Rousing Time at Buffalo.

Cornell Dinner the Most Successful in Twenty-Five Years—President Schurman's Address.

Saturday night was Cornell night at the University club in Buffalo and according to the omniscient press of that city the Cornell alumni dinner was the grandest function given at the club since its opening. Harvard and Yale and Princeton and Pennsylvania have had their annual gatherings, said the newspapers, but splendid successes though they were, those were but mere circumstances compared with this magnificent celebration. That was the popular and no doubt the strictly impartial verdict.

The verdict of the Cornell men themselves, too modest to express it in the comparative, was that this, the twenty-fifth annual gathering of the Cornell men of Buffalo was the largest, most enthusiastic and most representative in the whole history of the association. It was the largest—a hundred per cent larger than any of its predecessors; it was the most enthusiastic—for there were the increased numbers and the uncommon setting; and it was the most representative—for forty per cent of the alumni who were present write their classes in the twentieth century, whereas heretofore hardly a grad. of recent years had attended the gathering.

It was C-O-R-N-E-L-L night at the club and a hundred and fifty of her sons, ranging from the fathers, of '73, to the bubbling kids, of 1904, were entertaining as their guests President J. G. Schurman of Cornell, President A. V. V. Raymond of Union College, Professor Ralph C. Catterall, and the Council and members of the University club of Buffalo, who represented scores of colleges and universities scattered through the country.

The magnificent new clubhouse was tastefully prepared for the occasion. Bunting of carnelian and white wrapped the pillars of the reception room and halls, and bands of smilax hung in graceful festoons between the arches. Red incandescent lamps and the white woodwork of the room carried out the color scheme. A large Cornell banner completed the decorations of the reception room. Above the entrance to the clubhouse the word "C-o-r-n-e-l-l" was spelled in brilliant electric bulbs, while between two flag-poles there was suspended over the sidewalk a huge Cornell banner flanked on the one side by the Stars and Stripes and on the other by the flag of the University club.

The Cornell men gathered at eight o'clock, held their business meeting and began receiving their guests before nine. At that hour President Schurman, President Raymond, and Professor Catterall arrived, accompanied by President Edward B. Green of the association and Mr. J. J. Albright. An informal reception followed. William B. Hoyt, '84, then introduced President Schurman as the first speaker of the evening.

President Schurman's Speech.

Dr. Schurman spoke first of the rise of Cornell University to an established place among the educational institutions of the country. He then pointed out that many of the ideas first promulgated by Cornell have been adopted by other colleges and laid emphasis upon the necessity for the colleges and universities to give heed to the training of men in good citizenship. He said in part:

"When last I was here this club was not so well housed as it is now and I am glad to know that this new abode was designed by a Cornell man. We are in the habit of turning out men who do things well and I am glad you recognize the brand."

"Universities nowadays are much alike. Formerly this was not so, for the Western ideas clashed with those of the East and were despised. Cornell has been a mediator in a way between these antagonistic views and it is no longer true that, as James Russell Lowell once said, 'A university is a place where no useful thing is taught.' If you would see the growth of the idea of education in useful things, look at Yale founding a school of mining and a school of forestry.

"This is a utilitarian age. Young men pay less attention now than formerly to liberal culture for its own sake. There never was so much money in the world. It is all right to make money, but that should not be the end of existence. Life is greater than the means of living. College men should exalt liberal culture wherever they go and therefore we do not cry down the little colleges. They are beacon lights of culture. God bless them.

"But at the same time we must not forget that as Henry W. Sage used to say to me: 'The man whose intellect is trained, but whose conscience is untrained, becomes only the more dangerous.' The training of men to be good citizens may be incidental to the other work of a college, but it must not be overlooked. The country looks to its college men to save the republic.

"We are so constituted that we are inclined to put physical force ahead of ideals. A few years ago we all looked up to Russia because it was the biggest nation in the world. How the whole thing collapsed when it came in conflict with a little nation true to its ideals!"

Dr. Schurman closed by referring to the gifts made to the University by Ezra Cornell and Henry W. Sage, two men who made their money by their own efforts and after becoming rich at once wished to devote it to the benefit of others.

President Schurman delivered a powerful address, conceded to be one of the best ever given before the University club.

The men from the University Glee club, who had arrived from Ithaca during the afternoon, sang "Alma Mater," after which H. B. Lee, '99, and H. E. Santee, '04, led some cheering the like of which has never been heard at the club.
Mr. Hoyt introduced Professor Catterall who made a very humorous speech that pleased the crowd immensely. In concluding, he left the witty vein and uttered a strong dissent from those who contend that the system of free election of studies is as desirable and advantageous as a system in which the courses are more or less prescribed.

PRESIDENT RAYMOND SPEAKS.

Mr. Wilder and the Glee club men then sang "Cornell" and President Raymond was introduced. He said there was a time, twenty years ago, when he used to feel sorry for young men who went to Cornell. He thought they were farmers, at least.

"But," he said, "I have not felt that way since that day in 1875 when on Saratoga lake the Cornell crew won a magnificent race. Cornell was born at the right time; when a revolution or a reformation of educational ideas was needed. I represent all the colleges when I say we all honor President Schurman for his great work in the educational world."

After the Glee club had sung "1875" and the "Alumni Song," and Frank Callan had read the report of the scholarship committee, Frank A. Abbot, '90, made a clever speech dedicating the Cornell mantel, a gift to the University club from the Cornell men who are members of the club. Charles Sumner Jones, '82, the newly elected president of the association, kindled the fire in the grate beneath the mantel. On behalf of the University club the gift was received by William H. Glenney, president.

At this point the following message was sent to President Roosevelt:

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

The Cornell University Alumni Association of Buffalo and its guest, President Schurman, congratulate Harvard's distinguished son and wish him a most prosperous administration.

EDWARD B. GREEN,
President."
Cornell Yell Degenerated.

C. H. Wells, '90, Believes Slogan is Injured by Quick Rendition.

Editor Cornell Alumni News:

Sir: A few nights ago I attended one of our local theatres and had brought to me more forcibly than ever before the positive injury which was worked to my Alma Mater by the undergraduates who changed the manner of giving our beloved, "Cornell! I yell! Yell! Yell! Cornell," from the way in which it was rendered in the years around 1890. The delegates to the national convention of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity were attending the performance in a body and during the evening each group of delegates gave the yells of their respective universities.

The slogans of Harvard, Brown, Columbia, Michigan, Wisconsin et al. were given and I remarked to the friends in my party, "Wait until you hear from the Cornell men."

We did, and I immediately became sorry that we had heard the sickly sound which today passes current as the Cornell yell. It was not the fault of the loyal boys who gave it and at no part of it is the full force of the lung power put into it and the result is a jumbled mass of sound, and not very loud or penetrating at that) conveying of itself absolutely no intelligence to the person who hears it for the first time.

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To the trustees and members of the faculty the substance of or manner of giving the yell may seem trivial and deserving of no more than a passing thought. My observation and conclusion is otherwise. I believe that the youths of our country, the future college men, at their impressionable ages, are influenced in their choice of schools by yells, reputations in athletics and other things quite apart from the educational standard. To the alumni the yell is one of the ties that with every repetition serves to bind him closer to his Alma Mater.

In the matter of affording opportunity for formulating a yell fortune favored Cornell far beyond any other institution within my knowledge. No other college or university could make use of its name in constructing a yell, at once so expressive and forceful. And I happen to know that in this regard we were envied by the men of other schools, who, in my undergraduate days, endeavored to smother that yell by their own cumbrousine slogans. I could then and can now take a half dozen lusty lunged boys of the class of '90 and by giving the yell as then given, “cut through” and "drown out" three or four times that number using any other yell. With the Cornell yell as given today in the fast, imperfectly enunciated syllables, there are dozens of yells which excel it in effectiveness.

The yell as we gave it in those days, and as it should now be given, permitted us by natural effort to put all the force and sound within us in every syllable of the yell. It allowed the inhalation and exhalation of the breath during the yell and this, perhaps, is the secret of its great force and effectiveness, but it also made possible a unison which is rarely present and almost impossible in the present style of rendition. Besides it meant something to the hearers, who could readily distinguish the words. The yell is now given in one breath and at no part of it is the full force of the lung power put into it, and the result is a jumbled mass of sound, and not very loud or penetrating at that) conveying of itself absolutely no intelligence to the person who hears it for the first time.

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The measure of time with which the Cornell yell proper should be given ought to be fixed at the point most effective and the record preserved by means of the metronome. It should not then be changed any more than the words could be altered at the caprice of any person. The words and time of the yell should be regarded just as inviolable as the words and tune of “Alma Mater.”

There should be one standard yell for all classes and all time, but, to meet the requirements of the changing conditions, other yells can be devised and even the manner of giving the words of the yell proper be varied as in the locomotive and long and short yells, but the Cornell yell proper should remain as it was formerly given, forever.

Charles H. Wells, '90.

Chicago, Feb. 23, 1905.

Two Debates on Friday.

Annual Contests with Columbia at New York and Penn at Ithaca.

On Friday evening, March 10, the annual debates between Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania will be held simultaneously in Ithaca and in New York city. These events will mark the inauguration of the new triangular league system, and for that reason the outcome will be watched with particular interest. Cornell, through her victories over both these rivals last season, leads each in the two series, and her teams this year will work hard to retain the ascendancy.

Under the ingenious scheme devised for the present league, each college will conduct two debates on the same evening, one at home and the other abroad, upholding the affirmative side of the question in one and the negative of the same question in the other. This year Cornell meets Penn at Ithaca in the Lyceum theatre, and Columbia at New York in Mendelsohn hall.

It is hoped that a large number of New York alumni will be present at the contest in the metropolis in order to relieve the Cornell team somewhat from the disadvantage of speaking away from home before a strange audience. A big delegation from the New York division of the Cornell Medical College is expected to be present, as in past years.

The question for discussion is as follows:

Resolved, That the Interstate Commerce commission should be vested with authority, after full hearing of any formal complaint, to prescribe the maximum reasonable and equitable railroad rates to be substituted by the carrier for those found to be unreasonable or discriminative; the order of the commission, unless suspended by writ of injunction of a United States circuit court, to become operative at the expiration of thirty days' notice to the carrier, and to continue in force thereafter unless suspended by order of a Federal circuit court.

Cornell will support the affirmative against Pennsylvania in Ithaca and the
negative against Columbia at New York.

The teams chosen by the Debate council are:
Pennsylvania team—W. L. Ransome, '05, leader; H. J. Richardsoin, '05; C. H. Tuck, '06; alternate, G. L. Genuing, '05.
Columbia team—R. B. Davis, '04, leader; R. J. Halpin, '04; G. G. Bogert, '06; alternate, W. T. Halliday, '05.

After the Cornell-Penn contest at Ithaca an elaborate dinner will be held at the Ithaca hotel in honor of the two teams. An attractive menu has been prepared, and Professor R. C. H. Caterall has consented to act as toastmaster. The toast list includes the judges of the debate, the Hon. William V. Goodrich of Brooklyn, General Horatio King of Brooklyn and John Brishen Walker of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, the editor of the Cosmopolitan magazine.

During the past few days every member of the University community has been "touched" by the debate committee for his mite toward defraying the expenses of the two contests, including the cost of sending the team to New York and of entertaining the visitors here. As the aforesaid mite was usually designated as a half-dollar by the enterprising members of the committee, the results of the canvass are expected to prove highly satisfactory. This is one indication of the gratifying increase of Cornell spirit among the members. The membership will include every good Cornellian in that section of California and as fast as possible they will be "rounded up, roped and branded."

The officers elected are: President, William Niles, '74; vice-president, Theodore B. Comstock, '79; secretary-treasurer, Charles L. Chandler, '01; executive committee, Dr. F. R. Percival, '86, and John C. Morgan, '73, '96, '99, and '01. The membership of the club is double the number present at this meeting, the inevitable unforeseen circumstances preventing a full attendance.

The declared purposes of the club are "to further the interests of Cornell University, to keep Cornellians of the Southwest in touch with each other and with the University, and to foster Cornell spirit among the members."

The plans of the club include regular monthly dinners and an annual banquet on Founder's day. At all times the club will be ready to entertain visiting Cornellians.

The membership, actual and prospective, includes the following:
'69—C. A. Storke, Santa Barbara, Cal.
'70—H. A. Barclay, attorney, 602 Trust building, Los Angeles; Theodore B. Comstock, consulting engineer, 534 Stimson building, Los Angeles.
'71—J. H. Morrow, attorney, 1926 South Union avenue, Los Angeles.
'73—Byron E. Shear, mine owner, Tonopah, Nev.; William Niles, stock grower, Washington and Maple avenues, Los Angeles.
'78—Willoughby Cole, 434 North Main street, Los Angeles.
'79—Seward A. Simons, attorney, Hellman building, Los Angeles.
'83—Friederich L. Rhoetig, 408 Byrne building, Los Angeles; Fred E. Wilcox, 967 Orange Grove boulevard, Pasadena, Cal.; George L. Cole, physicist, 317 South Broadway, Los Angeles.
'86—Francis Rollin Percival, physician, 2635 West Pico street, Los Angeles; W. S. Hebbard, architect, San Diego, Cal.; J. M. Romney, contractor, Pasadena, Cal.
'89—Allen C. Balch, 625 Angelus hotel, Los Angeles; E. S. Peet, 2973 San Marino street, Los Angeles.
'96—Clem A. Copeland, consulting engineer, 324 Laughlin building, Los Angeles.
'97—Sterling Lines, mining, Alvarado hotel, Los Angeles.
'98—John C. Morgan, Jr., advertising manager, The Herald, Los Angeles; William A. Strong, attorney, 410 Hene building, Los Angeles.
'00—Paul Overton, with Los Angeles Gas and Electric company, 645 South Hill street, Los Angeles; Claris S. Tappan, attorney, 850Hellman building, Los Angeles.
'01—Charles L. Chandler, attorney, 307 Conservative Life building, Los Angeles; Philip S. Dickinson, 210 North Main street, Los Angeles; Philip Schuyler, hydraulic engineer, 1212 Braly building, Los Angeles.
'02—Dr. T. C. Pounds, physician, Redlands, Cal.
'04—Robert L. Dempeter, Belasco theatre, Los Angeles.

Coach Jennings Arrives.

Assists Glenn Warner With Baseball Squad—Southern Trip Two Weeks Off.

Former Coach Jennings has arrived in the city from Baltimore and is assisting Coach Glenn S. Warner in preparing the baseball candidates for the Southern tour. The securing of "Hughe's" services by the management is much appreciated by the coach as otherwise the rather difficult task of selecting the team would have devolved upon Mr. Warner alone. Mr. Jennings is well acquainted with the ability of nearly all of the candidates save those in the Freshman class and the benefit of his judgment will be valuable.

As only about two weeks remain before the team will leave for Nashville, the practice from now on will be pushed with vigor. Little opportunity has been afforded as yet to judge the ability of the players and the Southern trip alone will serve as the best criterion of the season's success. Coach Warner seems confident that the candidates will acquit themselves well for at the Senior Law
smoker last Friday night he said, "I think, from present prospects, we are going to have a pretty good team."

The team will leave for the South on March 23 or 24 and go at once to Nashville where the first game will be played with Vanderbilt University on March 27. It will be noticed from a perusal of the schedule printed in last week's issue that the first trip after Easter will be in May when Harvard will be played at Cambridge. A game with Amherst will be played on May 9. On the second trip Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania will be played. A special trip will be made to Princeton on May 29 for the contest with Princeton and it is expected that a large body of undergraduates will accompany the team on this occasion.

The continued cold weather and frequent falls of snow will be disastrous to early practice at Percy Field and it is considered doubtful whether the ground will be in good condition upon the return of the team from the South. The weather is also seriously affecting the prospects for the crew as nearly a foot of ice is still firmly lodged in the inlet.

The final cut in the baseball squad was made by Coach Warner last week. Considering the limited space in the Armory and the nearness of the trip it was deemed advisable by the coach to reduce the number of candidates. The excellent second Varsity schedule which has been prepared by the management will serve as an incentive to keep a large number of candidates at work upon the return of the men from the South.

**Musical Festival Planned.**

Handel's oratorio, the "Messiah," Rossini's "Stabat Mater" and a number of other musical compositions of high rank will be rendered at the spring musical festival at the University. The undertaking will be the greatest in the history of music in Ithaca. Eight well known soloists, the Boston Festival orchestra, under the direction of Emil Mollenhauër, and the chorus comprising the best voices of town and gown will unite, under the direction of Professor Hollis E. Dann, in producing these masterpieces. There will be five events in all, beginning Thursday evening, April 27, in Sage Chapel with a grand concert at which the "Stabat Mater" will be followed by orchestral selections, the quartet from "Rigoletto" and the march and chorus "Hail Bright Abode" from Tannhäuser.

On the following afternoon the Festival orchestra will give a concert in Sibley hall. On the evening of Friday, April 28, the "Messiah" will be given in Sage Chapel. Saturday afternoon the orchestra, assisted by Mrs. Isabelle Bouton, will give a symphony concert. The "Messiah" will be repeated on Saturday evening.

**Class of ’84 at New York Dinner.**

The members of the class of ’84 are very proud of the showing made at the recent dinner of the New York alumni at the Waldorf on the evening of February 25. Of all the classes represented at the dinner the class of ’84 was in point of percentage far the highest, and even numerically was surpassed by none and equaled by only one class.

Over the large table reserved for ’84 hung the silken class flag to serve as a focus for late comers. Besides President Lewis H. Tuthill of Brooklyn and Secretary Henry P. de Forest of New York, there were men from many points in the Eastern states. Delbert H. Decker of Washington, Walter L. Webb of Philadelphia, George B. Davidson of Scranton, Pa., Frank S. Sceofield of Utica, N. Y., William F. Cassedy of Newburgh, N. Y., Elmer G. Story of Bayside, L. I., Clarence I. Robinson of New Brighton, S. I., Fred W. Carpenter of Flushing, L. I., Frank P. Ingalls of Brooklyn, Timothy S. Williams of Brooklyn, Everett P. Morse of Trumansburg, N. Y., John H. Grote of Suffern, N. J., and Franklin A. Coles of Glen Cove, L. I., comprised the out of town contingent while New York city supplied William N. Freeman, Oscar D. Weed and Wilbur S. Knowles.

Several of the men had guests with them and two boxes were reserved for the ladies of the class, so that the class reunion was a very pleasant feature of the occasion.

**Coach Courtney at Rochester.**

On the same evening that four hundred alumni of the University were gathered together at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York city to do honor to former President Andrew D. White, a smaller but equally enthusiastic gathering of Cornellians assembled in Rochester on the occasion of the annual banquet of the Rochester association, Professor Waterman T. Hewett of the department of German presented the greetings of President Schurman who was at the New York banquet. The affair was a memorable one and served to awaken new enthusiasm and loyalty in those who attended.

Coach Charles E. Courtney was a guest of the association on this occasion and made some pointed and forceful remarks with reference to the attitude taken by some University instructors towards athletics. He cited the example of one instructor who decided that training for the crew was entirely unnecessary and proceeded to carry out his conviction by making things unpleasant for the crew men.

Mr. Courtney warmed to his theme as a result of the mid-year examinations and his remarks created intense interest among his listeners.

Professor Herman LeRoy Fairchild, '74, was chairman of the banquet committee and to his earnest efforts is largely due the success of the affair.

**Basketball Team Retrieves Itself.**

The Varsity basketball team which met with such a succession of defeats early in the winter retrieved itself in the last three games before the close of the season. Harvard, Pennsylvania and Yale were defeated in close succession and in the last of the contests the Yale five was able to obtain but 6 points to Cornell's 18.

The game with Harvard took place in Auburn and resulted in a score of 22-18 in favor of Cornell. This was the first game that Cornell had won against a college team and was the first that Harvard had lost. In Philadelphia the Cornell team came off victorious with a score of 20-17. The first half ended 10-7 in Pennsylvania's favor. The Yale game, held last Friday night in the Armory, was fast and roughly played from the start and the first half ended 3-3. In the second half the Cornell five obtained a decided lead and when time was called the local players were throwing baskets at will.

The Varsity team as it has been playing through the season is as follows: Forwards, Lyford, Dickerman; centre, Root; guards, Reitz, Brinkerhoff.

The attendance at the Yale game was large and the receipts were sufficient to prevent a deficit for the season.
THE CORNELL-HARVARD RACE.

The recent announcement of the Cornell-Harvard race to be held at Cambridge, May 27 has been the signal for a renewed outburst on the part of those newspaper correspondents who are doing their utmost to stir up trouble between Pennsylvania and Cornell. They revert gleefully to the old howl that Cornell broke faith with Penn in declining to enter a Junior crew in the American Henley last year, and they hail the coming race with Harvard as one more blow at the friendly relations existing between Pennsylvania and Cornell.

So far as we can learn, these statements are as usual mere newspaper talk and have received not the slightest sanction from the Pennsylvania authorities, who have never, we believe, questioned Cornell's right to remain out of last year's regatta on the Schuykill or shown the least resentment at her action in the Memorial day regatta, with no return of the courtesy on Cornell's part. This year Harvard invited us to send our crew to Cambridge and the invitation was accepted. When Harvard further suggested that the contest be made a first Varsity race, we were the more ready to comply because the unfortunate scarcity of Varsity material in the Cornell crew room made it extremely doubtful whether Coach Courtney could turn out a Junior eight in addition to his regular Poughkeepsie crew. Accordingly it is now assured that the contest on the Charles on May 27 will be a first Varsity race.

Now as to the Cornell-Penn rowing relations. Last year early in the season Pennsylvania sent an invitation to Cornell to enter the annual Junior regatta with Penn and Columbia, which that year was due to occur on the Schuykill. Cornell accepted this invitation, and the matter was considered settled.

About the middle of March, however, as our readers will remember, the Pennsylvania rowing committee notified Cornell that they had decided to abandon the idea of a Junior regatta, because this would come so close to the American Henley that the crews in the Junior regatta would practically row two races on two successive days. They suggested that the crews entered for the Junior regatta should be shifted to the American Henley instead, all other arrangements remaining the same as before.

The Pennsylvania rowing committee further intimated that by this action they did not intend to make any but a temporary change in the Junior regatta, and that their future interest in this Junior race would not be any less than in the past.

Now it has long been the consistent policy of Cornell University to refrain from entering any but strictly intercollegiate rowing contests. This policy was adopted many years ago, when American intercollegiate rowing first reached its present high development. Since then Cornell has never competed on the water with any crews save those which, like her own, were chosen under certain common restrictions from the students of colleges or universities. She has never entered the American Henley because the American Henley is distinctively a non-collegiate regatta, open to rowing clubs and associations whose membership is by no means confined to college men.

It was in view of these considerations that Cornell was unable to meet Penn on the Schuykill last year when Penn decided to enter a race that was not restricted to college crews. In doing so she was clearly justified and in no sense breaking faith with Penn. The only race Cornell had ever agreed to enter was a strictly college race, and the Pennsylvania authorities, in deciding to abandon this race in favor of the American Henley, conceded to Cornell and Columbia their perfect right to decline to enter—a course which both immediately adopted.

This year, so far as we know, Pennsylvania has taken no steps to hold the annual Junior regatta which was omitted temporarily last season. At least Cornell has received no invitation to enter such a race. Cornell did receive an invitation to enter the American Henley, which she was unable to accept for the same reasons that she has invariably declined it in the past—reasons which were explained to Penn last year and which were undoubtedly fully understood by her and accepted as good and sufficient.

On account of the scarcity of crew material mentioned above, Cornell for her part has not seen fit to attempt a Junior Varsity regatta in addition to the race with Harvard. Consequently the Memorial day regatta on Cayuga lake will be omitted this season, at least so far as Varsity crews are concerned.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, the best of feeling exists, now as in the past, between Pennsylvania and Cornell. Cornell has never broken faith with her long time friends in Philadelphia. She regrets the necessity which prevents her from meeting Penn in the American Henley race; but she can not justify herself in abandoning a policy which she long ago adopted as absolutely vital, if the future of intercollegiate rowing in America is to fulfill the promise of its brilliant past.
Cornell Notices.

Rocky Mountain Dinner.

The annual banquet of the Rocky Mountain Cornell association will be held at the Adams hotel, Denver, Col., on Saturday evening, March 11, at 6.30 o'clock. All Cornellians in that section of the country are invited to be present.

St. Louis Dinner.

The Cornell club of St. Louis will hold its annual banquet Saturday, March 11, at 7.30 p. m. at the Jefferson hotel. All Cornell men who may be in St. Louis at that time are earnestly requested to attend. Tickets may be procured of the secretary, Kelton E. White, 303 North Fourth street.

Dean T. F. Crane of the University faculty will go to St. Louis especially to represent the University at the banquet.

The committee has reduced the price of the dinner to $3.50 a plate so that it may be possible for all to attend, and it is hoped that a big crowd will turn out and make the affair a rousing success.

The circulars sent out are signed by William B. Ittner, president; Alden H. Little, vice-president; Kelton E. White, secretary, and William Trelease, H. T.

Editor Cornell Alumni News:

Sir:—The proposed change in the reunion system as so clearly set forth in the ALUMNI NEWS is certainly an ideal change. There is every reason why this change should be brought about immediately, and I cannot see a single disadvantage in the change.

I only hope that this system may be brought about in the very near future, as it certainly would seem like the good old times to meet our old friends of the four classes and to fight our old battles over again around the festive board. I think it would do more to stimulate class reunions than any move which has ever been made.

Sincerely yours,

Charles J. Miller, '90.

Newfane, N. Y., March 4, 1905.

Prizes for Medical Students.

In commemoration of John Metcalfe Polk, who graduated from the Medical department of Cornell University on June 7th, 1899, and died on March 29th, 1904, an annual prize of $500 will be awarded.

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Recent Reorganization Among Graduates of the New York College.

In May, 1903, a meeting of the graduates of the Cornell University Medical College was called by a committee of alumni and representatives of the Senior class (class of 1902), to organize a medical alumni society. A constitution was adopted and officers elected for the ensuing year. Unfortunately, the officers were, for the most part, serving on the resident staffs of various city hospitals and were too busy to give much attention to the alumni organization, which lapsed soon into a peaceful oblivion. The entertainment committee manifested the sole evidence of life by arranging a very successful banquet which was held December 2, 1902, at Muschenheim's restaurant. Nothing further was heard of the organization.

In November, 1904, a movement was set on foot by members of the earlier classes of the Medical College, to reorganize the alumni society. A meeting was held of representatives from each class graduated. At this meeting, a sub-committee consisting of Drs. Wm. J. Jones, jr., '99, A. R. Green, '03, and Helen Carter, '04, was appointed to draw up another constitution, revised from that originally adopted, and to send out notices for a general mass meeting of the graduates of the college.

That meeting was held at the college, December 16, 1904, and the Cornell Medical Alumni society organized. The constitution, as revised, was adopted, and the following officers elected for the year 1905: President, Dr. William J. Jones, jr., '99; vice-president, Dr. Arthur R. Green, '01; treasurer, Dr. Leslie J. Meacham, '02; secretary, Dr. N. Gilbert Seymour, '03; and an executive committee consisting of these officers and the following members elected by the society: Drs. Gertrude Rochester, '99, Frances Cohen, '00, William H. Cautle, '01, S. S. Bradford, '02, Edward W. Weber, '03, and Helen Carter, '04.

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Brief University News.

Captain F. A. Barton, M. E., '91, commandant of the cadet corps, received an invitation from General Chaffee, chief of staff of the U. S. Army, to bring the Cornell Cadet battalion to the inauguration of President Roosevelt. The invitation could not be accepted as there is no fund in the University to defray the expenses of such a trip. Capt. Barton, however, attended personally.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, was the Sage Chapel preacher February 26 and March 5, and his addresses were characteristic of the man. In his discourses he went straight back to the principles of Christianity, ignoring all questions of creed and theological dogma. Immense audiences gathered at the Chapel on both Sundays and hundreds of people were unable to gain admission at all.

Les Cabotins, the French dramatic club which last year presented "Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie" has chosen for this year's performance "Le Malade Imaginaire," which will be presented at the Lyceum Friday evening, March 17. Moliere originally took the leading role in this play, and it will be remembered, was performing his part when taken mortally ill.

The current issue of the Cornell Era contains a number of interesting contributions dealing with the benefits and evils of the fraternity system as it exists at Cornell. The treatment of this subject so extensively in an undergraduate publication is peculiarly timely at present in view of the agitation which is now going the rounds of the country. A clever short story, "A Jewel of the Incas," and several bits of poetry go to make up a very commendable issue.

The Freshman banquet will be held in the Armory on Saturday night of this week. The committee has completed the detailed arrangements and the banquet promises to be an entertaining affair. The hostilities between the members of the Sophomore and Freshman classes will be watched with the greatest interest in view of new and stringent rules which have been laid down. Hostilities cannot begin more than forty eight hours previous to the holding of the banquet, and their character and scope are carefully regulated.

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Lecture by Justice Hiscock, '75.

Justice Frank H. Hiscock, '75, of the New York Appellate Division, and a member of the University Board of Trustees, lectured recently before the students of the Cornell Law school on "The Argument of Motions and Appeals."

In opening his address Judge Hiscock paid a high tribute to the Law school and its faculty, and among other things stated that a member of the school stood highest of the three hundred candidates, from all over the state, examined for admission to the bar in January.

The student referred to is Ralph S. Kent, A. B. '92, LL. B. '95, the well-known Varsity football player and coach. Judge Hiscock said that this result confirmed his belief that prominence in athletics does not necessarily mean the reverse in scholarship.

The speaker dwelt at length on the manner of preparing briefs for arguments before the appellate courts and the method of arguing the appeals. He cited examples of various distinguished lawyers who had gained their reputation almost entirely through their ability to present their cases logically and forcefully before these tribunals.

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Cornell Fencers Second.

In a triangular fencing meet held with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard, in Boston last week, Cornell was defeated. Massachusetts Institute secured first place, with 13 points; Cornell second, with 11, and Harvard third, with 3. The bouts, especially those between the institute team and Cornell, were hotly fought and several ties resulted.

The next meet in which Cornell will take part is a dual meet with Annapolis, to be held in Ithaca on or about March 17.
'98, C. E.—A daughter was born to
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnston at their
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'S03, LL. B.—R. K. McGonigal has a position with Lindsay, Kalb, Kramer & Palmer at 27 William street, New York city. He resides at 50 morning-side avenue, New York city.

'S03, M. E.—R. E. Mueden has resigned his position in the War department to accept an appointment as draughtsman in the naval gun factory at the Washington Navy yard.

Ex-'03—Quedon Pollard is a designer in the mechanical department of the Denver Gas and Electric company, and resides at 720 Grant avenue, Denver, Col.

'S04, A. B.—Miss K. B. Judson is in the New York State Library Training school at Albany. She is located at 14 Chestnut street, Albany.

'S04, M. D.—H. B. Judd is on the house staff of the City hospital, New York city.

Ex-'04—W. F. Jones, who left Cornell to enter Rochester University in February of 1902, is now at 162 Bellevue avenue, Newark, N. J., where he is bookkeeper with the Arlington company of Arlington, N. J.

'S04, LL. B.—Samuel Levy is a practicing attorney at 210 South center street, Schenectady, N. Y.

'S04, A. B.—C. G. Koehler is attending the Cornell Medical college in New York city. He is addressed at 313 South Fifth street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'S04, A. B.—Miss M. L. Kuschke is addressed at Sage College, Ithaca. She is general secretary of the Cornell branch of the Y. W. C. A.

'S04, A. B.—Miss I. M. Laird is attending the Cornell Medical college in New York city. She is addressed at 114 Henry street, Brooklyn.

'S04, E. E.—Frederick Lask is with the New York Edison company at 322 East Sixty-seventh street, New York city.

'S04, M. E.—Arthur L. Jones is in the tests department of the General Electric company and is addressed at 1 Union street, Schenectady.

'S04, M. E.—L. B. Jones is connected with the Pennsylvania railroad and is located at 900 Sixteenth street, Logsport, Ind.

'S04, C. E.—C. M. King is in the deschertes irrigation and Power company.

Ex-'04—Miss R. F. King, who left the University in 1901, is now teaching school in New York city. She is addressed at Tottenville, S. I.

'S04, A. B.—Miss Ethel Lavery is at present living at Glen Falls, N. Y.

'S04, A. B.—Miss Julia E. Lawson is teaching school at Peru, Pa.

Ex-'04—C. H. Lay is addressed at 63 Juliette street, Bayonne, N. J., and is an electrician with the Union Switch and Signal company.

Ex-'04—John F. Kern is addressed at Amherst, Mass., in care of the Phi Gamma Delta house. He left Cornell at the close of his Sophomore year.

'S04, D. V. M.—V. M. Knapp is practicing veterinary medicine at 314 Main street, Dansbury, Conn.

Ex-'04—R. L. Kingsland is with the Western Electric company at Nutley, N. J.

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