The alumni of Cornell who noted a recent report in the Alumni News of the appointment of Professor John Vredenburgh Van Pelt as professor in charge of the college of architecture will no doubt be interested in a review of the work which he has done in the study and practice of his profession.

The growing importance of the college of architecture and the marked success of recent graduates of this branch of the University call particular attention to the personality and training of one who had so direct an influence in the creation of the present spirit of the school and has now assumed full charge of this branch of the University.

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Those alumni who do not at present know of Professor Van Pelt's work may look to his standing among architects of the nation as an assurance of his success in the administration of the college of architecture.

New Memorial Prize.

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, a new memorial prize was accepted. This prize, being the income from $1,000, has been established by H. L. Messenger, B. Lit., 80, Ph. D., '86, in memory of his deceased mother, Luana L. Messenger, and to be designated "The Luana L. Messenger Memorial Prize."

The prize is to be awarded to the student who shall produce an essay giving evidence of the best research and most fruitful thought in the field of human progress, or in the evolution of civilization during some period, or periods, in human history; or during human history as a whole. The method for deciding the winner has not as yet been fixed. The sole stipulation of the donor is that he be furnished with a typewritten or printed copy of the prize-winning essay.

Professor Van Pelt in the College of Architecture, the promotion to professorships of Assistant Professor Wing in Agriculture and Fish in Veterinary Medicine, and the appointment of Assistant Professors McGaustland in Civil Engineering, Catterall in Modern European History, and Sigl in Ancient History; and the promotion to assistant professors of Messrs. Albee, Bentley, and Lefevre in philosophy, Mr. Diedrichs in experimental engineering, and Mr. Ries in geology.

Honour Systems.

The Board of examiners was much discussed; but owing to the difficulty experienced in discovering the sentiment of the students in favor of a system or system no decision was reached, and the question is still unsettled. "There is a strong sentiment..."
both in the Faculty and in the student body in favor of the honor system, to the detriment of the university. A large building for these various objects is, after the Halls of Physics and the Humanities, the most pressing material need of the university, and it is a need which is felt by all departments, by all Faculties, and by the entire student body. The president hopes that such a hall for the physical training and social intercourse of students and for great University functions may command itself to graduates and old students and to wealthy friends of the University.

After these needs, the president speaks of the need for dormitories and dining halls for the students. Mention is also made of the plan for Campus improvement which was treated in detail in the last issue of the News.

FINANCES.

Regarding finances, President Schurman spoke as follows: 

"On August 1st the productive funds of the University had risen to $577,629.45. It is true that, however, an item of $329,666.23 belonging to this year’s income, of which $207,806.69 must be set aside for the reserve fund of the University, made the increase in the productive funds since August 1, 1900, $231,056.83. From this we have concluded that the entire surplus since August 1, 1900, $276,464.78, has been spent for necessary expenses. In the past, Ezra Cornell, Henry W. Sage, Hiram Sibley, John Morgans, William H. Graw, and Alfred S. Barnes splendidly responded to the appeal which the resources of the University had brought vitally home to their hearts and minds. And this year Stimson hall has arisen to testify to the generosity of Mr. Dean Sage and the new Sibley building to the generosity of Mr. Hiram W. Sibley. Other benefactors, with smaller individual gifts, have not been wanting. And, finally, the University has received Mr. Roderick Fiske’s gift of $20,000 for a new Laboratory of Physics."

NEED OF AUDITORIUM.

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"The annual rate of interest on invested funds was $3,423.01; in 1900-01 it was $3,433.04. There was once more an increase in the receipts for tuition, which aggregated (exclusive of tuition fees in New York) $304,488.33. This does not include the tuition fees for graduate students. The total appropriation for the year amounted to $353,591.04.

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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.

Ex-'74. The Chicago Record-Herald gives a flattering account of the recent opening of the Armour scientific association of New York proposes to hold a celebration in honor of President White's birthday, which will occur on the 7th of November. The address on President White's birthday, which will occur on the 7th of November. The address, and the Hon. Joseph G. Hendrix has been invited to deliver an English address upon that occasion.

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The management greatly appreciates the interest which alumni are this year showing in the News. All graduates of the University can render aid in making the Alumni News what it should be—an alumni organ, and it is hoped that each will do his share of the work. Every alumni should try to send in to the News all the items he comes across in regard to Cornell men, and also offer any suggestions that occur to him as to how the paper may be made more interesting. The management would like to have alumni feel that the News is a paper for them, and that they should do all in their power to promote its interests for the good that will redound to themselves and to Cornell.

Although no definite action will be taken in regard to the proposed alumni athletic field on the campus until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, yet there is prevalent a general feeling that a satisfactory arrangement will be made so that the plans may be carried out. In the meantime the committee which has undertaken the task of raising the funds for the project will continue its work. Sufficient money has not yet been subscribed to carry out the wishes of the alumni, but it is hoped that during the next few months those who have not already subscribed will be able to bring the total amount up to the figure which will be required to make good the offer of the Board of Trustees.

COURTNEY AT HARVARD

Cornellians are justified in feeling much gratified at the compliments paid to our navy by the invitation extended by the Harvard Athletic authorities to Mr. Courtney to visit Cambridge and advise them respecting their rowing methods.

Mr. Courtney accepted the invitation only after a consultation with our athletic authorities and with their special consent and hearty approval. He left Ithaca last Monday, and will probably remain in Cambridge until after their class races on November 14.

To allay any fears, it may be stated positively and upon authority of Mr. Courtney himself, that he has no intention whatever of leaving Cornell. This is so, although it is a well-known fact, and one about which many are ashamed, that Mr. Courtney has always been wretchedly underpaid at Ithaca when compared to a star of the same quality in other parts of the country.

If the possibility of his leaving Cornell ever does arise, we feel quite sure that to happen, whatever may be the cause, the passion of our alumni will never allow him to go. The feeling of loyalty to our Alma Mater that was shown by the Cornellians in the face they cheered on their team as heartily as though they were victorious, and then when the last hope was taken away by the blast of the referee's whistle, stood up, everyone of them, without exception, was victorious, and then when the last hope was taken away by the blast of the referee's whistle, stood up, everyone of them, six or seven hundred strong, and with a will "Alma Mater." It was a lesson in Cornell spirit which was not known at Cornell a few years ago and it is this same spirit which will, as much as anything else, help win the contests of the future, be they on field, diamond, track, or water.

UNDERGRADUATE MEET

The undergraduates partially retrieved themselves after their defeat at the hands of the freshmen in baseball and football, by winning the undergraduate track meet last week by a score of 66 to 51.

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UNDERCLASS SUPREMACY.

Sophomores and Freshmen Settle Question in Satisfactory Manner.

Underclass spirit has worked itself out this year in a more gratifying manner than ever before in the history of Cornell. At the beginning of the year there were some evidences of class-rushes on Heustice street, as there have been for several years past. But here-tofore these rushes were practically unorganized and men were often badly injured, when a score of men would pile up on some one and continue struggling without being separated.

This year the upperclassmen took a band in the affair and instead of allowing that sort of thing to go on for an hour or more before breaking it up, organized the two opposing classes, lined them up at two ends of a block, and, at a given signal, allowed them to rush together. Then after a reasonable length of time they compelled the scrimmage to "break away" and line-up for another rush.

In this manner no two combatants were allowed to work up any personal animosity and the best spirit imaginable prevailed.

These rushes continued at intervals for two weeks and then the classes were separated for the night. Before scattering to their rooms the upperclassmen led the freshmen in their class yell for the sophomores, and the sophomores returned the courtesy. Then the two opposing classes with barred heads joined in the singing of Alma Mater and quietly dispersed to their rooms.

These indiscriminate rushes do not, however, determine underclass supremacy. But they do give an idea of the deep-seated excitement that exists in the upper classes and the flag-rush. This procedure for settling class rivalries is encouraged by the annual flag-rush.

SUCCESS OF GRADUATES.

Study of "Who's Who" Reveals Some Very Interesting Figures About College Folks.

Professor Dexter of the University of Illinois has studied the annual volume of "Who's Who in America," with an especial object of ascertaining the number of college graduates who were achieving "twentieth century success."

The results are interesting. The annual volume has 8,602 names and the presence of a name is assumed to be the sign of success. One person in every six hundred was so noted, and of them 3,237 had received the bachelor's degree at college.

There were in 1900 about 344,000 living graduates. Thus, one graduate in every 106 was recorded as being successful. That is, the probability of American success is increased more than five and six-tenths times by college training or, rather, is due to the selective influence of such training.

Where education has stopped a series of athletic contests including baseball, football, track events and a flag-rush. This year, for the first time, the freshmen won the supremacy in football and baseball, while the sophomore were victorious in the track-meet.

The flag-rush will take place tonight on the armory green and upon this the underclass supremacy now rests.

Last spring a committee from the upperclassmen drew up several rules to be observed thereafter by the entering classes. By these rules freshmen are not allowed after 7 p.m. to remain in the Dutch Kitchen, Zinck's, Jay's, or the Senate. Nor are they allowed to occupy front rows of seats in the Lyceum theatre.

Another rule which went into effect this year, had the freshmen to wear a uniform cap, gray, with a black top-button. This cap is worn at all times by all freshmen.

The sophomores, this year, of their own accord, have adopted a class-hat of black felt with a narrow scarlet border and their class colors are red and black. This wearing of a class-hat by the sophomores is another innovation at Cornell and will probably be adopted by every succeeding sophomore class.

It is improbable that the juniors will ever follow such a custom, but for the underclasses to be thus designated—the one by cap and the other by choice—is marked by many good results.

The freshmen are enabled to display their class pride by wearing a class-hat. By the sophomores the class-hat is welcomed as a clear line of demarcation from the freshmen.

Altogether the development of class spirit is encouraged by the struggle among the underclasses for class supremacy and the wearing of class-hats. Further, the underclassmen are extremely gratifying to observe the good-will that has thus far been manifested between the two classes and the friendly rivalry now established bids fair to be continued in the forthcoming years.

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Juniors Win Debate.

The freshman football team carried off undergraduate athletic honors last Monday, October 28, by defeating the sophomores at football by a score of 10 to 5.

The question debated was: "Resolved, that the tariff should be removed from all products the output of which is controlled by a trust, much for trustody rain which made a small pour of rain which made a small

The judges were:

Professor Frank Irvine, Instructor Guerlac, and E. E. Banks, '95, of Ithaca.

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DEBATE WITH PENNSY.

Men Who Will Speak for Cornell Selected—Question Also Submitted.

As a result of the competition held October 28th for places on the team which will debate against Pennsylvania, the following were chosen:

Floyd Leslie Carlisle, '03, Charles Bernard Dowd, '04, Law, and Francis Humphrey Hiller, '03, Howard Solomon Braucher, '03, were chosen alternates.

Floyd Leslie Carlisle, '03, has been prominent in debating work since his entrance to the University. He was president of his class in his sophomore year and is this year again honored with the same office. He has debated with his class team in several interclass debates and was last year captain of the team which defeated Columbia. He is the most experienced member of the team.

P. H. Hiller, '03, has likewise done much debating on his class team and served as captain in his sophomore year.

C. B. Dowd, junior law, has never had any experience on any debating team, but he has a record in the department of public speaking which assures his doing valuable work for the team. He won the $50 memorial prize in declamation last spring.

These four were selected from the 39 competitors who appeared at the final trial.

The debate with Pennsylvania will be held December 12th, in Ithaca on the following question: "Resolved, That the present tariff on the raw materials and rough products of iron and steel, such as pig iron, rails, steel ingots, etc., is justified on the ground of the protection of American industry against foreign competition."

PROFESSORS TO RETIRE.

Four Popular Teachers Affected by New Rule for Superannuation and Retirement.

Although the details providing for the retirement of professors have not been entirely settled, the following rule, a part of the set of resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees October 25, and printed in last week's Alumni News, has immediate application:

"Resolved, That hereafter the term of employment of every professor of this University end at the June commencement of the calendar year in which his 70th birthday falls, and that this rule apply to those professors who have already passed that age, the date of the termination of their employment being the close of the present University year."

Those, therefore, who will retire at the next June commencement are: Hiram Conen, A. M., LL.D., professor of English literature, born in 1828; Charles Melker Tyler, A. M., D. D., Sage professor of the history of religion and of Christian Ethics, born in 1832; F. P. Robertson, director of the college of agriculture, born in 1833; and Francis M. Finch, A. B., LL. D., dean of the college of law, born in 1836.

Interesting sketches of the life and the work of these men will appear as special articles in later issues of the Alumni News.

Lectures Arranged.

The next lecturer in the course on Economics will be Dr. A. F. Weber, Th. B. '91, Statistician to the Department of Labor at Albany. The lecture will be delivered on Friday, November 7, and will be upon a subject connected with "The Labor Movements in New York State." Professor F. Y. Edgeworth of Oxford university, England, will also deliver a lecture in the same course shortly before Thanksgiving on "The Theory and Practice of Monopolies."

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PRINCETON WINS.

Cornell Defeated by a Score of 10 to 0 in Punting Game on Breakow Field.

In one of the most evenly contented games ever waged by teams from Cornell and from Princeton, the men from the city of Ithaca were outdistanced by their rivals from the north. For more than an hour the struggle was scheduled before the Princeton Tigers skirted Cornell's right wing for forty-eight yards and was forced out of bounds by Brewster. The ball was pitted against Captain Davis, and ten orange-and-black-striped fel-
sions the backs were given a try at kicking. Had the ball gone over the goal line, it would have been counted as an extra point. The Tigers scored two punts and the ball was punted back from the thirty-five-yard line. It was a kicking game for the first ten minutes more in the middle of the field, while the Princeton goal was exchanged for infield. All day it was Princeton's on Cornell's goal line.

It was again a critical moment and Brewster's fumble. Princeton pulled out of the air and only a shadow of the leather was left. It was scored and Davis got the ball on his fifteen-yard line. Then occurred one of the sensational plays of the day. The leather was passed to Foulke; Tydeman and Smith were held in the line and the speedy right half was forced out of bounds by Brewster and Larkin at Cornell's three-yard line. Princeton's ball came through, and the game was in the hands of the right hundred and fifty yards. Only a moment later Captain Warner urged on his man's end and between that player and Smith. On the five-yard line a try failed and a few moments later DeWitt failed in a like attempt from Cornell's forty-seven-yard line. Foulke was then forced to leave the game.

The battle raged on for a few minutes more in the middle of the field, while the Princeton goal was exchanged for infield. At its close the Cornell men remained in their stand until they had sung Alma Mater. Solemnly, yet sweetly its notes rolled out across the field, and from the time he fell back until the ball started from his boot into the air, he was the mark and flags wafted frantically in the east stand while Cornell men and women danced up and down the benches. The Princeton goal was exchanged for infield and the joy in the Cornell camp was short lived.

A fusillade of punting followed in which Captain Warner twice got up and stopped the leather in its flight. To Cornell no one. Brewster and Coffin were a sight for Cornell men to see.

When the punting duel came to a close the ball was in the Tigers' possession on Cornell's thirty-five-yard line. It was now getting on toward the end of the half. Princeton could not gain in the line, and Pearson called upon DeWitt to again try for a field goal. The big guard dropped back and from the thirty-five-yard line sent the ball squarely between the posts, and the score was Princeton 5; Cornell 0.

Captain Warner urged on his men as they were just entering upon the struggle. They gave their all to the punting and returned to a set of rapid, massive, smooth formations which seemed to the field during the entire game—sets of plays which earlier in the contest might have cost the Tigers thirty yards. Even then Cornell several times punted on the first down instead of holding for downs. It was a battle royal, equally thrilling for all and with no advance in prices. DeWitt r.g., Webb (Hunt) FOWLIE r.h.b. Coffin R. McClae (Shepley) (Snider)...

DeWitt, the great Princeton player.

and at its conclusion, the Princeton roosters who had eaten silently listening to it, broke out in long applause. There seemed to be almost a pleading in its sweetness. The second half opened but Cornell did not change her tactics, for it was a kicking game for the first ten minutes. The Tigers struggled like the little hero that he was, but he was steadily being held. Punt four times exchanged and when the leather finally came to Princeton's possession on Cornell's twenty-yard line.

It was again a critical moment and Cornell rose to the occasion for once Captain Warner, Hunt and Leader stopped the onslaught of the Tigers. DeWitt again dropped back and a cold chill ran through the Cornell stand. It seemed a week to the old Reliable.

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

President Schurman Differ with President Eliot's Opinion of Their Value.

President Eliot of Harvard university spoke some words of caustic criticism of the secondary schools before the meeting of the Connecticut State Teachers' association of New Haven last week. He pleaded for an increase of expenditures for the common schools. President Eliot said:

"This will suffice to convince us that the results of American education have hitherto fallen far short of the hopes and expectations of its founders and advocates, and that it is to effectively promote public righteousness and the general welfare and happiness, but these great tasks involve the greatest expenditures I am speaking of."

At the request of the New York World, several educators submitted written opinions regarding the statements of President Eliot. Among them was President Scharman, who said:

"The most important points in President Eliot's indictment were not well taken. President Eliot seemed to regard the school as the sole institution for the training of children. The fact is, however, that besides the school we have the home and church, and not to speak of other agencies. The work of the schools is predominantly intellectual. Incidentally, of course, the school tends to form moral habits, as, for example, punctuality, obedience, industry, etc. But the direct work of the school is intellectual. "If during the past two generations drunkenness, gambling, mob law and violent crimes have not been stamped out, the public school should not be blamed for it; but rather those other agencies for the training of the youth, notably the church and the home, whose aim and purpose is directly moral and religious."

"There remains of President Eliot's indictment against the schools the failure to train citizens to vote intelligently, the corruption of science into an engine for the promotion of total abstinence, and a survival of a taste for ephemeral reading matter and improper plays. As to the first of these, I think it is true that citizens who fail to do their duty fail, not from any lack of moral energy and conscientiousness—a defect which should not be charged to the public schools. "It must, however, be admitted that if the schools had been successful in cultivating a taste for good literature there would not be such a demand for trashy reading matter as at present obtains. So much of President Eliot's indictment seems to me well founded. I think he is unjustified in saying that the advocates of total abstinence, in their devotion to an excellent cause, have been too ready to assume that it was the business of physiological science to find a basis for a moral verdict which is justifiable on its own grounds and which stands, and ought to stand, in independence of physiology. Recognizing the force of President Eliot's criticism on these points, I dissent from it on the others and consider the indictment he has drawn up against the public schools far too sweeping."

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