyler was born in Griswold, Connecticut, August 2, 1835; he graduated from Yale in 1857. After graduation, he studied theology in the Andover Theological Seminary and, in 1860, became pastor of the First Congregational church of Poughkeepsie, where he remained two years. The years 1863 to 1868 he spent in England engaged in literary work, many of his essays of that date, such as "American Reputations in England" being printed in the *Nation*. In 1867 he was called to the chair of English language and literature in the University of Michigan, where he remained until 1881. While there, he published several works, chief among them being his "History of American Literature during the Colonial Times," in two volumes, a work which drew from the poet, Longfellow, congratulations on his having done the work so well that it would never need to be done again. During the years 1873 and 1874 he was editor of the *Christian Union*, now the *Outlook*.

In 1881 he was called to the chair of American History at Cornell, where he has since been senior professor in the school of history. He published a new "Life of Patrick Henry," so superior to all predecessors as to supersede them entirely. It led to an invitation, in 1896, to address the Virginia Historical Society, which no Northern historian had previously been asked to do. In 1894, he published "Three Men of Letters," monographs,

biographical and critical, on Bishop Berkeley, Timothy Dwight, president of Yale, and Joel Barlow, the poet. His latest completed work is "The Literary History of the American Revolution." At the time of his death, he was engaged upon a new work for Putnam's.

Professor Tyler was the first professor of American history in any college of the country. When he came to Cornell it was with the understanding that the subject of American history should be made a separate department. In all colleges at that time American history was taught as a part of European history. The other colleges and universities were

TRIP OF MUSICAL CLUBS.

A Most Successful Holiday Tour of Eastern Cities.

The Cornell musical clubs have just completed one of the most successful trips which any Cornell club has taken since the custom was established. They have given satisfaction to the musical critics of New York, Brooklyn, Washington, Pittsburg, Bradford, Rochester, and Scranton, and in every city received liberal praise from the press. The alumni in the various cities visited took very good care that time did not hang

ments in the dining room. Dinner was served at the Powers Hotel.

The concert commenced at the Lyceum Theater at 8:30, when the house was packed to the doors with what the Rochester papers characterized as "the most brilliant and well dressed audience of the season." The alumni committee had done their work very well and hardly a seat remained unoccupied. The concert, for a first production, was much better than any one expected with so many new men on the clubs. The audience more than liked it and repeatedly encored every number. Interest continued until the last strains of the Evening Song died away and an attempt was



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not slow to follow in the lead of Cornell in the establishment of chairs of American history. Professor Tyler also laid special emphasis on the study of the local history of New York state.

While in Ann Arbor, just before coming here, Professor Tyler was ordained deacon in the Protestant Episcopal church of St. Andrew, in that city; two years later, in St. John's church, of Ithaca, he was ordained priest.

A TRIBUTE FROM DEAN CRANE.
The day after the death of my dear friend, I penned the following lines at the request of the *Ithaca Journal*. The ALUMNI NEWS asks me to add a few details which will be of interest to its readers.

T. F. CRANE.

December 31, 1900.

"It is too soon adequately to measure the loss which the University has sustained in the death of Professor Moses Coit Tyler, and it is far too soon, while our grief is at its height, to estimate the man and the friend at his true worth.

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heavy on the hands of the club men, either before or after the concert. In a financial way the 1900 trip was also a success in that under the able management of John L. Senior, '01, the trip has come nearer paying for itself than any which the clubs have taken in several years. But the musical clubs are not supposed to be out for the money there is in it, and the trip taken this year was about as expensive as could have been planned east of the Mississippi. The trip has done much to increase the interest in Cornell in the nine cities visited.

The clubs, fifty members strong, left Ithaca over the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Friday, December 21, and two hours later were in Rochester. That afternoon there was a reception at the residence of Mrs. Edward W. Mulligan, No. 318 East Avenue. The large rooms of the Mulligan residence were dressed in carnelian and white and many of the women carried out a similar color scheme in their gowns. Mrs. Mulligan was assisted in receiving by a dozen prominent society women of Rochester, while as many of the younger set served refresh-

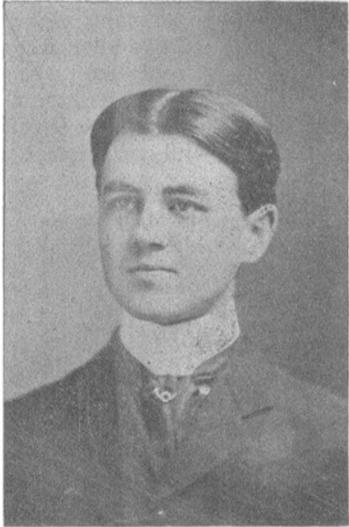
made at further encore after a ripping Cornell yell announced the end of the concert.

About three hundred of the audience hastened off to the Powers Hotel where the alumni had arranged a dancing party. The hall was large and mirror-walled and Rochester women looked their best. The club men entered into the spirit of the thing and were soon dancing with girls they knew,—and with girls they didn't know, for membership in the clubs was a formal introduction in Rochester that evening. Supper was served in the balcony in a most elaborate fashion. The dancing continued until four o'clock.

The club men awoke the next morning in a bounding, bumping Pullman and were in Bradford in time for lunch. There are few alumni in Bradford, but these few did a great deal. In the afternoon the visitors were given a drag ride all about the busy little city and around the greasy oil wells which have made Bradford a rich city. The concert was given in the Exchange Lyceum, and was attended by three hundred and fifty

persons. The program was rendered in a better fashion than at Rochester and was received with enthusiasm. The men were then ready for a good rest, the first since leaving Ithaca and made the most of the sleeping facilities of the St. James. It was late in the morning when some glee club man found that all the Cornell rooms opened on a court. His window was up in a minute and a strenuous "Yae-Ho" soon filled the windows. The cheering did not cease until the last breakfast bell began to ring and the "natives" had been sufficiently astonished.

The trip to Pittsburg was made Sunday afternoon and the clubs found quarters at the Hotel Anderson.



WILLIAM H. MORRISON, JR., '01, LEADER OF GLEE CLUB.

Nearly every one found something to do Sunday evening, and on Monday afternoon a reception was given the clubs by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, Jr., at their home, No. 825 Western Avenue, Allegheny City. About fifty society women received in the large reception hall. There was music by full orchestra from a room at one side and on the other was the refreshment room. The rooms were decorated in Christmas fashion and there was an abundance of holiday good cheer. There were a number of dinners on Monday evening at which Cornellians were guests of honor.

The concert was given in the Carnegie Music Hall which is admirably suited for the purpose. It was there that the Cornell clubs scored a success in 1899, and this year it was even more pronounced. Glee, banjo and mandolin clubs were at their best and the concert was perfect.

The Pittsburg *Post* said:—"Several conflicting events militated against the attendance last evening at the Cornell concert, and in addition to these the fatigue of Christmas preparations kept at home a great many who, under other circumstances, would have swelled the list in attendance. It was, however, a highly appreciative audience and a distinctly fashionable one, and the clubs distinguished themselves in an unusually fine manner."

The University Club was put at the disposal of the visiting students after the concert, and an informal smoker given by the alumni of Pittsburg. There were songs, good stories and toasts galore, and many of the good things which soothe and cheer. The smoker lasted until train time and few left before the end.

Only one man hung his little stocking Christmas night, which was spent in a sleeping car on the long jump from Pittsburg to Washington. He

did not get any presents. In fact he lost his sock for some one stole it. A few of the fellows got Christmas telegrams from home at Washington. Those who did not thought hard for a minute and then hired automobiles for a tour of the city. Various alumni members and undergraduates were on hand to act as guides. The clubs had an invitation to play at the White House on Monday afternoon for President and Mrs. McKinley and their friends, but the engagement could not be kept owing to the inability of the clubs to reach Washington before Christmas afternoon. The concert was attended by a fashionable crowd which all but filled the National Rifles Armory.

Wilmington, with its stirring alumni association of twenty members, outdid itself for the Wednesday evening concert. There were not a dozen seats left in the auditorium of the New Century Club on Delaware Avenue. They knew they would like the concert and they did. "The best ever heard in Wilmington and we've had every glee club in the country almost," said one of the society leaders, "and this is not flattery either, for I am not a Cornell woman." The New Century Club hall is finished in white and the decorators took advantage of the fact and made a Cornell room. Banjos, mandolins and the flags which the management carries for decorative purposes figured in the decoration.

The reception and dance which followed the concert proved one of the most enjoyable social affairs of the trip. Wilmington girls were more than kind to the Cornell men. "As many as you wish," they would answer to each request for a dance. Wilmington men did their best to keep every Cornellian dancing, even if they had to guard the walls.

New York audiences are supposed to be cold, but the fashionable crowd which came to the Astor Gallery in the Waldorf Astoria on Thursday evening was decidedly the reverse. Again and again the clubs had to respond to satisfy the clamor for more. The audience was not as large as the management had reason to expect. In view of the fact that there are nearly 1,000 alumni in New York, every one of whom received personal notice of the concert, it seems to indicate a lack of spirit for only 300 to attend.

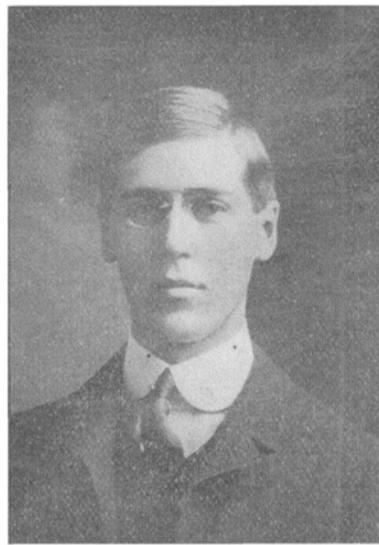
There was plenty of spirit, however, at the smoker which was given the students at the Cornell Club at No. 49 West 43rd Street. Many of the younger alumni put in a very pleasant hour and the students certainly enjoyed themselves.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic audience of the trip greeted the Cornell clubs at Memorial Hall, Brooklyn, on Friday evening. It was a Cornell audience, too—"old grads" and undergraduates with their parents. The alumni committee had taken good care to fill the house and few more could have been accommodated. Mr. Ebersole's solo work was appreciated even more than in the other cities visited, if such a thing could be possible. Mr. Dresser, leader of the Mandolin Club, introduced an innovation during the encore of the club's second program piece. The lights were turned out after the first few bars had been played and the piece finished, without a single break, in inky darkness. It was not an easy thing to do and its successful accomplishment brought down the house.

After the concert the clubs were entertained by a subscription dance

provided by the Brooklyn alumni. The Mansion was a most suitable place for an affair of the kind and dancing continued until 2 A. M., when the students had to leave in order to make railroad connections in Jersey City.

Owing to an accident to the brakes of the club's sleeping car, Scranton was not reached until nearly one o'clock Saturday afternoon. The city was tied up by a street car strike and the alumni committee in charge of entertainment decided that it would be impossible to have the reception planned for Saturday afternoon at the Scranton Country Club. Informal receptions were held at private residences in various parts of the city. The strike did not prevent nearly 400 people from attending the concert, which was held in the Scranton Bicycle Club House. The Scranton papers characterized the concert as the best ever given in the city by similar talent. After the concert the hall was cleared and dancing continued until midnight. This ended the trip and the members scattered in many directions for a few days at home before returning to Ithaca.



JOHN L. SENIOR, '01, MANAGER OF MUSICAL CLUBS.

Wedding.

SANDERSON-TYLER.

On the morning of December 20, in Sage Chapel, occurred the wedding of Miss Beatrice Desaix Tyler, daughter of Professor Charles Mellen Tyler, D.D., to James Gardner Sanderson, '97. The bridesmaids entered the chapel by the door near the pulpit, and passed up the center aisle to the rear where they were met by the ushers and other members of the bridal party. The groom and his brother, who officiated as best man, with Professor Tyler, awaited the bride at the altar. The latter was preceded by the ushers, Charles P. Sanderson, Cornell, '95, of Scranton; Balling H. Harrison, Lehigh, '98, of Baltimore, Md.; Charles C. Egbert, Cornell, '95, of New York City; and Wallace J. Childs, '00, of Utica, who were followed immediately by the bridesmaids: Miss Dorothy Cornell, of Ithaca; Miss Mary Wilkerson, of Buffalo; Miss Helen Louise Sanderson, sister of the groom, of Scranton, Pa., and Miss Bertha Wilder, of Ithaca. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Margel Gluck, of Buffalo, then the bride leaning upon the arm of Professor Estevan A. Fuertes, who gave her away. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, on East Avenue, followed by a wedding

breakfast. Only the bridal party, a few intimate friends and relatives attended the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, after their wedding trip, will reside in Scranton, where the groom is a practicing attorney. He entered Cornell with the class of '97, and since leaving college has not only had a large practice in his profession but has won considerable note as a writer of fiction. He is the author of "Cornell Stories," a book which he dedicated to the girl who has become his bride. He is a member of Sigma Phi fraternity and his best man and ushers were all chosen from that society.

Professor Waterman T. Hewett presented a paper at the joint meeting of Philological societies held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania last week. The American Philological Society, the Modern Language Association, and the Oriental Society were represented at the meeting. Professor Hewett's paper dealt with "The Use of the Relatives *that* and *which* in the Early English Version of the Bible."

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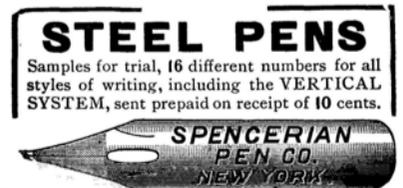
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'70, A.B. The Hon. Samuel Halliday lectured on "Ruloff, the Great Criminal" before the DeWitt Historical Society of Ithaca during the Christmas recess.

'72, B.C.E. Sylvester N. Williams is professor of civil engineering in Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

'74, B.C.E. Charles W. Wasson will be married to Miss Breckenridge of Hamilton, Ont., on February 12, 1901.

'77, B.S. Leland Ossian Howard contributes to *Science* for December 14 an article on "The Ulke Collection of Coleoptera."

'77, Ph.B. John C. H. Stevenson has recently moved from St. Louis to Boston, where he is practicing law at 40 State street. While in St. Louis Mr. Stevenson was assistant comptroller and district County Judge. His present address is '99 Bowdoin Avenue, Dorchester.

'78, B.M.E. Frederick A. Halsey, assistant editor of the *American Machinist* has been appointed by the Postmaster General, as one of a committee of experts to consider matters relating to the use of pneumatic tubes for the transmission of mail. The committee was in convention in Philadelphia for ten days shortly before Christmas.

'80, A.B. The Rev. Frank C. Whitney has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Rochester, Minnesota. He has been for the past seven years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, Minnesota.

'82, B.S. William A. Kent, who for the last few years has been connected with mining enterprises is at present treasurer of the Oriental Mining Company in Arizona. Mr. Kent was formerly treasurer of the Jamestown Gas Company and treasurer and superintendent of the Jamestown Water Company at Jamestown, New York. He may at present be addressed at Providence, Yavapai County, Arizona.

'82, B.C.E. William Trumbull was in Worcester, Mass., Christmas, visiting his sister. It was his first visit East for sixteen years, almost his whole time since graduation having been spent in his profession of civil engineer in the wilds of the state of Washington. Mr. Trumbull's address is Gold Basin, Wash.

'83, B.C.E. Frank S. Washburn has just sailed from New York for Chili, South America, on business that will detain him some months.

'84, Ph.B. Ernest E. Russell is secretary of the El Paso chamber of commerce at El Paso, Texas.

'86, Ph.B. Professor Harris left before the holidays for Jacksonville, Fla., where he spent two weeks before going to Louisiana to begin his winter's work in connection with the Louisiana state geological survey. J. Pacheco, '04, accompanied him.

'86, B.S. A large audience attended a lecture on Molière, which was

given in Barnes Hall on December 17, by Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor. Dean Crane introduced the speaker, who gave a highly interesting account of the life and career of the great French comedian. Mr. Chatfield-Taylor is at present engaged in writing a book, the scene of which is laid during the Franco-Prussian war.

'87, M.E. Professor Ryan of the department of electrical engineering spent Christmas at his home in Halifax, Pa.

'88, E.E. Irwin J. Macomber is professor of electrical engineering in the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago.

'90, B.L. Louis C. Ehle was poet for the 17th biennial convention of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at Boston, Christmas week.

'90, A.B. Invitations have been received in this city to a banquet to be given by the friends of the Hon. John Ford in honor of his career as a state senator. The banquet is to occur on the evening of Thursday, January 3, at the Hotel Savoy, New York City.

'90, B.L. Howard Hasbrouck has formed a co-partnership for the general practice of law with Herbert Noble, under the name of Noble & Hasbrouck, with offices at 141 Broadway, New York City.

'90, A.B.; '98, A.M. George Ray Wicker is instructor in economics in the Amos Tuck School of Administration and Finance at Dartmouth College.

'91, B.S. in Arch. Raymond F. Almirall, formerly of Ingle & Almirall, continues alone in the conduct of an architectural business at 10 and 12 East 23rd Street, New York City.

'91, A.B.; '96, Ph.D. Robert James Kellogg, is at present professor of Greek, at Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

'91-'92, Fellow in Philosophy, Professor Frank Thilly, of the University of Missouri is President of the Western Philosophical Association. He delivered the president's address at the first annual meeting of the Association, held in the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., on January 1.

'92, Ph.D. Professor J. E. Creighton gave before the Western Philosophical Association, Jan. 2, an informal address on "Some Philosophical Problems of the Present Time."

'92, A.B.; '95, Ph.D. Professor Edgar Lenderson Hinman read a paper on the "Primacy of Will" before the Western Philosophical Association, January 2nd.

'92, Ph.D. Professor Ferdinand Courtney French, of Vassar, addressed the American Psychological Association on the "Doctrine of Twofold Truth" during the holidays.

'92, B.L. Rev. Gilbert W. Laidlaw has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. George's Protestant Episcopal church, Newport, R. I. He will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday in January. Mr. Laidlaw goes to Newport from a smaller church at Middleboro, Mass. His new parish is considered one of the best in Newport.

'93, A.M. Professor David Douglas Hugh, of the Colorado State Normal School led the discussion of a paper on "The Psychology of Profanity," read by Professor Patrick of the University of Iowa, at the recent meeting of the Western Philosophical Association.

'93, A.B. Eugene F. McKinley, of Chateaugay, N. Y., is one of those

granted life teachers' certificates by Superintendent Skinner, as a result of examinations held in August last.

'93, LL.B. H. C. Mitchell, of Corning, N. Y., has removed with his family to Ithaca. Mr. Mitchell is traveling for a wholesale clothing house.

'94, Ph.D. On December 29, Dr. Ernest Albee read a paper before the philosophical section of the American Psychological Association, entitled "Examination of Professor Sidgwick's Proof of Utilitarianism."

'95, A.B. Arthur W. Barber has announced his removal from 416 Broadway, New York City, to the Mutual Life Building, 32 Nassau Street, where he has opened an office for the general practice of law.

'95, Ph.B. Miss Elizabeth W. Bump spent Christmas at her home in Ithaca. She is a member of the faculty of the Plattsburg (N. Y.) Normal School.

'96, A.B. John M. Crofoot continues his activity. *New York Education* notes that: "Principal J. M. Crofoot and his able corps of teachers at Cherry Creek have interested the whole people of that village in a school fair, the proceeds to aid in buying school furniture. A lace handkerchief from Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt will be one of the articles for sale."

'96, A.B., '99, Ph.D. Professor Grace Neal Dolson, of Wells College, read a paper at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, December 27, on Nietzsche.

'96, Ph.D. Professor E. Dana Durand, now of Leland Stanford University, has been appointed secretary of the United States Industrial Commission.

'96, Ph.B. Charles A. Ellwood read a paper on "The Theory of Imitation in Social Psychology" before the Western Philosophical Association, Jan. 2.

'97, B.S. One of the passengers who arrived in New York on the "Deutschland" on December 7, was Lucius C. Fuller. He has been abroad on business connected with the Fuller agency in London, which is the only American advertising institution in Great Britain.

Ex-'97. Alumni have been receiving announcements that *Lippincott's Magazine* will publish in the January number a Cornell story entitled "A Personal Equation" by James Gardner Sanderson, '97, the first of a dozen college tales to appear during the year in that periodical. Cornellians recognize the face of their class politics in it.

'97, M.E. Edward O. Spillman was in Ithaca on December 18, visiting friends.

'98, B.S. Miss Bertha Marx spent several days with friends at Sage College just before the Christmas vacation. Her home address is 2125 Parkwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

'98, Grad. H. A. Surface is professor of zoology in the Pennsylvania State College.

'99, D. V. M. Henry W. Illston spent the holidays in Ithaca. He is a government inspector of meat and cattle in Chicago.

'99, A.B. Herbert B. Lee is studying law in the Buffalo Law School and with Lewis & Lewis, Erie County Bank Building, Buffalo.

'99, M.E. Alonzo G. Trumbull is in the Erie shops at Susquehanna, Pa.

'99, M.E. S. Wiley Wakeman is now in the employ of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J.

'00, A.B. Miss Nina Angell has just received a position on the teaching staff of the Ithaca High School.

Ex-'00. William H. von Bayer has just returned to America, and is now visiting his parents in Washington, D. C. For the past two years he has been in the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

'00, M.E. Charles W. Bergen, who has been with the Brooks Locomotive Works since graduation, has secured a responsible position in the Mechanical Engineer's office of the New York Central railroad at New York City.

'00, M.E. William C. Dalzell, Jr., is with the Dalzell Axle Company at South Egremont, Mass.

'00, LL.B. Franz V. M. Provost has announced his engagement to Miss Veronica Ruigler of New York City. He was admitted to the New York bar on November 20. His business address is 26 and 28 Park Place, New York, and his residence is at 232 Hancock Street, Brooklyn.

'00, M.D. William H. Sutherland is a physician in the city hospital at Rochester, N. Y.

'00, M.D. Joseph Weinberg is a physician in the Gouverneur Hospital in New York City.

'00, M.E. Henry G. White has a position in the New York office of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. He is living at 50 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn.

'00, E.E. During the football season George H. Young was with the Homestead Library Athletic Club football team, which was not beaten once. One field goal was the only score made against it.

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PROFESSOR MOSES COIT TYLER.

One of the most notable personalities of Cornell has been taken away. The loss we sustain in the death of Professor Moses Coit Tyler is not merely that of a great scholar, a fascinating lecturer, an inspiring teacher, it is also that of a very noble man, of a rare and mellow personality. Professor Tyler's scholarship was of a breadth particularly valuable in a modern university, where the tendency is to somewhat narrow specialization. "Life and Letters" was his field. In the political and constitutional history of America he was an invaluable teacher. In the literary history of our country he was a famous scholar and author. In both directions, that in which he taught and that in which he wrote, his own command of true literary style was a blessed educational influence, and one in which many a truly great scholar fails. But best of all was the influence of his own genial, urbane, witty, truly cultured self. It is personality that tells in the education of youth, and few men would be more missed from Cornell University than will be, for all his sixty-five years, Professor Moses Coit Tyler.

SAGE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHERS.

The organization and first meeting, at Lincoln, Nebraska, Jan. 1 and 2, of the Western Philosophical Association emphasizes in a rather remarkable manner what has been done at Cornell, at the suggestion of President Schurman, and by means of the generosity of the late Hon. Henry W. Sage for the study of philosophy on this continent. The president of that Association has been a fellow and instructor in philosophy here. The secretary-treasurer holds a doctor's degree from Cornell. Of the

ten addresses before the meeting five were given by men who are or have been connected with this University, three of whom have taken degrees here, and of the seven discussions which followed, three were led by men similarly associated with Cornell, of whom two hold Cornell degrees. The meeting was therefore largely a reunion of former Cornell teachers and students of philosophy. Even the chancellor of the University of Nebraska, who welcomed the assembled philosophers could not escape the contagion entirely, for E. Benjamin Andrews, too, was once a valued professor on Cornell's staff.

And yet, while all these representatives of Alma Mater were gathering beyond the Missouri, there were scarcely fewer at the ninth annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, held almost simultaneously, under the auspices of Johns Hopkins university, in Baltimore. Here there were five papers presented by Cornell philosophers, one of them "introduced" by a sixth. First principles are receiving a great deal of attention at our hands, surely no bad thing for the nation, at a time when statesmanship seems to prefer to steer by opportunism, and Americans as a general thing are not probing too deeply into underlying principles.

Detailed mention of the papers read may be found among our alumni notes this week.

FOOTBALL CHANGES.

The decision of the football committee to go back to graduate coaching, as a result of the conference with representative alumni reported in this issue, will meet with the general approbation of alumni. There is something attractive in a game in which the coaching as well as the playing is confined strictly to members of the family. With due gratitude to Haughton and the other non-Cornellians by whom Cornell football coaching has been directed, every son of Alma Mater will hail the day when all Cornell teams are trained by Cornell men.

The decision to emphasize the final authority of the Captain will tend to keep the team the unit it should be. The Captain has theoretically held this position of responsibility for four years; but in reality the coach has often been the real head of the team.

The further organization of an alumni committee, with such representative members as Tracy, Wyckoff and McKeever, will keep alumni and undergraduates in touch and prove a real benefit to Cornell football. The decision to vest advisory power, only, with this committee is not the least wise part of the plan. It keeps final power where it belongs, with the committee of the Athletic Council.

The recent conference on football seems to have accomplished much

good. If the conferring parties can at their future meetings work out the solution of the right persons for graduate coaches, they will have solved what seems at present the hardest problem facing Cornell football.

SOPHOMORE SOCIETIES.

The founders of the new sophomore society here a year ago pointed to the success of the society system at Yale as proof of the desirability of the innovation. And now we find that students, alumni and faculty of that university have united in suppressing the Yale sophomore societies as a noxious thing. We commend to men connected with our young society a more careful study of the series of events preceding that suppression, with a view to avoiding the mistakes there made,—though societies at Cornell are hardly liable to become important enough to be publicly suppressed.

THE MUSICAL CLUB TRIP.

The success which attended this year's trip of the Musical Clubs speaks well for the undergraduate members of the clubs and its managers, and for the alumni in the various cities where concerts were held. The experience of the clubs is another example of the good results attending matters Cornellian when grad. and undergrad. pull together. Let us have more of this sort of action.

THE CHESS VICTORY.

On behalf of all Cornellians the ALUMNI NEWS extends to Louis Charles Karpinski, '01, of Oswego, and to Ernest Henry Riedel, '02, of Brooklyn, congratulations on their brilliant victory at chess over teams from Brown and the University of Pennsylvania. The tournament proved to be quite an event in chess circles in New York City, and Cornell's representatives not only upheld their own previously earned reputations, but won credit for their University.

REGISTERS FOR ALUMNI

The Register for 1900-1901 is now being mailed to school principals, college libraries, etc. Owing to labor of mailing and increasing cost the old custom of mailing a copy to every alumnus, as is still done in the case of the President's Report, has been abandoned. Every alumnus who wishes a copy of the Register, however, need only drop a postal card to Mr. Hoy, and the Register will return by next mail.

A recent number of the *Columbia Spectator* says, editorially:

"The Cornell Campus is one mile in length. The Columbia quadrangle, nobody ever dared to dignify it with the other appellation, measures four blocks by one. Comparisons, as Mrs. Malaprop has it, are odorous, but we need South Field."

Professor Willard W. Rowlee, of the botanical department, attended the convention of the American Society of Naturalists at Baltimore, Md., during the holidays. Professor Rowlee is a member of the executive committee of this association.

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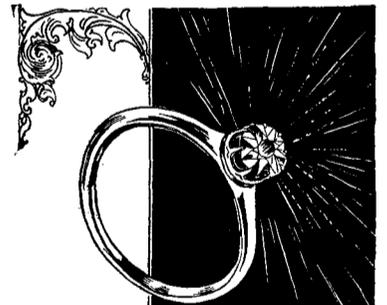
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PROFESSOR M. C. TYLER DEAD.

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"I remember very distinctly the first time I saw him, a beautiful day in May, twenty-seven years ago, when he delivered an address at the laying of the corner-stone of Sage College. His fine presence, the wit and eloquence of his style, and his oratorical gifts made a lasting impression on all who heard him. In his case the dictum "the style is the man" was true indeed. The clearness and precision of his language, the play of humor, the elegance of diction, were all characteristic of his mental processes. Even in familiar conversation one could not help admiring the beauty of his words, and the delicacy of his fancy. In his writing there is no unseemly haste or negligence of the nicest proprieties. He saw clearly, and honestly, and elegantly, and his expression is stamped by all these qualities. It is for specialists to estimate the historical value of his monumental works, but there can be only one opinion as to the noble form in which those works are cast.



MOSES COIT TYLER.

"These are the qualities which all who read him can perceive and admire; but only the little number of those who were admitted to his closest intimacy can know the hidden treasures of his nature,—the kindly heart, the genial humor, the tender sympathy with friends, the keen appreciation of others' success, the modest bearing of his own,—these make his loss to some an irretrievable one. How sweet a companion he was those know who have trodden with him the walks of this beautiful neighborhood, every lane and path of which will henceforth have the added charm of the memory of his presence.

"In an age of doubt and religious unrest he had the firm "confidence of a certain faith," and the inexpressible "comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope."

The death of Professor Moses Coit Tyler came as a sudden blow even to the friends at Ithaca who knew of his illness. Never had he seemed so well and happy as during the autumn months. Those who shared his rambles over the hills and valleys of the country he loved so well will never forget his buoyant spirits, his ceaseless flow of humor, his genial temper, and keen appreciation of Nature in all her varying aspects.

In spite of his robust appearance and athletic habits—he was an accomplished horseman, a superb swimmer, a tireless pedestrian and wheelman—he was conscious of a constitutional weakness, which had shown

itself in early life in nervous prostration. He knew that it was only by husbanding his nervous strength that he could perform well the arduous duties of his professorship, and complete those great works which will make his name illustrious as long as American literature shall last.

Notwithstanding this necessity of concentrating his energies, he played an interested and useful part in all the great reforms which have so materially changed the University during the last twenty years. In all that related to the government of the students he showed that sympathy with youth, that confidence in its generous impulses, that freedom from narrow methods of restriction, without which the young cannot be successfully guided.

About Thanksgiving time he was seized by an illness not altogether unexpected to him, and which did not at first seem serious. The disease soon assumed a dangerous character, and after three weeks of suffering he passed peacefully away at half past one o'clock on the morning of Friday, December the 28th.

In his walks and rides about Ithaca he had early noticed the quiet beauty of a little country graveyard on the road running north from Forest Home. It is on a slight knoll by the roadside and commands a wide prospect of the distant hills. This was the spot he chose for his last earthly abode, and often passing it on his walks he discoursed with his friends of its peacefulness, and spoke of the future with the calmness and certainty of Christian belief. And here his family and a little company of devoted friends laid him to rest the last Sunday of the century. It was a gray winter afternoon, but the landscape had a beauty all its own. The woods stood out dark against the snow and hid the towers of the University; but on the still air fell the sound of the distant chimes, which for nineteen years had called the sleeper to his pleasant tasks.

IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY LECTURE.

President Martin of Chinese Imperial University on Boxer Uprising.

On Dec. 19, President Martin of the Imperial University at Peking, delivered in the Library the last of the series of University lectures on the recent troubles in China, taking for his special theme: "The Boxer Uprising and Chinese Diplomacy." Dr. Martin was in every way qualified to speak. For fifty years he has been working in China, and during that time he has composed various treatises on international law, giving to the Chinese all the international law they have. For twenty-five years he was president of the Diplomatic College, and for the last three years has been president of the Imperial University at Peking. Added to his long experience in China and observance of Chinese life, the fact that he was last summer one of the refugees at the British legation in Peking during the whole of the siege, enabled him to speak with a feeling knowledge.

Dr. Martin began by briefly summarizing the events which led to the formation of the Chinese Empire. When the country consisted of eight distinct provinces, a well-established school of diplomacy flourished in the north, but when the country became united into one realm, there being no

longer any need of diplomacy, the art died out. About 250 years ago, a riot occurred in Peking, in which the Emperor was slain. The imperial army requested the Grand Khan of Tartary to intervene, throwing open the gates to the hordes which immediately swarmed in. After the rebellion had been suppressed, the Chinese requested the Tartars to retire to their own country, but were met with a flat refusal. The Tartars declared that they meant to stay, and that the Chinese must either be their enemies or their vassals. The Chinese chose the latter alternative. This incident, said Dr. Martin, offers an exact parallel to the present situation. If the eight European powers now in China should retire after setting up an independent Chinese government, their action would be contrary to every historical precedent. A realization of this fact will throw light on the present situation.

The recent outbreak may be attributed to three causes: political jealousy, religious antipathy, and business competition. The Tartars who entered the Empire 250 years ago, have been ever since the ruling power of the country, the present Empress Dowager being a direct descendent from them. They are jealous of the Chinese lest they acquire power, and jealous of foreigners lest they take away their possessions. Consequently they have done their best to keep the Chinese people down and have met with good success.

The young emperor is the one great exception to this attitude of the Tartars. Early in his life he came under the influence of a learned Chinese doctor, and as a result of his teaching, the Emperor determined to institute some reforms. He established a system of common schools and, in the provinces, of high schools and colleges, with great central universities in the capitals for instruction of a new kind for the civil service. He encouraged the teaching of modern arts and sciences, engineering, agriculture, and mining. No doubt, his reforms would have succeeded in the end, but he went a little too fast. He had already alienated many learned men of the old school, and when they refused to allow a petition for some new reform to be presented to him, he cashiered them, whereupon they went to the Empress Dowager. Eager for a long time to get the reins of power, the Empress Dowager saw her chance and took it. The Emperor was placed in confinement, where he has remained ever since, and the Empress and nobles assumed control of the government. One by one the reforms of the Emperor were cancelled until only the Imperial University remained. This was fostered by Li Hung Chang.

The search for allies resulted in the enlistment of the Society of Boxes on the side of the Empress. The Boxers have been in existence for about a hundred years. They claim to be possessed of supernatural power, and have strong anti-foreign tendencies. These people started to wipe out the foreigners, and in a short time reached Peking. On June 19th last, the Chinese government sent word to the legations that by demanding the surrender of the forts at the mouth of the river, the admiral of the fleet there had committed an act of war, and consequently all foreigners must leave Peking. The German Minister was the first to remonstrate, and he was killed by a Chinese soldier on his way to the Imperial Palace. At this all the legation with many missionaries and

native converts gathered according to a prearranged plan, at the British legation stockade. Too much cannot be said in praise of the magnanimous welcome which Sir Claude MacDonald gave to all the refugees who applied for admission to the legation walls.

The force defending the legation consisted of the regular legation guards, marines from the fleet at the river mouth, missionaries and native Christians. Although they were well protected by the walls, they suffered considerable loss, and at the end of the siege fully one-third of the refugees had been killed or wounded. The attack on the legation was chiefly by small arms, and not until the close of the siege was artillery used against them.

During the siege, the general health of the refugees was good, although towards the end there was very little food left. When the relief came, there was only enough mule meat for two days' rations, and material for making corn bread for no more than two weeks. Toward the middle of the siege, a truce was declared, and the Chinese, professing to act in obedience to orders from the Empress, sent in a few bags of flour and some cucumbers, but the besieged foreigners, fearing poison, did not use them. There was some apprehension as to the motive of the Chinese in declaring the truce, but this was replaced by unbounded joy when the prisoners learned from a Peking newspaper, obtained through a spy, that the rescue party had reached Tien Tsin. After the legation had been besieged for eight weeks, the relief reached Peking in the nick of time. As they entered the city, the Empress Dowager fled to the north-western part of the country where she now is.

Chinese diplomats are now busy with two problems: First, to avert the condign punishment which ought to be visited upon the Empress Dowager and the instigators of the uprising; and second, to secure the autonomy and integrity of China.

Dr. Martin emphasized the fact that the trouble last summer is in no way imputable to the Chinese people, but to the passing craze of a few favorites. He firmly believes that if the young Emperor be restored to power, the Chinese Empire will have a great future.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE CHESS.

Cornell Defeats Brown and Pennsylvania.

The second annual tournament of the Tricollegiate Chess League has come and gone, and the chess enthusiasts of Cornell are rejoicing over an event new to the history of the University, the winning of a trophy in this line of intercollegiate activity. The result occurred which had been predicted by the newspaper critics and the experts of New York generally: Cornell won, but not without experiencing reverses which at first seemed fatal to victory. To the surprise of everyone interested, the Cornell players emerged from the first day's play apparently hopelessly in the rear. Brilliant playing on the second day, however, recovered for them the lost ground, the third saw them well in the van, and in the last round they won a decisive victory. The final score was Cornell, 5 1-2; Brown, 3 1-2; Pennsylvania, 3.

The tournament was held in the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club in New York city, beginning Wednesday, December 26, and continuing the remainder of the week. The contest was a notable one in many ways. There was not a mediocre player in the party; all were of high rank, and were able to play chess of a very high order. The spectators were never very numerous, but many of the leading players of the city were at times included. College men were always present, Cornell being particularly well represented. The number of Cornellians present was large enough to permit of a hearty cheer being given at the conclusion of the tournament.

The players were; Brown, S. Howard Easton; Harry E. Nickless; Pennsylvania, J. Spencer Francis; J. Irving Chapin; Cornell, Louis C. Karpinski, '01; Ernest H. Riedel, '02.

The pairings of the different rounds were arranged by Major J. M. Hanham, the Manhattan Club champion, who acted as referee, while the expert Lipschütz adjudicated the uncompleted games.

The play by rounds was as follows: Wednesday—At the first table Francis and Easton played a French defense, which after varying fortune, resulted in favor of the Pennsylvanian. At the second board Karpinski and Chapin contested a Petroff defense on even terms until the close of the session, when the game was declared a draw. At the third table Riedel had his game, a Queen's Gambit declined, well in hand when he attempted a brilliant stroke. It proved to have a flaw, however, and his opponent, Nickless, quickly took advantage and won. Score, Pennsylvania, 1 1-2; Brown, 1; Cornell, 1-2.

Thursday—Francis played a Ruy Lopez opening against Riedel and at one time seemed to have the upper hand, but the Cornelian recovered himself and fought the game out to a draw. Chapin was early in difficulty in his French defense against Easton, and lost the game. Nickless also played a French defense against Karpinski, but was finally defeated. Score, Pennsylvania, 2; Brown, 2; Cornell, 2.

Friday—Karpinski instituted a Petroff defense against Easton, but in the early part of the game was at a disadvantage, besides being pressed by the time limit. He not only recovered himself, however, but ended by winning the game. Riedel played a Queen's Gambit declined against Chapin and won without great diffi-

culty. Nickless and Francis played out an irregular game to a draw. Score, Cornell, 4; Pennsylvania, 2 1-2; Brown, 2 1-2.

Saturday—Chapin and Nickless played a French defense until the Pennsylvanian committed a blunder which gave the game to his opponent at the thirtieth move. Riedel and Easton adopted a Dutch defense, and the Cornelian by a fine sacrifice won the upper hand and soon after, the game. This result determined the outcome of the tournament. Francis at the time was playing a Philidor defense against Karpinski. The two were on even terms, and a draw seemed inevitable. The game was accordingly discontinued, the players dividing the point. Score, Cornell, 5 1-2; Brown, 3 1-2; Pennsylvania, 3. Individual scores: Karpinski, 3; Riedel, 2 1-2; Francis, 2 1-2; Nickless, 2 1-2; Easton, 1; Chapin, 1-2.



JOHN O. DRESSER, '01, LEADER OF MANDOLIN CLUB.

Basketball.

In writing up basketball for this year it is first essential that the conditions under which the game is played at Cornell, be understood. The team this year will be known as the Cornell Basketball Team. Last year it was not recognized by the athletic council and consequently could not use the name Cornell. This year as in previous years no out of town games can be arranged with teams other than college teams. This fact accounts for last year's poor showing as the team got no practice before the hard college games. In regard to the basketball financial matters, it may be said that it is one of the few teams which do not appeal to the students for subscriptions. Any deficit in the treasury at the end of the season is made up by the players themselves.

The prospects are that the season will be a good one. While not expecting a clean score, the team expects to make a commendable record. There are 35 men who have registered with Capt. Morrison as candidates for the team. Five of these, A. B. Morrison, '01, Capt., S. H. Townsend, '01, W. S. Steel, '02, E. C. Stone, '02, W. W. Ellis, '03, have made the team in past years. Of the remaining candidates, Burns, '02, H. M. Sloat, '04, W. C. Pruyne, '03, C. J. Haddock, '03, are among the most promising.

The team expects to play its first game at home January 12. The opponent will probably be Hamilton. The following week a trip East will be taken; a game with Dartmouth is scheduled for the 18th at Hanover, Vermont; the Yale game will be

played at Schnecktady on the 19th. Negotiations are being made for a game with Harvard, date undecided. While speaking of basketball it might be well to mention the two intercollegiate leagues in process of formation. One is a general, the other a state league. In the formation of the former, Yale, because of her standing in basketball circles has taken the leading part. The league, as far as present conditions indicate, will be in working order early in January, so the games played with Yale, Harvard, and Dartmouth will be league games. These are the only colleges, beside Cornell, taking any active interest in the league.

The State league was proposed and agitated by Cornell. Syracuse, Colgate and St. Lawrence University have signified their intention of entering. Hamilton declines to enter. The organization of this State league is practically assured and it is expected that within a week or so a constitution will be submitted to the colleges for ratification.

Work on Medical Building Begun.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the University, held early in December, the bids for building the new Medical hall on the Campus at Ithaca were opened. There were eight bidders, from Binghamton, Scranton, Rochester, Elmira and Ithaca. The three lowest bidders were: Allington & Son, Elmira, \$107,052; Joseph Campbell, Ithaca, \$96,967.94; Driscoll Bros. & Co., Ithaca, \$91,616. The last named firm was awarded the contract.

About a week later, the work of excavation was begun on the site of the building just east of Boardman hall. This work will be completed within a few days. If the weather continues mild, the work of laying the foundation will then proceed. The foundation will be completed about the first of April.

Driscoll Bros. hope to have the new building ready for occupancy by the spring of 1902.

Sophomore Societies at Yale Abolished.

Through the action of the faculty the three sophomore societies, at Yale—Eta Phi, Kappa Psi and He Boule have been abolished. There has been strong opposition to them for a long time as it has been claimed that they were ruining the democratic character of Yale. The class of 1899 voted almost unanimously against them, while it has since been stated that many alumni have declared that they would not send their sons to Yale unless the "obnoxious societies," as they called them, were abolished. The members of the organizations have had a chance to reform them according to recommendations of the faculty, but have refused. Their abolition is attributed chiefly to the action of President Hadley.

On Friday, December 14, Professor White of the University faculty delivered a lecture before the students of Harvard university, on "Literature as an Element of Germanic Studies." The lecture is one of a series of three lectures on German literature to be delivered by Professor Carpenter of Columbia, Professor White of Cornell, and Professor Wood of Johns Hopkins.

President Schurman spoke before the New Jersey Teachers' Association at Newark, N. J., on "American versus Chinese Education," on the evening of December 27.



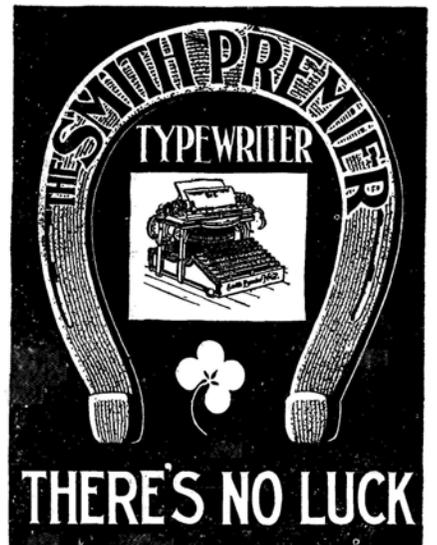
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IMPORTANT FOOTBALL CONFERENCE.

Plans for Graduate Coaching Discussed.

During the Christmas vacation an important meeting of Cornell's football alumni was held to talk over plans for coaching for next year, and to discuss other important matters relative to football. The conference was called because such a conference seemed desirable at this time, when so many changes must of necessity be made in our football plans.

The meeting was held at the residence of Professor Dennis on University Avenue, the alumni being invited by the football committee of the Athletic Council. The following were present: Professor Dennis, advisory member for football; Clinton Wycokoff, '96; Lyndon Tracy, '98; William Atkinson, '95; D. M. McLaughlin, '98; Harry Lyle, '97; William McKeever, '98; Hawley Taussig, '97; Captain William J. Warner, '03, and Assistant Manager Norton, '02.

Glen S. Warner, Cornell's former coach, and at present coach of the Carlisle Indian team was invited to attend the meeting, but was taken sick upon arriving in Ithaca, and was confined to his room during the entire day. Former Captain Starbuck was also one of the invited ones, who was unable to be present.

While the meeting was an unusually long one, there was little difference of opinion on any of the matters adopted, and each new line of policy received the unanimous approval of the body.

It was decided, first, that the only course open to Cornell was to return to the graduate system of coaching. All the larger eastern colleges and many of the smaller ones now have the graduate system, and it was thought that in time Cornell should adopt that system as a permanent thing. Cornell will not in the future depart from this system, even though it means that her teams must suffer if she adheres to it. Our football athletes will in the future develop as a result of our own style of playing, and, win or lose, the team will be entirely Cornell's.

In the future more emphasis will be laid on the power of the captain. He will be called the head coach, and it is the intention to give him the supreme control on the field. He will be obliged in the future to assume more responsibility than in the past, but he will on the other hand receive more credit for the development of a successful team.

The captain will be assisted by one or two members from the alumni during the whole season and, in addition to these, other alumni will return for short periods to assist in the development of the team, as was the case last season. The coach or coaches instead of having supreme authority as they have always had, will be asked to confer with the other alumni to a greater extent than has been the usual custom.

The conference did not recommend any man or men for the positions of assistant coaches. The reason for this is that it was thought best to give the alumni an opportunity to express a preference. Accordingly a committee of three was appointed to consult with the alumni and to obtain their wishes on the matter. The members of this committee are Wycokoff, Tracy and McKeever. It is

understood that after consulting with as many alumni as is found possible this committee will recommend first, whether Cornell should have one or two graduate coaches to remain throughout the season, and second, the coach or coaches who are most satisfactory to the alumni.

The alumni committee is to be a permanent organization. It will bear an advisory relation to the football committee of the Athletic Council which will continue to exercise final power. It is expected that through this committee the alumni will find a means of active co-operation in the football interests.



M. A. BELTAIRE, JR., LEADER OF BANJO CLUB.

A Force for Church Unity.

Rev. Henry Woodward Hulbert in the Sunday School Times.

In the College Christian Association we find the chief outward agency which makes for church unity in university life. Here the commingling of denominational types is most noticeable. Side by side, for four earnest years, work and pray the representatives of the federal forces of Protestantism. Together they go forth to the mission Sunday school, or to hold meetings in outlying schoolhouses in the country. They learn to rely on each other, to view the world without and within from new standpoints arrived at by co-operative labors. The Presbyterian catches the warmth of a Methodist glow, the worshipfulness of Episcopalian churchliness, the democratic sense of brotherhood and initiative from his Congregationalist classmates, and an undefinable, but very real, broadening of Christian love and sympathy from them all. That quiet Catholic boy in the corner has not failed to influence every man in the class. The brilliant Jewish essayist, who made his way to the head of the editorial staff of the college paper,—he too had a part to play second to none in the broadening life of the college.

And it is in the life-work of men thus trained that the American college has for a century been pouring in its contribution to the cause of church union. They go forth as leaders among men. After his professional studies, the young physician returns to his old country home to practice medicine. He throws himself into earnest work for a common Christianity. After some hesitancy, it may be, he enters heartily into the

work of the little old church where he first confessed Christ, but there he uses his influence for an ever-broadening type of Christian life. He conspires with all good men and women in the community for a more Christian handling of the whole religious problem. He studies economy of resources, and shuts off the waste of money and effort, and yet with due regard to historic and other conditions. Under such influences, mere denominationalism may not thrive, but something truer and nobler than sectarianism is surely gaining ground in America, and hastening the day when the Saviour's prayer for unity shall be most manifestly answered.

There is a small Cornell delegation in Harvard university this year, in the graduate schools. The catalogue furnishes these names, with the branches pursued:—

Homer J. Edmiston, former instructor, now James Savage scholar in classical philology and ancient history; Walter David Hopkins, A.B. '93, now Gorham Thomas scholar in Indo-Iranian languages; Liston Leone Lewis, Ph.B. '92, senior in law; Frank Parker Ufford, Ph.B. '96, senior in law; Jacob George Rosenberg, A.B. 1900, first year in law; Edwin Wagner Gehring, C.E. 1900, first year in medical school.

The new suspension bridge across Fall Creek connecting the Campus with the new residence section "Cornell Heights," on the north side of Fall Creek is about completed. The bridge is of steel, and was manufactured and erected by the Owego Bridge Co. It is 160 feet in length, 5 1-2 feet in width with its floor 140 feet above the bed of the creek. The approaches are still unfinished; that on the south will lead from University avenue in the rear of Morse Hall; and that upon the north opens upon the middle of the Cornell Heights. This is the third bridge thrown across Fall Creek gorge recently and while the other two allow the passage of cars and carriages the new bridge is for pedestrians only. It will be of great convenience to those desiring to pass quickly from the Campus to the Heights.



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Chess Champion Pillsbury at Cornell.

The chess exhibitions given before the Christmas recess by Harry N. Pillsbury, under the direction of the Chess Club, proved successful in every particular. The attendance at both the afternoon and evening sessions was large and included undergraduates, instructors and townspeople. A delegation from the new chess club of the Cascadilla school was also present and took part in the playing.

In the afternoon the national champion met fifteen opponents in blindfold play. The first game to be completed resulted in his favor in less than an hour and the other games finished before the end of the session had the same result. After more than three hours play, however, a number of games were still under way. These were then adjudicated. The Rev. Mr. Young, a retired missionary at present staying in Ithaca, was declared the winner at his board and L. C. Karpinski, '01, and F. S. Storey, '02, were credited with drawn games.

In the evening an exhibition of simultaneous play was given, 28 boards being in use. At four of these checkers were played. Two and even three games were played at several of the boards, where the first game was completed early in the evening. An Ithaca expert at checkers succeeded in obtaining a draw, and of the chess players only one failed to find the champion invulnerable. This was C. L. Rand, '04, who contested his game to a draw.

Officers and Examiners of Inter-Collegiate Examination Board.

The names of the treasurer and the associate secretary of the College Entrance Examination Board of the Middle States and Maryland, together with the Board of Examiners for the present year, have just been made public by Professor Butler, of Columbia University.

The treasuryship of the board has been accepted by Joseph C. Hendrix, president of the National Bank of Commerce. As associate secretary, the board has chosen Dr. William E. Waters, who has entered upon his duties. He is a graduate of Yale College of the class of 1878.

The chief examiners for 1901 are as follows: Chemistry—Professor Ira Remsen of Johns Hopkins University; English—Professor Francis H. Stoddard of New York University; French—Professor A. Guyot Cameron of Princeton University; German—Professor M. D. Learned of the University of Pennsylvania; Greek—Professor Herbert Weir Smyth of Bryn Mawr College; History—Professor Lucy M. Salmon of Vassar College; Latin—Professor Charles E. Bennett of Cornell University; Mathematics—Professor Henry Dallas Thompson of Princeton University; Physics—Professor Edward L. Nichols of Cornell University.

Among the articles on the History of the Nineteenth Century in course of publication by the *New York Sun*, is one on "Religion," by Professor Goldwin Smith.

Lecture on China.

An extremely interesting lecture on "Recent Events in China" was given by Oscar King Davis, of the *New York Sun*, recently, in the Library lecture hall.

Mr. Davis began by speaking of the organization of the Boxers, the real purpose of which he said was uncertain. Trouble with the Boxers commenced at Chan Toon, where the Catholics tried to build a tomb for religious purposes. The main things that the Chinese claim against the missionaries are that they shelter law breakers and that they are responsible for the invasion of foreigners.

The speaker said that the Empress Dowager, influenced by stories of the power of the Boxers, strongly favored their cause. So the government issued edicts offering rewards to those who particularly distinguished themselves in battle, and threatening severe punishment to cowards. Afterwards the Empress and her advisers, learning that the Boxers were not so strong as they were at first supposed to be, strongly condemned them. These facts explain the contradictory character of the government edicts.

Mr. Davis then spoke of some of the experiences of American soldiers and their terrible suffering. He discussed the difficult problem that the allied powers now have before them, and said that if the Empire should be divided the United States should not fail to take its share.

French Lecturer for Harvard.

Gaston Deschamps, French critic of "Le Théâtre Contemporain," is the lecturer whom the Cercle Français de l'Université Harvard has decided to bring to the United States for 1901, according to an announcement which has been sent out from Cambridge. The lecturer of last year was Henri de Régnier, the poet, and he found time to visit Cornell for a lecture which was of great interest to advanced students in French. It is probable that some arrangement will be made to have Deschamps speak here next year.

His lectures at Harvard will be given during February and March, and are to be on theatrical subjects. If he should come to Cornell he would probably lecture on one of the following subjects:

La Presse française au dix-neuvième siècle,
Un homme d'Etat français; Jules Ferry,
Victor Hugo et son siècle,
La Vie de Province en France et les romanciers contemporains: Theuriet, René Bazin, Emile Pouillon,
Pierre Loti et le pays Basque,
L'Ecole française d'Athènes.

The hockey team of the University of Pennsylvania has begun practice.

At the University of Wisconsin the old practice of requiring theses on some particular line of investigation or research before granting a degree to graduate may be abolished. The faculty has had the matter under consideration and it seems that the objection of crowding too much work into the senior year will stand, and that the system will be changed or entirely done away with.

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