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Cornell Associate Alumni.

What the Organization Is--What it Might Accomplish if Its Possibilities Were Realized.

Since the publication in our anniversary number of the letter from H. J. Messenger, '80, in which he made extended reference to the General Alumni association, we have received several inquiries from Cornell men as to the exact nature and purpose of this association. There seems to be a general lack of familiarity on this point, especially among the recent classes. The importance of the association, both to the University and to the alumni, warrants a detailed explanation of its character and function.

It was over thirty years ago, on June 26, 1872, that representatives of all the classes then graduated from the University assembled on the day before Commencement and decided to form an organization under the name of the Associate Alumni of Cornell University. Its object was declared to be to promote in every proper way the interest of the University and to foster among the graduates a sentiment of regard for each other and attachment to their Alma Mater. In 1903 the association was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York under its original name, with the same statement as to its purpose and function. The certificate of incorporation was dated May 19, 1903. At the annual meeting a month later, a revision of the by-laws, embodying such changes as were made necessary by the incorporation, was submitted by the directors and adopted by the association.

Although the organization has thus been in existence for almost thirty-three years, its strength and influence have fallen far short of their possibilities. The meetings in June have been popularly regarded as something to be hurried through with all possible dis-

patch, providing they could not be avoided altogether. As Mr. Messenger said in his recent letter: "The annual meetings of the alumni in the past have usually been perfunctory, of very little interest and very little importance. By instituting proper methods they can be made decidedly interesting, such that all graduates will make it a point to attend, and of great value to the University."

This year a decided effort will be made to interest all the returning grads. in this meeting, which is the one occasion in the whole year when Cornell alumni assemble to consider the interests of the University and their relations to it.

Probably no better explanation could be given of the detailed character and scope of the association than is found in its by-laws, adopted in June, 1903. They read as follows:

BY-LAWS OF ASSOCIATE ALUMNI.

1. All graduates of this University, who in their diplomas are entitled electors of the University, are members of this association. All members of the faculty of this University are honorary members of this association.

2. The officers of this association shall consist of (1) a president; (2) vice-presidents to be elected as follows: one vice-president from the classes numbered from '69 to '74 inclusive, and one from each succeeding group of five classes, provided that when the last group shall number three classes it shall thereafter be entitled to a vice-president; (3) a corresponding secretary; (4) a recording secretary; (5) a treasurer; and (6) five persons who, together with the president and treasurer shall constitute the directors of the association.

3. This association shall meet annually on the day preceding Commencement, at such hour as the Board of Directors shall determine.

4. Any proposition to alter or amend these by-laws must be made at a regu-

lar meeting and have the assent of two-thirds of the members present.

5. There shall be two standing committees: an auditing committee; and a canvassing board.

6. The auditing committee shall consist of three members, to be elected by the association at one ballot, the three members receiving the highest number of votes to be deemed and taken to be chosen.

7. The canvassing board shall consist of five members. Two shall be elected by a plurality vote at each annual meeting; two shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, after the nominations of candidates for alumni trustees have been announced; the fifth shall be appointed by these four.

8. The order of business at each regular meeting shall be as follows:

I. The secretary shall ascertain by roll call or otherwise the names of the members present.

II. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.

III. Report of the canvassing board; declaration of the result of the ballot by the president; action thereon by the association, if necessary.

IV. Appointment of committee for the nomination of officers and committees—such nominating committee to consist of one member from each group entitled to a vice-president.

V. Treasurer's report and report of auditing committee.

VI. Report of the Board of Directors.

VII. Reports of special committees.

VIII. Miscellaneous business.

IX. Alumni trustee report or reports.

X. Report of nominating committee and election of officers and committees.

XI. Adjournment.

9. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to keep a list of the graduates and their post office addresses, to notify each member elected to an office or a committee of his election, and to send to each graduate a notification of the time of the meeting other

than the regular annual meeting, and of other exercises to take place under the auspices of the association.

10. The duties of the recording secretary shall be to keep the record and report the proceedings of the association.

11. All officers and members of committees shall be elected by a plurality vote of those present at the meetings and voting.

12. At this meeting there shall be elected five directors, the terms of two of whom shall expire at the annual meeting in 1904, two in 1905 and one in 1906, and in the future the term of each director shall be three years.

13. All other officers of this association shall hold their office for one year from and after their election.

14. In the absence of the president a vice-president shall preside, and the right to the chair shall be according to the seniority of the class to which the vice-presidents present shall belong.

15. In all meetings of the association the members present shall constitute a quorum.

16. The annual dues of membership in the Associate Alumni shall be one dollar, payable to the treasurer at each annual meeting; but any alumnus who shall pay to the treasurer ten dollars at one time shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues. No printed document of the association shall be sent to any member who has not complied with the above regulation.

17. Each trustee representing the alumni shall make a written report to the association at the end of his term of office, and such report may be made either jointly or separately by the retiring trustees.

18. Such report or reports shall be printed by the association, but shall not be considered as an expression of the official opinion of the association.

19. There is established an alumni bureau for the promotion of the interests of graduates or other ex-students of the University in securing positions.

20. The alumni bureau shall be under the general oversight of the Board of Directors of the association and the special charge of the registrar of the University.

OFFICERS FOR 1904-5.

The officers of the Associate Alumni for 1904-5, elected last June, are as follows:

President—Morris L. Buchwalter, '69.

Vice-presidents—Julius Chambers, '70; Charles S. Harmon, '75; Edwin H. Sibley, '80; John Van Sickle, '86; John Ford, '90; Arthur W. Barber, '95; Joseph H. Gould, '00.

Corresponding secretary—Charles H. Hull, '86.

Recording secretary—George W. Harris, '73.

Treasurer—Stephen E. Banks, '95.

Directors—Morris L. Buchwalter, '69; Stephen E. Banks, '95; George W. Harris, '73; Mynderse Van Cleeft, '74; Jared T. Newman, '75; Ernest W. Huffcut, '84; Charles D. Bostwick, '92.

Auditing committee—George S. Tarbell, '91; George L. Burr, '81; William H. Smith, '73.

Canvassing board for trustees election—Charles L. Crandall, '72; Clark S. Northup, '93; remaining members to be appointed as directed in the by-laws.

Letter from W. J. Youngs.

Our Anniversary Number Brings Back to Him Memories of the Opening Days of Cornell University.

Among the letters called forth by the recent anniversary number of the NEWS was the following from William J. Youngs, '72, who indulges in some interesting reminiscences of the early days when things Cornelian were in the formative stage. Mr. Youngs has been himself one of the most prominent and successful members of that class of '72 to which he refers with so much pride. He was a member of the New York Legislature in '79-'81 and was elected district attorney of Queens county by a large majority in 1896, resigning January 1, 1899 to become private secretary to Governor Theodore Roosevelt. A few years ago he received the appointment to his present position of United States district attorney for the eastern district of New York, which he has filled with distinction.

Mr. Youngs writes:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ALUMNI NEWS:

Sir: I have just received a copy of the ALUMNI NEWS, which is the first number that I have ever seen, and I want to congratulate you sincerely both as to the make-up of the magazine and the value of the articles contained, which must be of interest to every alumnus of the University.

I was not present at the annual dinner on February 25th, and was more

than pleased to be able to read Dr. White's address on that occasion. Those of us who remember the strenuous days, beginning October 3, 1868, when the University first opened, must look upon the photograph of Dr. White as given in this number, with feelings almost akin to reverence. They remember the bright, alert man of thirty-five who was then our president, who always had a genial handshake and a kind word for every student of the University, and who was universally beloved by every man with whom he was brought in contact. As I write this, I have by my side the syllabus of his lectures on modern history. For the past thirty years it has been within my reach, and I have picked it up frequently to read over the notes which I then made of what, I think, were the finest lectures ever delivered in the University, at least during my time.

The reminiscent strain in which Dr. White indulges in his address cannot but be of great interest to every old alumnus, for we well remember what "the beginnings of our actual work" at Cornell were.

There are some features, however, which he has overlooked necessarily in the reminiscent part of his address, which was all too brief. The little building containing the chimes stood at the south of what is now known as Morrill hall, and there they had a resting place, in the little wooden tower, for three years before they were elevated to their present estate. The work which the students themselves did upon the roads, many of them to get the fifteen cents per hour which the University paid and many for the exercise, and all that they might have decent roadways on which to walk when going from the Cascadilla building, which was then a dormitory, or to their lodgings in town, comes vividly before me.

He might have spoken of the lecture rooms and recitation rooms which were temporarily used in the basement of Cornell library, and how the library hall was used for lectures; of how boys in the four-story Cascadilla building had to make their own fires and bring up their own coal and water, the coal being located in the basement and there being no elevator; of how we were all put under military restrictions, and of how during the first year, the boys in Cascadilla were marched into the diningroom hall in companies,—

Company A being led by S. S. Avery, from the then north University building now Morrill hall; Company B by Dudley B. Rhodes, afterwards a prominent divine of the Episcopal church; Company C by J. B. Foraker, now United States senator from Ohio; Company D by Captain Williams, formerly U. S. consul at Manila and now a very prominent resident of Rochester, N. Y.; Company E by Captain Buckwalter, who, I think, was afterward a United States judge in some Western state.

Nearly every man in the first graduating class, that is, the class of '69, has been prominent. They were succeeded by as goodly a set of Juniors as ever entered Cornell,—John L. Maxwell, who is recently deceased and who was the president of his class during the senior year; S. D. Halliday, who has been prominent in legislative and judicial service and who has represented Tompkins county in many prominent places of honor; G. Martin Luther, a prominent business man, formerly of Albany; George Lathrop, son of the ex-minister to Russia; Julius Chambers, who is now a leading journalist and who even during his college days devoted much of his time to reporting; John Bringham, in whose fertile mind originated the idea of the Cornell periodical and who is the real founder of the Era, and many others whose names have been prominently connected in the business and political world. Following them were such men as John E. Moore, a prominent resident of Grand Rapids, Mich., Charles E. Taft, Royal Taft, George Ryman, Roy Hathaway, E. L. Parker, Harry Seymour, Tom Castle, and many others who have achieved either distinction or at least honorable mention in their respective communities.

In our own class of '72 were David S. Jordan, the present president of Leland Stanford University, John Lawrence, who afterward achieved distinction as a newspaper writer; G. Put Serviss, who afterward became prominent as a newspaper writer and lecturer on astronomy; P. W. Cullinan, the present excise commissioner of the state of New York; Russell Hadley, afterward district attorney of Orange county; J. Harvey Hurd, a prominent business man and politician of Buffalo; Oliver Allen, a prominent business man of Leroy; John DeWitt Warner, R. G. H. Speed, Charles H. Blair, W. Irving

Scott, Eb Treman, Archibald C. Weeks, Clinton B. Smith, W. Allen Butler, Charles W. Wickham and at least twenty others whose names have been prominent in the political and business world. Three of the members of this class were in the state Assembly of 1880, and at the same time one in the Senate.

These early days seem to have been the days for the manufacture of judicial timber, for I find in our own state Justice Wilmot M. Smith, Justice Frank H. Hiscock, Justice Albert H. Sewell and Justice James W. Dunwell, all of whom were students at Cornell during the first three years of its student life.

I might go on and mention incidents and names for an hour which I know would be of interest, but the limits of a newspaper letter warn me that I must forbear. I am wonderfully glad to have seen the sample copy, and I enclose you a subscription blank, as requested, *now*.

Faithfully yours,

WM. J. YOUNGS.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 12, 1905.

Team Wins Six Straight.

**Cornell Nine Continues Its Good Work--
Off for Princeton Thursday.**

The baseball team continued its good work last week by winning its fifth and sixth straight games, from the Syracuse State league team and the New York University team respectively. The leaguers from the Salt City came to Ithaca expecting to gather in an easy victory, but they failed most decidedly to make good, being defeated by a score of 6-2.

Syracuse tried two pitchers, but the Cornell batters solved their curves with comparative ease. The work of Deshon, Cornell's little twirler from Central America, on the other hand, was the feature of the game. He seemed to have the league batters completely at his mercy, allowing but five hits and striking out thirteen men. Moreover, he declined to make the visitors a present of a single base on balls, while their pitchers allowed four Cornell men to walk. The work of Deshon at the bat was also good. Out of four appearances at the plate he connected with the ball twice for safe hits and received one base on balls.

A second game with Syracuse was scheduled for the following afternoon, but had to be cancelled on account of rain. The loss of this game was a decided disappointment to Coach Warner, as he had counted on these two contests with the same team to furnish a basis for comparing the work of Cornell's two twirlers, Umstad and Deshon, in order to decide the important question of which to use in the Princeton game.

CORNELL 15; N. Y. UNIVERSITY 1.

The New York University baseball team was defeated at Percy Field on Saturday by a score of 15-1 in the first local college game this spring. Umstad was in the box for Cornell and pitched effectively, although wild at times. Three hits were secured from his delivery and twelve of the visitors struck out.

During the first two innings there was little done by either team but in the second half of the third Cornell scored five runs and obtained a substantial lead. The visitors' only tally was secured in the fourth inning. After Mowler of New York had been retired Umstad passed Van Valkenburgh to first. Wilson struck out but a bad throw by Heilman placed Halsey on first and advanced Van Valkenburgh to second. He was advanced to third on a hit to left and scored on a poor throw by Champaign.

The Cornell batters found the opposing twirler an easy mark and secured a total of 15 hits. In the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth inning, Cornell scored two, one, three and four runs respectively. But two errors were counted against the home team, one by Heilman and one by Champaign.

The next home game is with Lafayette on Wednesday and considering that Princeton could only wrest a victory from this team in the eleventh inning by a score of 3-2, it is evident that the Ithaca nine has a hard game before it.

OFF FOR TIGERTOWN.

On Thursday of this week the Cornell squad will leave for Princeton, where they will play the Tigers on Saturday. Upon Cornell's showing in this, her first important contest of the season, will depend in large measure her chances for a place among the leading teams at the close of the year. A better prediction of the result of the Princeton game can be made after the

Cornell-Lafayette contest on Wednesday, but from present indications it is safe to guess that Cornell will at least give the Tigers a hard tussle for their money, with the chances for a victory rather in favor of the Ithacans. The result of last year's game at Princeton was a victory for the Tigers by a score of 2-1, while in the return game at Ithaca Cornell won 8-7.

Bad Weather Affects Crew.

Kept on the Inlet Much of the Time-- Begins to Improve Now.

The development of the Cornell crews has been somewhat retarded by the cold and stormy weather of the past two or three weeks. Some days it was altogether impossible to get out on the lake, and even when they did go out, the wind and rain prevented the men from doing their best. Thus far only two or three scraps have been held, and none of these was sufficiently strenuous to furnish a basis for any accurate forecast of the crews' chances in the big regattas.

In these scraps the Varsity crews rowed over the two mile course toward Crowbar and did as well as could be expected of them at this season, considering the handicap of the unfavorable weather. The coaches have had no opportunity as yet to test the men's endurance in a four mile race such as they will have to row at Poughkeepsie. The races on May 27, however, both at Cambridge and Philadelphia, are over shorter courses, between one and a half and two miles, so that endurance will not be so large a factor in the outcome. During the past week the weather has cleared to some extent and the oarsmen have showed a corresponding improvement.

With regard to the Freshmen, up to a week or ten days ago the situation was far from encouraging and the coaches were plainly worried. The Freshman squad at the opening of the season contained an unusually large number of big, husky chaps who were counted on to turn out a strong eight, but for several weeks after they were put on the water, they showed no improvement whatever. They seemed to have the strength and brawn, but were too stiff and slow motioned for good oarsmen. They were unable to go out

on the lake as soon as the Varsity boats, because of their lack of experience with rough water. Within the past few days, however, they have taken a sudden brace and if they continue their present work, may be fairly expected to round into form.

The combinations have been rowing in the following order:

Varsity.

Stroke, E. T. Foote; 7, W. F. Lee; 6, Fernow; 5, G. W. Foote; 4, Dods; 3, Stowell; 2, Barton; bow, Boesch; coxswain, Taylor.

Stroke, Adams; 7, Newton; 6, Barnhardt; 5, Johnson; 4, Goodier; 3, Chapman; 2, Powers; bow, Sturdevant; coxswain, Rankin.

Stroke, Rice; 7, Forbes; 6, C. A. Lee; 5, Acklin; 4, Roats; 3, Hooper; 2, Folger; bow, Stearns; coxswain, Humphrey.

Four-Oared.

Stroke, King; 3, Fisher; 2, Burkhardt; bow, Newberry.

Freshmen.

Stroke, Cox; 7, Gavett; 6, Gracy; 5, Dulaney; 4, Corman; 3, Hansen; 2, Nedham; bow, Bromley; coxswain, Slocum, '06.

Stroke, Holt; 7, Welsh; 6, Burkhardt; 5, Leschen; 4, Austin; 3, Earl; 2, Carmen; bow, Coan; coxswain, Mulligan, '07.

Cornell Instructor Rhodes Scholar.

The New York state Rhodes scholarship for 1905 has been awarded to Ralph C. Willard of Watertown, at present an assistant in history at the University. The award was made at a recent meeting of the commission for selection held at Teachers' College, Columbia University. The commission consisted of President Schurman, President Raymond of Union College, and in the absence of President Butler of Columbia, Dean Van Ambridge was present in his place.

Mr. Willard is a graduate of Hobart with the class of 1904. Last year he was an alternate Rhodes scholar to Warren Ellis Schutt, ex-'05. He will be twenty-four years old next September, this being the last year he would be eligible under the age limit. Henry H. Rowland, Harvard, '06, who is several years younger than Mr. Willard was elected alternate this year by the commission.

While at college Mr. Willard played on the baseball and lacrosse teams but he says that although taking a great deal of interest in these branches of sport, he was never expert in them. He will enter Oxford University this coming fall as a member of the second delegation of Rhodes scholars sent to that university under the provisions of Cecil Rhodes's will. The next election will be in 1907, no scholarship being allotted to New York state next year, under the provision in the will that they be awarded only two in every three years.

Cornellian Chosen President.

Dr. C. H. Rammelkamp, Ph. B., '96, Ph. D., '00, has been tendered the presidency of Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill. Since 1902 he has been professor of history and political science at that institution. In commenting upon the election of Professor Rammelkamp the Illinois College "Rambler" says:

"In addition to other requirements which go to make up the ideal college president, which his life and work testify Dr. Rammelkamp possesses to such a marked degree, there is one thing that is necessary, and that is ability to understand and keep in touch with the student body. In Dr. Rammelkamp we have found that man who understands the wants and needs of the students, and, whatever may be said, it is the student body which is in reality the college in any college.

"Dr. Rammelkamp was born in New York city, Feb. 25, 1874. He attended the public schools of South Orange and was graduated from the South Orange High school. He won a state scholarship to Rutgers. Preferring to enter Cornell, however, he spent a year in post graduate work and entered Cornell in 1902."

In the University he was an active worker for the Christian association and was at one time its vice-president. He won the Woodford prize in oratory in his senior year, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation he was an instructor in American history at Cornell for three years and after receiving his Ph. D. degree, went abroad to study. Upon his return he was appointed instructor in Leland Stanford Jr. University which position he held until called to Illinois College.

Cost of Athletics Grows.

Writer in Outing Analyzes Last Year's Budget at Yale.

Ralph D. Paine, in *Outing*, thus describes the steadily increasing cost of university athletics:

The annual budgets of the athletic interests of the universities conspicuous in rivalries, are both interesting and impressive. Whether the large amounts spent to maintain sport on the campus are a profitable investment is a question of such wide range that it needs more space than can be given here.

It is true, however, that our modern athletic "plants" would make our fathers gasp, and their cries of extravagance might find answering echoes among some observers of present conditions. The latest report of athletic finances at Yale is selected for brief analysis only because it is handiest for reference. The budget of any other big university, especially in the East, would show the same sort of outlay in kind, and furnish similar ground for generalization.

The total receipts for the past year were \$106,396.66, and the total outlay was \$75,174.43, leaving a net surplus of \$31,222.23. These are big figures for "sport," which the unprejudiced dictionary defines as, "a particular game or play pursued for diversion, especially an athletic or outdoor game or amusement; also, opportunity for sporting in this sense."

A first-class football team is as costly a matter as an up-to-date racing stable, or a fair-sized yacht. In order to place eleven young men in the field against Princeton and Harvard last autumn, \$26,966.06 was spent, or more than \$2,000 a head.

To fit eight youths to row against Harvard, a test of twenty minutes, cost Yale \$16,626.85, or \$2,000 a head, not counting the coxswain. This is boat-racing at a cost of the best part of \$1,000 a minute.

The football men were equipped with the greatest care. Their shoes alone cost \$1,189, a bill for foot-gear which would indicate to the rank outsider that a team of centipedes were in training. Uniforms and the armor of the football warrior cost \$3,735.52, or nearly \$100 for each of the squad.

Hotel bills and meals away from the training-table cost the Yale treasury \$5,360.42. Carriage hire involved an outlay of \$794. The baseball squad required \$2,378.13 worth of merchandise and sporting goods, or about \$100 worth of uniforms and shoes per man.

Twenty years ago Yale football cost \$2,792.36, and there were great elevens even in those days. Today it would not pay for uniforms and other wearing gear, and is a little more than twice the bill for shoes alone, and almost \$25,000 less than the sum needed to put the team in condition for a championship game.

In a recent year, the Yale football squad was supplied with 200 footballs, 189 pairs of stockings, 437 elbow and shoulder pads, 70 sweaters, 87 nose-guards, 167 jerseys, 170 undershirts and 107 pairs of shoes.

Harvard Concert Arranged.

The joint concert of the Cornell and Harvard Musical clubs, noted in these columns recently as having been suggested by Harvard, has now been definitely arranged for Friday, May 26, the eve of the Cornell-Harvard Varsity race on the Charles.

The concert will be given in Sander's theatre, Cambridge.

According to present plans, the Cornell management will take fifty men on the trip, leaving Ithaca on Thursday and spending the following day at Cambridge. Most of the men will probably remain there over Saturday to attend the boat race in the afternoon. The program of the concert will be much the same as that of the Cornell-Princeton concert which proved so successful at the Lyceum theatre in Ithaca last autumn.

Probably a considerable number of students who are not members of either the crew or the Musical clubs will accompany the delegation to Cambridge, in order to take advantage of this opportunity of seeing Harvard University and attending the concert and the regatta on the Charles.

Ready for Festival of Music.

The elaborate spring Festival of music which has been arranged by the Cornell department of music will open with the rendition of Rossini's "Stabat

Mater" in Sage Chapel, Thursday evening, April 27.

The Festival chorus of one hundred and sixty voices will be assisted by the famous Boston Festival orchestra. At the conclusion of the "Stabat Mater" several orchestral numbers will be given. On Friday and Saturday evenings Handel's "Messiah" will be rendered in the Chapel by the chorus and orchestra, while in the afternoons of the same days the Boston Festival orchestra will give two concerts, one being a popular and the other a symphony program.

The approaching Festival has been the prevailing topic of conversation in musical circles of both Town and Gown for the past week. The plan of selling transferable season tickets which entitle the holder to one of the best seats at every performance proved very successful and about one-half of the house was sold out for the entire series in this way. On Monday of this week the public sale of seats opened for all five performances and by noon on that day the sales assured big audiences for all the events. Out of town delegations from Cortland, Aurora and other nearby points will come to Ithaca by special trains for the evening concerts.

Philadelphians Eat Shad.

The Cornell club of Philadelphia held its annual meeting and election and incidentally, a planked shad dinner, on Saturday, April 15, at Westville, N. J. An interesting discussion followed the dinner, covering the athletic interests of the University, and arrangements were perfected to organize more thoroughly the two hundred alumni of that vicinity. Many of the older alumni were present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Clarence Beebe, ex-'73; vice-president, A. M. Roedelheim, '96; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Carter, '99; athletic director, Guy Gundaker, ex-'98; executive committee, E. J. Hedden, H. V. Register and H. A. Rogers.

Professor Burt G. Wilder of the department of neurology, vertebrate zoology and physiology has published privately two musical compositions entitled "Fiat Justitia Ruat Coelum: a Square Deal for Every Man" and "Slumber Song, (The Quiet Hour)" for circulation among his friends.

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THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

On April 27, 1865—forty years ago tomorrow—the charter of Cornell University was signed by the governor of New York state. From that day the establishment of a new institution of higher learning on the shores of Cayuga, so long the cherished dream of Ezra Cornell and of Andrew D. White, became a reality. Although the University authorities have not seen fit to commemorate in any formal way the fortieth anniversary of Cornell, it is but fitting that the occasion should be brought to the notice of Cornell alumni. We shall publish next week a brief sketch of the circumstances surrounding the introduction and passage of the legislative act which created Cornell University.

MR. NEWTON WITHDRAWS.

Under the law governing the election of University trustees by the alumni, any ten alumni may file with the treas-

urer a nomination and the name of the person so nominated must be placed on the official ballot. The nomination of Whitney Newton, '79, of Denver, Colorado was made in the required manner and his name duly appeared on the ballot sent to all alumni shortly after April 1, as was related in these columns last week.

The ALUMNI NEWS regrets to announce that from a letter just received by Treasurer Williams, it appears that the nomination of Mr. Newton was made without his consent and that he withdraws his candidacy. The letter reads as follows:

"EMMONS L. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer, Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

My dear Mr. Williams:—I was surprised to receive in yesterday's mail the official ballot for trustee and to find my name thereon. It was put there without my consent, and while I appreciate the good will of those nominating me, I must withdraw my candidacy, as I feel that I am located too far distant from Ithaca to properly fulfill the duties of the office.

Will you kindly see that my withdrawal is made public.

Yours truly,

WHITNEY NEWTON."

Denver, Colo., April 13, 1905.

The field is now narrowed to five candidates: J. H. Barr of Syracuse, Willard Beahan of Cleveland, Dr. L. O. Howard of Washington, Thomas McNeil, 3d, of Pittsburg and Dr. Robert T. Morris of New York city. Geographically the ticket is still pretty widely scattered, including New York state, Ohio, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.

THE SELF-SUPPORTING STUDENT.

We hear a good deal of talk on the part of the older generation about the men who used to work their way through college, and the beneficent results of this in building character and stimulating ambition. It is frequently remarked, or implied, that this practice is dying out; that with the coming of wealth to the nation at large and of more aristocratic standards of living at the big universities, the proportion of students who depend for their income on the fruits of their own labor in leisure hours is rapidly diminishing.

And certain of these pessimistic gentlemen are inclined to speak of the old days with a note of sorrow and regret in their voice, as if the spirit of self-reliance and youthful ambition had vanished from the earth.

If these gentlemen would take the pains to investigate the real conditions of university life today, they would doubtless be astonished to find that so far from diminishing, the proportion of self-supporting students is even larger today than twenty-five years ago. Indeed, it could scarcely be otherwise, for the remarkable increase in the attendance at American colleges and universities within the past ten or fifteen years can not be entirely accounted for by the national prosperity alone; we are confident that statistics would show that the increase in attendance has not merely kept pace with the increase in national wealth, but has outstripped it. This being so, we should expect to find that the class of students who create, in whole or in part, their own means of livelihood at college is larger than ever before.

At Columbia, as is well known, there is a regular organized system for providing employment for needy students, and in most of the other large universities this important feature of student life is receiving more and more attention. The New York Evening Post recently commented on this fact. The college Christian associations throughout the country are rendering valuable assistance in the work by organizing bureaus which make a business of obtaining positions in which students may earn a few dollars in leisure hours.

That the self-supporting student is still in evidence at Princeton is shown by the following editorial paragraph from the current number of the Princeton Alumni Weekly:

"A dinner at the Inn with a guest list is speaking evidence of the prosperity of the Press club, and, incidentally, of the opportunities for students of the right sort to 'pay their own way' at Princeton,—bright, alert young men, blessed with good health and good common sense. A surprisingly large number of such students are at present paying their college expenses here, in part or, in some cases, in whole. And, we need not add, they are held in unusual respect and admiration by their fellow-students. For while they are yet boys in years, by their courage in undertaking the expense of their education, and in successfully carrying the undertaking through in most instances, they have

shown themselves to be men of affairs. And that naturally elicits the admiration of those of their fellows who have yet to prove their ability to survive in the struggle for existence. These remarks are called forth by an inquiry from a graduate, whether it is still possible for a student to earn part of his expenses at Princeton. It is not only still possible, it is more possible than ever before; because a larger and growing university opens wider opportunities for self-help than were available when the college was smaller. But we would not encourage dull fellows to try the experiment, or even the boy of ordinary gifts. Either unusual ability or some special accomplishment, with a market value in the college world, is essential: it's a case where a capable stenographer would succeed, but a prime minister might fail."

If a Cornell graduate addressed to us that same inquiry as to whether a young man should be encouraged to enter Cornell, expecting to pay his expenses in whole or in part from his own earnings while here, we should make much the same reply. There was never a better opportunity than in the year of grace 1905 for a student of ability and determination to help himself through Cornell University. Indeed we are inclined to place more emphasis on this quality of determination than does our Princeton contemporary, and less on the possession of unusual ability. For although to the gifted youths fall most

of the really big plums of the college world, yet it has been our experience that any young man of fair ability, who is endowed with a goodly share of enterprise and grit, will find some opportunity of turning an honest dollar while at college—or if he can't find the opportunity he'll go ahead and make one.

The Cornell Christian association does an admirable work in this regard, furnishing positions to hundreds of students every year; and there are hundreds of others who seek out the positions themselves without aid. The ways they find of earning their expenses are interesting in their variety. Scores earn their board or lodging by waiting on table or doing odd jobs about the house, such as taking care of furnaces, cleaning walks, and so on; and so far from being degraded to the level of their menial occupations, they are respected and applauded by those of their fellow-students whose opinion really counts. Newspaper work, either as correspondents of out of town papers or as reporters for the local and college journals, is a fruitful source of income to students who have a bent in that direction. With the increasing use of the typewriter in business and correspondence has come a growing opportunity for young men to act as stenographers for the professors and local

business men. One student of a fairly recent class supported himself throughout his Freshman year by reading proof on the Cornell Sun, poring over the galleys until the wee small hours of the morning, and then stretching out on a box in the printing office to snatch a little sleep before climbing the hill to his morning recitations. And so the instances might be multiplied. From mowing grass to peddling yeast, there is no occupation too exacting or too trifling to be passed over in the search for a means of support.

The extent to which this business of earning one's own way at Cornell is carried is shown by the fact that a student laundry agency has recently been established by Captain J. H. Costello of the Varsity football team, and that several prominent athletes are actively participating in the enterprise.

And so to any alumnus who knows of a promising young man, anxious for a college education, and possessing ability and determination, we say: Send him to Cornell. Whether or not it be true that the University is growing more aristocratic, there is still enough democracy left to welcome a young man who has courage and self-reliance, and to give him an honorable lift now and then toward the goal for which he is striving.

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Cornell Notices.

Elmira Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Elmira Alumni association will be held on Wednesday, April 26, at the City club. At present there are about seventy-five alumni of the University in Elmira. Among the speakers will be Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks and Professor E. H. Woodruff. The committee on arrangements consists of Mortimer Sullivan, Jervis Langdon and Isaac Levy.

Cornellians Welcome in Oregon.

To Cornell Undergraduates and Alumni:—

In commemoration of the expedition to the Pacific Coast in 1804 of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, which resulted in the addition to the United States of the Oregon territory, comprising the present states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Western Montana, an exposition will be held at Portland, Oregon, from June first to November, 1905. The University club of Portland, while unable to make any provision for lodgings, will be pleased to extend the privileges of the club rooms and restaurant to all college men.

A Cornell dinner will be given at the club Saturday, August 5th, 1905. It is hoped that all Cornell men planning to visit Portland during the exposition will arrange their trip so as to be present on this date. More detailed information may be obtained by communicating with H. L. POWERS, '96, 3 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

Essay Prize.

In order to arouse an interest in the study of topics relating to commerce and industry, and to stimulate an examination of the value of college training for business men, a committee composed of Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago, chairman; Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University; Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan; Horace White, Esq., New York city and Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Clark College, have been enabled, through the generosity of Messrs. Hart, Schaffner and Marx of Chicago, to offer again in 1906, four

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Bids for Ag. Buildings.

The bids for construction of the buildings of the College of Agriculture were opened at the office of the University treasurer last week. Eleven of the fourteen presented came within the original appropriation of \$250,000. The difference in the bids of the highest and lowest contractor was marked, being \$115,300, or nearly one-half the amount of the original appropriation.

The complete list of bidders is as follows:

Driscoll Brothers & Co., Ithaca, N. Y.	\$221,259
Hudson Valley Construction Co., Troy, N. Y.....	253,000
Denniston Co., Rochester, N. Y.	227,000
Clark L. Duggett, Albany, N. Y.	246,628
James E. Leamy & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.....	224,800
P. J. Carlin Construction Co., New York city.....	293,000
Whalen & Sons, Ogdensburg, N. Y.	220,000
Mosher & Summers, Buffalo, N. Y.	218,281
Miderpruen, Sibbs & Schaff Co., Buffalo, N. Y.....	228,014
Andrew J. Robinson Co., New York city	256,945
Thomas Reilly, Philadelphia, Pa.	249,000
John V. Shaefer, jr. & Co., New York city.....	224,884
Dean & Havens, Olean, N. Y.	213,185
Morris Kantrowitz, Albany, N. Y.	177,700

After an investigation as to the standing of the Morris Kantrowitz company of Albany, the University building committee finally decided to award the contract to this firm. The above bid will cover the construction of the main agronomy and dairy buildings, but does not cover such items as lighting and plumbing which in themselves are considerable. Inasmuch as the bid comes well within the original appropriation of \$250,000, sufficient funds remain for these details of the work.

Possibilities for Class Memorial.

At a recent meeting of the 1905 class day committee the question of class memorial was considered and a number of possibilities were suggested which will be acted upon at a future meeting

of the class. The propositions under serious consideration are as follows:

First—To devote the fund, along with the memorial funds of two other classes, 1904 and 1906, if possible, to a start towards a University dormitory, under a proposition of the trustees to give two dollars for every dollar offered for the purpose by any friend of the University. Under this plan a dormitory accommodating one hundred persons could be erected at the expiration of eleven years.

Second—To found alumni scholarships, under a plan whereby four students would each receive \$100 a year for the four years of their course. It is intended that the basis of award should be as follows: One-third for scholarship, one-third for athletic ability, one-third for all-around standing and qualities of leadership, etc.

Third—To erect a memorial gate at

the entrance to the new athletic field.

Fourth—To provide an annual fund for the support of intercollegiate debating, thus obviating the necessity for the annual subscriptions which are a source of hardship to many students. To contribute towards the erection of the proposed Alumni hall.

Fifth—To erect a suitable monument to Ezra Cornell at some appropriate spot on the Campus.

Sixth—To postpone decision as to the purpose for which the memorial is to be used until the end of the ten-year period. This plan was adopted by the class of 1904 last year.

“Er ist nicht Eifersüchtig,” a farce, was presented by the members of the University club, the Deutscher Verein, last week in Barnes hall. A large audience witnessed the production. The presentation was most creditable and received much favorable comment.

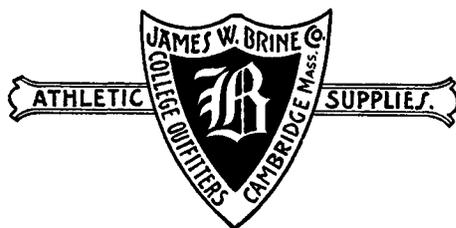
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Brief University News.

Spring football practice is now being held daily at Percy Field under the direction of Captain Costello and former Captain W. J. Warner, '03. The practice will continue for about three weeks and at its close a punting contest, open to all candidates for next fall's team, will be held and a gold football watch fob, with appropriate inscription, will be awarded the winner.

The Cornell Masque has decided to return to the farce-comedy and "The New Boy" has been selected for presentation at the annual performance in Senior week. The comedy is in three acts and was written by the English playwright Arthur Law. The exact date of the presentation has not yet been definitely decided upon as the Senior week program will be modified to some extent this year.

The second annual interscholastic track meet will be held on Percy Field Saturday, May 13, the day of the Princeton-Cornell baseball game. It was at first the intention to hold the meet a week later, May 20, but many of the schools were unable to enter teams on that date, owing to previous entrance in other meets, and it was decided to have the contest take place on the 13th and to make the day a gala one.

Dr. F. K. Cameron of the Bureau of Soils in the United States Department of Agriculture delivered a series of lectures before the University on Friday and Saturday of last week. The first dealt with the chemistry of soils and the second was entitled "Soil Solution as a Nutrient Medium." Considerable discussion has been aroused by Dr. Cameron's theories in regard to soils and his lectures aroused much interest.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the University Board of Trustees the following appointments were made: O. A. Molatch, '04, appointed assistant in chemistry vice R. C. Snowden who was recently appointed an instructor. W. M. Kelsey, '05, appointed assistant in chemistry vice C. L. Rand, resigned. Harvey L. Ayres, appointed assistant in dairy industry vice J. M. Truman, resigned. The resignation of Dr. W. H. Carveth, assistant demonstrator of anatomy accepted.

The Fiske villa at Florence, Italy, together with household effects has been sold to Mrs. Richardson, a resident of North Carolina, for about \$40,000, the price originally set upon the property. As soon as the deeds for the property have been transferred, Professor Horatio White of Harvard, former dean of the Cornell faculty and one of the executors of the will, will

leave for England. He expects to sojourn there until September, when he will return to Cambridge to resume his duties in the Harvard German department.

The collections in economic geology have recently been increased by a number of valuable specimens which have been received from the St. Louis exposition. The first of these is a large vase of serpentine marble presented by the Verde Antique Marble company of London. This vase is made of the same quality of stone used by the Greeks in the construction of the columns of St. Sophia in Constantinople. The quarries of this marble, one of the finest of its kind, were lost sight of for many years, but were recently rediscovered. A second addition consists of a collection of iron and gold ores, monazite and diamond sands and other mineral products which formed a portion of the Brazilian exhibit at the exposition. A number of specimens of rare granite have also been received.

Cornell Alumni Notes.

'84, B. C. E.—William H. Larned is a banker at Haigler, Nebraska.

Ex-'85—Herbert A. Beidler is addressed at the Western Union building, Chicago, Ill.

'91, Ph. D.—Professor Oliver F. Emerson of Western Reserve University is now living at 98 Wadena street, East Cleveland. His Middle English Reader, which is to be published by the Oxford University press, will appear in this country soon.

'92, M. M. E.—C. W. Scribner is now eastern representative of the Edgar Water Tube Boiler company with offices at 39 Cortlandt street, New York city.

Ex-'93—Seward Baldwin is a manufacturer of stove pipe elbow joints in Waverly, N. Y.

'93, E. E.—Ralph McCoy is a first lieutenant, 27th U. S. Infantry, and is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Ex-'93—S. D. Locke, jr. is secretary and treasurer of the Locke Steel Belt company of Bridgeport, Conn., manufacturers of a patent steel chain.

Ex-'93—George N. Graham is editor of the Syracuse Telegram.

'93, M. E. (E. E.)—George A. Wardlaw, a member of the editing committee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers contributes an article to the current issue of the "Electric Club Journal" entitled "Engineering Shorthand" in which he laments the present tendency of technical writers towards a too general and indiscriminate use of abbreviations, and makes a number of valuable suggestions to those who are contributing to the engineering literature of the day.

Ex-'93—Miss Jessie M. Berst is a teacher of mathematics in the Eric, Pa., high school. Her address is 709 Brown's avenue.

Ex-'93—C. A. Webster is employed in the post office at Warsaw, N. Y.

'93, A. B., '98, Ph. D.—The Dial for April contains a review of the Autobiography of former President Andrew D. White by Professor Clark S. Northup of the English department of the University.

'94, M. E.—Carl Kinsley is now working in Cambridge, England. After this summer he may be addressed at the Ryerson Laboratories, Chicago University.

'95, M. E.—M. N. Thomson is addressed at Greensboro, N. C.

'95, B. L.—William P. Beeber is a member of the law firm of J. A. and W. P. Beeber, Williamsport, Pa., with offices in the First National Bank building.

Ex-'95—W. W. Dark is secretary of the American Central Life Insurance company of Indianapolis, Ind.

'95, M. E.—Theodore H. Piser is addressed at 68 Franklin street, Boston, Mass.

'95, M. E.—Professor Albert Barnes is in charge of the department of experimental engineering of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Agricultural College, Miss.

Ex-'95—H. B. Holmes is in charge of the telephone design department of the Western Electric company of Chicago.

'96, LL. B.—O. C. Snider is located in Kansas City, Mo., and is addressed at 3828 Narwick street.

'97, B. S.—William T. Howell visited friends in the city recently. He is in the long distance telephone business, being engaged in construction work.

'97-'98 Sp.—F. V. McMullin announces a change of address from 410 Penn avenue to Room 419, Smith block, Sixth street and Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'98, E. E.—Wilton Bentley is manager of the Denver office of the Western Electric company. His address is 1175 South Seventh street, Denver.

'98, M. E.—Theodore Dimon is in charge of the switchboard engineering department of the Western Electric company of Chicago.

'98, LL. B.—Edward J. Collins is now located at Newburg, N. Y.

'98, M. E.—A recent issue of the Engineering Record contains the following item: "W. W. Macon who for several years was a member of the editorial staff of this paper has resigned to become editor of the 'Metal Worker, Plumber and Steam Fitter.' His good work in this office, particularly in the line of heating and ventilation, makes his selection for his new duties one which the readers of that

journal will find to their decided advantage." Mr. Macon's present address is 232-238 William street, New York city.

'99, E. E.—W. C. Yeatman is city wire-chief for the Chicago Telephone company.

'99, M. E.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker Hayward on March 25, 1905, at their home at 515 Rosedall street, Pittsburg, Pa.

'00, L. L. B.—H. D. Mason is addressed at 241 West 101st street, New York city.

'00, B. S.—Harry W. Redfield is addressed at 1067 Dean street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'01, M. E.—W. H. Carrier is in charge of the testing and experimental department of the Buffalo Forge company, Buffalo, N. Y.

'02, M. D.—Jason S. Parker has completed his service on the house staff of the New York Post Graduate hospital and is now practising medicine at 333 Second avenue, New York city. He is acting as surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal.

'02, M. E.—L. M. Northrup is with the Gifford Wood company, manufacturers of ice tools, ice elevators and other machinery at Hudson, N. Y.

'02, L. L. B.—Dudley K. Wilcox has given up the practice of law at Auburn, N. Y., and has accepted a position in the legal department of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad company at 168 Montague street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'02, M. E.—W. J. Childs is manager of the New York office of the Bethlehem steel company and is located at 100 Broadway, New York city.

'03, M. E., (E. E.)—W. L. Mann announces a change of address from 235 Fifth street to 124 Fourth street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'04, C. E.—A. K. Shumway is a civil engineer with the Ransome Smith company of New York city and is located at Despatch, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—Mrs. J. G. Sibley is now located in Cuba. Her present address is not known.

'04, A. B.—Miss M. C. Sieling is a student at the Johns Hopkins Medical school, Baltimore, Md.

'04, A. B.—H. M. Sloat is attending Columbia University and is addressed at 35 North Tenth avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—E. M. Slocombe is attending the Harvard Divinity school and is addressed at 31 Divinity hall, Cambridge, Mass.

'04, M. E.—Harry C. Nagel announces a change of address from 63 Cortland street, Norwich, N. Y. to 909 Rebecca avenue, Wilkesburg, Pa.

'04, L. L. B.—Frank Smit is practising law at 52 Twenty-second avenue, Paterson, N. J.

'04, M. E.—A. Penn Denton announces a change of address from 4729 Prairie avenue to 810 South Second street, Chicago, Ill.

Ex-'04—Houston Burr who returned to the University in September after an extended absence has left for Syracuse where he has accepted a position with the architectural firm of Merrick & Randall.

'04, A. B.—John M. Keeler, jr., is agent in Maryland and Virginia for the General Utilities company of New York. He is addressed at 700-702 North Lutaw street, Baltimore, Md.

'04, M. E.—F. Ramsey Allen has entered the shops of the Pratt and Whitney company of Philadelphia. He is addressed at 259 South 46th street, Philadelphia.

'04, C. E.—W. L. Savacool is a roddman for the New York State Canal commission and is in the division engineer's office in the Weighblock building, Syracuse, N. Y.

'04, M. E.—Gerald Savory is located at Sun Rising, Banbury, England.

'04, M. D.—Miss Pauline Scharfman is a pathologist at the Cornell Medical College. She is addressed at 154 Penn street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'04, M. E.—D. R. Scholes is with the Aermotor company at 475 Levitt street, Chicago, Ill.

'04, A. B.—Thomas S. Jones, jr., has a rondeau entitled "Where Cross Roads Part" in the Smart Set for April, and a poem entitled "You and I" in Lippincott's Magazine for May.

'04, D. V. M.—A. M. Seaman is a practising veterinary surgeon at Hornellsville, N. Y.

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Relay Team Chosen.

The four-mile relay team which is to run against Yale, Princeton and Michigan at Philadelphia next Saturday, has been picked and consists of the following men: D. C. Munson, '06; F. W. Poate, '05; A. W. Camp, '05; J. C. Hemingway, '06, and T. Arnold, '06, and A. L. Willgoose, '08, substitutes.

It was originally planned to send a team of half-milers to this meet, but Mr. Moakley has yielded to the solicitations of the distance men and will enter a four-mile team. In addition to the relay team, Captain Vonnegut will compete in the 120-yard high hurdles; J. B. Phillips, '06, and T. M. Jackson, '08, in the pole vault, and F. J. Porter, '05, in the shot-put. A competition will be held in the other field events and two more men will be taken.

A Sample Communication.

During the past two weeks the ALUMNI NEWS has received many letters of congratulation on the anniversary number of April 5, and these messages are still coming in at less frequent intervals. The following communication from Rabbi Theodore F. Joseph, '96, at Seattle, Wash., is typical of them, and also contains a news item:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ALUMNI NEWS:

Sir: I have received your anniversary number this afternoon. It is a superb edition, full of interesting and inspiring material. It should be in the hands of every alumnus to stir his pride and patriotism toward his Alma Mater.

I saw Royal A. Gunnison, '96, a few days ago. He left Monday night on the "Cottage City" for Alaska to assume his position as judge of the federal court. He went down the steps of this hotel, where he dined with his family, with the latest copy of the Cornell News in his hand. I gave it to him. He was delighted with it. I think he subscribed and will thus keep in touch with the affairs, even though four thousand miles separate him from the old school.

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