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Professor J. L. Morris

His Long Career of Service to Cornell—
Dr. White's Tribute to His Work
and His Personality.

John Lewis Morris, Sibley professor emeritus of the department of mechanics and machine construction, died Sunday, November 19, at his home at 108 North Geneva street in Ithaca. The cause of death was a complication of pneumonia and paralysis. He had been ill only about forty-eight hours, but was unconscious during most of that time. Until a few days before, Professor Morris was in his usual good health and his death came as a severe shock to his friends.

Professor Morris was once characterized by the late Director Thurston as "the Nestor of the Sibley College faculty." He was a member of the original Cornell faculty, appointed at the opening of the University in 1868 by President Andrew D. White, and served continuously until the fall of 1904, when he retired from active duties. His retirement was deferred for one year after he passed the age limit because it was found impossible to fill his place. His only surviving colleagues of the original University faculty are Professor G. C. Caldwell, who retired in 1903, Professor B. G. Wilder and Director James Law of the Veterinary College.

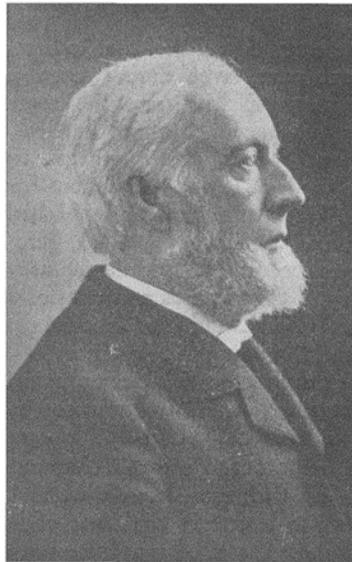
Professor Morris was born in 1832, his age differing by only a single week from that of his early colleague, Andrew D. White. He was graduated from Union College in 1856 with the degrees of A. B. and C. E., and subsequently took his A. M. After graduation he rounded out his education by serving as locomotive engineer on the New York Central railroad.

At the opening of the new University endowed by Ezra Cornell, Mr. Morris was called to Ithaca and charged with the responsibility of developing a system of training in mechanic arts

which should fulfill the obligations assumed by the University at its foundation. As the pioneer in this important field, he rendered invaluable service, which laid the foundation for the up-building of Sibley College.

Professor Morris was a member of Kappa Alpha and of Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his wife and by a brother, the Rev. Edward Morris of Columbus, O.

The funeral services were held Wednesday, November 22, at 2:30



PROFESSOR JOHN L. MORRIS.

p. m., at the Congregational church, Ithaca, of which Professor Morris was an active member. The remains were conveyed to the church at 11:30 a. m., six Seniors of Sibley College acting as pallbearers. From 12 until 2 o'clock the body lay in state and was viewed by hundreds of friends and by many of the professors, instructors and students with whom he had been associated. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Edward A. George, pastor of the Congregational church, assisted by the Rev. Charles Mellen Tyler, professor emeritus of

philosophy in the University. At the conclusion of the services, which were largely attended by the late professor's friends of Town and Gown, the remains were interred in the City cemetery.

The active pallbearers were Director A. W. Smith, Dr. A. T. Kerr, Professor D. S. Kimball, Mynderse VanCleaf, Roger B. Williams, Julius M. Clapp.

The honorary pallbearers were former President Andrew D. White, President J. G. Schurman, Dean T. F. Crane, Judge F. M. Finch, Professor W. T. Hewett, Dr. James Law, Professor L. A. Wait, Professor R. C. Carpenter, Professor J. M. Hart, Professor H. H. Norris, Professor G. R. McDermott, Professor H. W. Hibbard.

Sibley College was closed throughout the entire afternoon out of respect to Professor Morris and the Senior class of Sibley attended the funeral in a body and also accompanied the remains to the cemetery.

DR. WHITE'S TRIBUTE.

Dr. Andrew D. White, being asked by a representative of the ALUMNI NEWS for some account of the relations of the late Professor Morris to the University, answered as follows:

Professor Morris was one of the last remaining links between the foundation period of the University and the present stage of its development. During those first days of Cornell it was by no means easy to secure professors for the technical side of the institution. There were, indeed, two or three "scientific schools," but there was hardly any apparent germ of the great technical schools which now exist. My attention as president of the University was first attracted to him by what was then the remarkable fact that, although a college graduate, he had gone into the practical work of a machinist. Having taken the B. A. degree at Union College and pursued studies in

civil engineering there, under Professor Gillespie, one of the foremost men in that department at that period, he deliberately became a locomotive engineer on the New York Central railroad, and finally entered a machine shop. This seemed to give a combination of the qualities we needed, and he was therefore nominated by me and elected by the trustees "professor of the mechanic arts."

In this capacity his practical ability was of great value to the University in many ways. There was very little of useful example to guide us in what was then known as the "mechanical side;" we were, in fact, among the pioneers, and it should be said that Professor Morris, with his practical knowledge, his devotion to his work and his warm feeling toward worthy students, was of the greatest value in beginning the great development, which we have since seen, in Sibley College. It was undoubtedly this combination in him of practical abilities with loyalty to the work, that was one of the main factors in securing the confidence of Mr. Hiram Sibley.

A very striking characteristic of Professor Morris was his absorption in his duties at Sibley College. Although at that early period his health was delicate, he never hesitated at any moment, night or day, to throw himself into the severest work which he thought needed. More than once, even while threatened with pulmonary disease, he passed hours with his men in the depth of winter and exposed to snow and sleet, in freeing the flumes and disengaging the turbines from ice. No weather was so inclement that it hindered him from giving attention to the needed practical work at Sibley College and on the Campus at large.

His duties brought him into close connection with a large body of students, and while he was at times severe to those whom he regarded as neglecting their opportunities or showing characteristics which he did not approve, there was no more devoted friend than he, to students whom he considered really meritorious. To such men he was ever devoted, and many are those of this class who owe to him the pecuniary aid which tided them over serious difficulties during their stay at the University.

Among his most striking character-

istics were his common-sense and his frankness. As to the latter quality, there was no man in the faculty, in the early days at least, more prone to express his exact opinion of any course of conduct whenever he thought such expression needed. As a result of these qualities he doubtless at times aroused opposition, but, on the whole, his frankness served many useful purposes.

Where his friendship was given it was given in the fullest measure, and as I look back upon the history of the institution I feel deeply grateful to him for a long series of acts of kindness. There were, indeed, times when his frankness regarding some matters of University policy was trying, but it was always permeated by a loyalty which prevented any possibility of serious misunderstanding between us. Even when I differed from him I respected him as thoroughly loyal to his ideas of what was best for his department and for the institution. In recalling those early days I feel that to him and to one other, who during seven years wrought with him, must be awarded great praise for having carried us through the difficulties of that trying time, and for laying foundations for the great work afterward accomplished by Director Thurston. And here it should be said, that different as were many of the methods and aims of Professor Morris and Dr. Thurston, they thoroughly respected each other and aided each other in accomplishing the great result which we now see in the whole technical side of the University.

I ought not to end this characterization of Professor Morris without alluding to a certain kindness of heart, and even a sort of playfulness of disposition, which was known to comparatively few. To most men he was probably known as a man of few words, strict in his ideas and devoted to his duties, but there have been on the Cornell Campus a considerable number of his associates who have recognized in him not only these qualities, but a heartiness, kindness and loyalty which have greatly endeared him to us. He deserves to be especially remembered as one of those who, in the early days of the institution, and, indeed, until his retirement, wrought with a loyalty, energy, practical ability and good sense, which have been most potent factors in giving to Sibley College its

present position and in securing to Cornell University the confidence of the state and nation.

The Crisis in Russia

Dr. White Fears that Autocracy Will Regain its Power.

Dr. Andrew D. White delivered a profoundly interesting address before the Cosmopolitan club at its "American Evening" on November 24, on "The Crisis in Russia." The address was marked by the thoughtfulness and insight which always characterize Dr. White's utterances on anything connected with European affairs, and has called forth considerable comment in the press of New York and other cities. In part his address was as follows:

"We are all most interested just now in the subject of the prospect for constitutional liberty in Russia. I will not prophesy but will simply submit to you the state of affairs which exists in Russia.

"When Witte enters upon his task of Russian reform he is confronted by two almost insurmountable obstacles. The first of these is that there is almost nothing in the way of universal education to fit the Russian for the intelligent exercise of suffrage. Ever since 1825, when the Russian emperor was given an example and an alarm by the French Revolution, it has been, for the most part, the policy of the Russian rulers to place a ban on the education of the masses. The upper classes are educated but the majority of the lower classes are more ignorant than were our Southern negroes before the Civil War. It is a difficult problem, this of universal suffrage to an uneducated people.

"The second difficulty confronting Count Witte is the extreme censure which has been placed by the government on public discussion of all kinds. Even the most educated Russian knows nothing of parliamentary proceeding and discussion and a political meeting is an unheard-of thing in Russia. For this reason each Russian has one pet idea upon religion or politics which he hatches out in his own mind and comes finally to look upon as almost a divine direction. Thus it may truthfully be said that if twelve Russians come together a dozen different opinions clash.

"Count Witte is, from my personal experience, a man fair, broad minded, liberal and of great ability. The truth is that all the parties have been scared into his support as a result of the terrible state of affairs that now exists in Russia. The great danger to Russia comes from the extremists on both sides.

"I think that when order is restored it will probably come in the form of autocracy, strong as ever, perhaps stronger, but it may be with a few reforms. The army and the autocracy will restore order and this may be the great danger that threatens to keep the Russian nation in its former state of ignorance.

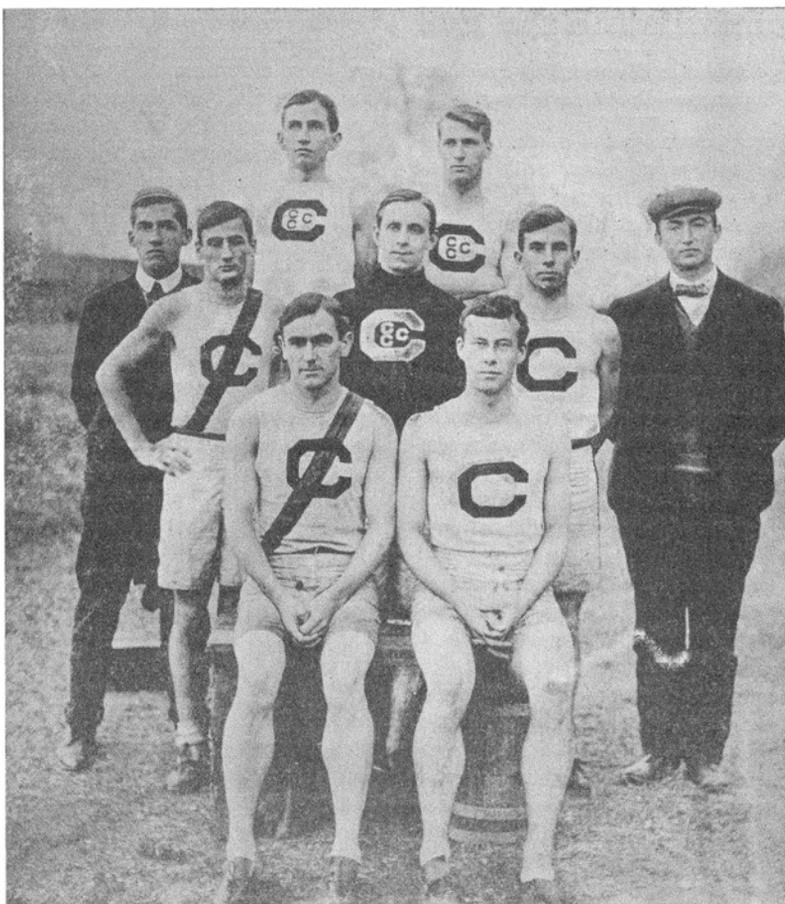
"My hope is that as broad a suffrage will be introduced as is possible, but I fear that there will still be rather illusion than revolution in Russia. I hope that the czar will become a figure-head in a constitutional government with a parliament. If this is done Russia has good prospects of again becoming a world power, but her position will be less brutal than before and she will be on the proper footing."

Cross Country Victory

Moakley's Pupils Uphold Record—Race Closer than in Past Years

Cornell won the intercollegiate cross country championship at the meet at Travers Island, N. Y., on Friday, November 24. This makes the fourth consecutive victory for Cornell in the cross country meets, and the sixth victory out of a possible seven since the first race in 1899. On account of the large proportion of green men on the team, the score this year was not so favorable to Cornell as in former years, the men being compelled to score 29 points as against 12 points in the last two meets.

Cornell was hard pressed by Harvard in the race, the latter finishing with a total of 35 points. The Cornell team won through all around excellence and good team work. The last three Cornell men in were closely followed by Harvard men. The team scores indicate that the other colleges are growing stronger in this branch of sport and that more interest is being taken in cross country work. The race last Friday was one of the most exciting that have been held in recent years. The contest



CORNELL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM.

		Simpson		Lemon		
Du Bois	Willgoose		Sleeth		Starr	Moakley
		Magoffin		Hemingway		

for the individual championship, which went to Hail of Yale, was especially close. Magoffin of Cornell had been expected to come in first at the end of the 6¼ miles, but Hale, after clinging closely to him during the entire race, proved that he had a little more reserve in the last three hundred yards, and finished first. These two men were followed during the greater part of the race by McDonald of Columbia, Willgoose of Cornell, and Root of Pennsylvania. Parson of Yale, the intercollegiate half-mile champion, was also prominent among the first men during the early part of the race, but later he succumbed to the rough work of running over stones and crossing ditches.

The team scores of the seven colleges were as follows: Cornell, 29; Harvard, 35; Yale, 57; Boston "Tech.," 65; Pennsylvania, 70; Columbia, 85; Princeton, 111.

The Cornell men finished in the following order: C. F. Magoffin, '07, 2d; M. Sleeth, '06, 6th; E. L. Simpson, '07, 9th; A. Starr, '06, 12th; A. L. Willgoose, '08, 19th; B. J. Lemon, '08, 21st; J. C. Hemingway, '06, 22d.

At a special meeting of the association, held before the race, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was elected to membership. It was decided to donate funds for a silver team challenge cup which will become the property of the college winning it five times. By winning the race this year Cornell has won the first leg on this prize.

At the meeting of the College Entrance Examination board held at Columbia University recently, Dean T. F. Crane of the University faculty was elected vice-chairman of the board.

Commercialism the Evil

College Athletics Discussed by President Schurman—Brooklyn Dinner.

Strong condemnation of commercialism in college athletics, with earnest defence of other features of college sport, was the principal feature of President Schurman's address at the reception in his honor at the University club of Brooklyn on Wednesday, November 15. Speaking to an audience of Brooklyn men representing many colleges, and including a large Cornell contingent, the president discussed the unfavorable criticism which has recently been showered upon undergraduate athletics, and showed that most of it is unjustified. On the question of commercialism, he uttered an urgent protest, declaring that the business side of college games must be made of minor importance unless college sport is to be spoiled altogether.

The speaker proposed a plan which is modelled after the English system and has already been advanced by some educators and public writers in America. It is that the money side of athletics be abandoned, and that all intercollegiate games be played on college grounds for college people and their friends, no gate money being charged. More modest and less expensive preparation for the big games is a part of the program, and it is proposed to raise the expenses by subscription among the students and alumni.

College sport by no means comprised the whole of the interesting address. President Schurman had spent the entire day at the meeting of the directors who are to handle Andrew Carnegie's fund for pensioning college professors, and much of his talk was on this subject. He aroused much enthusiasm by quoting Mr. Carnegie's statement that he "was prepared to underwrite this syndicate to any amount needed." The speaker also discussed at length the question of professors' salaries, which he dwelt upon in his recent annual report to the Cornell Board of Trustees. He said that the feature of college work which most needs strengthening is the faculty.

Dr. Walter B. Gunnison, president of the University club, followed, thanking the guest for his presence and praising the Cornell spirit as he had seen it.

The address was the principal fea-

ture of one of the series of receptions to prominent college presidents which has been a feature of the life of the University club of Brooklyn ever since it was organized. Early in the evening Dr. Schurman was the guest at a dinner of the Cornell Association of Brooklyn, given in the dining-room of the University club's house, at Hanson and South Elliott places.

LARGE CORNELL DINNER.

More than fifty local alumni of Cornell gathered to do honor to their president. Dr. Herbert D. Schenck, '82, president of the association, presided, and with him and Dr. Schurman at the guest table were Congressman George E. Waldo, '72, and Dr. Walter B. Gunnison, president of the University club. Former members of the Cornell Glee club sat together and led in the singing of college songs.

President Schurman spoke to the alumni on the growth of Cornell University and the changes going on at Ithaca now. He dwelt upon the fact that achievement is the spirit of Cornell, that the graduates all over the country are doing things and getting there. Congressman Waldo followed with a few words on the early days of the University.

Following the dinner the entire party adjourned to the club parlor, where still more Cornellians and many graduates of other colleges were waiting for the reception and address. After a general handshaking all around Dr. Schenck opened the speaking with a few introductory words.

At the dinner were President Jacob Gould Schurman, Congressman George E. Waldo, '72; Dr. E. H. Bartley, '73; John L. Moffatt, '73; W. L. Sprague, '73; Frank E. Caldwell, '79; Dr. Herbert D. Schenck, '82; Evarts L. Prentiss, '83; George L. Curnow, '84; T. S. Williams, '84; F. S. Benedict, '85; E. N. Sander-son, '87; Lyman A. Best, '88; W. A. Moss crop, '88; John L. Kerr, '89; Edward T. Fallows, '90; James M. Gorman, '90; Dr. Thomas B. Spence, '90; Charles M. Weeks, '91; John M. Cruikshank, '92; Dr. Addison Raynor, '92; I. Chester G. Wilkins, '93; John B. Stephens, '94; Lawrence Abraham, '95; William F. Atkinson, '95; David J. Greene, '95; Robert H. Haskell, '95; J. A. McCarroll, '95; George H. Merrill, '96;

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Cornellians in Office.

The roll of Cornellians elected to office on November 7 is still growing. News has been received of the election of Sanford W. Smith, LL. B., '89, Republican, as state senator in the 24th senate district of New York to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Henry S. Ambler of Chatham. The election is for the remainder of the term, which expires December 31, 1906. Senator-elect Smith is at present county judge of Columbia county, having already served one term at Albany as member of assembly.

The list of Cornellians in the New York assembly has received one addition in the name of William H. Chamberlain, '89, of Kanona, who was elected to the assembly on the Republican ticket from Steuben county. Mr. Chamberlain spent the years '85-'88 at the University in the agricultural course, and was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. His colleague in the assembly from Steuben county is also a Cornellian, J. E. B. Santee, '72.

Fred D. Skinner, A. B., '95, LL. B., '96, LL. M., '97, was elected justice of the peace of the town of Ridgeway, Orleans county, N. Y., on the Republican ticket. The candidate for supervisor at the head of the ticket was elected by a majority of 178, while Mr. Skinner received a majority of 309.

Devoe P. Hodson, '77, was elected judge of the municipal court of Buffalo on November 7. As municipal court judge he will serve for six years at a salary of \$6,000 per annum.

Team Prepares for Penn

Students Demand More Fighting Spirit in Players—Wyckoff Helps Coach.

By the time this issue of the NEWS reaches a good share of its subscribers, the Thanksgiving day game with Pennsylvania will have been played and the football season of 1905 closed. Predictions as to the result of that game are therefore unnecessary. It is sufficient to say that during the past week the Cornell team has been working hard, under the direction of Coach Warner and of Clinton S. Wyckoff, '96, the famous quarterback, who has generously come to the aid of the team and has been working especially with the backfield.

During the first part of last week the coaches were hampered by the absence from practice of several of the men who were hurt in the Columbia game. Halliday had a strained tendon in his leg, Martin a similar injury and Newman an injured hand. Whether Martin and Newman will be able to get into the line-up at Philadelphia is at this writing problematical. Captain Costello, however, has sufficiently recovered from the injury to his hand to resume his place at tackle, thereby strengthening the line considerably.

The work of the past week has been aimed at greater speed in the backs, better interference and stronger defensive work. These were the most glaring faults in the Columbia game and have been largely reduced since then. Among the undergraduates the defeat at the hands of Columbia is attributed to a lack of fighting spirit in the team after the setback of the blocked punt in the second half. The students have shown in an unmistakable way that the team must display more of the "never-say-die" spirit against Penn or it will be coldly received on its return to Ithaca. Those who have seen the practice during the past few days agree that the team shows improvement in this regard. Whether they keep this up on Franklin field will be an important factor in deciding the result of the Cornell-Pennsylvania game.

The line-up will be: Roadhouse, left end; Cook, left tackle; Thompson, left guard; Newman or Hodge, center; O'Rourke, right guard; Costello, right tackle; Van Orman, right end; Pollak or Newhall, quarterback; Wal-

der, left halfback; Gibson, Babcock or Martin, right halfback; Halliday, fullback.

If Martin's injured leg keeps him out of the Penn game, it is likely that Babcock, who was tried at end early in the season, will be put in at halfback. He has had but one week's coaching, but shows some ability in carrying the ball. At quarterback "Little Johnny" Newhall is doing well, having recovered from the injured cheekbone which incapacitated him earlier in the season.

The squad of about twenty-five players, with coaches and tramer, leaves Ithaca Wednesday morning for Philadelphia, where the party will stay at the Hotel Normandie.

At 6 p. m. Monday upwards of 1,000 tickets for the game had been sold at the offices of the Athletic association in Ithaca. This indicates that the Cornell delegation will be one of the largest that has ever attended the Thanksgiving day game at Philadelphia.

Freshmen Defeat Penn.

The Cornell Freshman eleven defeated the Pennsylvania Freshmen at Percy field last Saturday by the decisive score of 17-0. The Cornell youngsters had the ball on Penn's one yard line when time was called in the second half, and a few seconds more would undoubtedly have brought another touchdown. The first score came after two minutes of play in the first half, Penn being compelled to punt immediately after the kick-off, and the Cornell Freshmen showing their strength by carrying the ball from midfield for a touchdown in a series of swift plunges.

They outplayed their opponents at all stages of the game. The most brilliant work was done by Curry and Cornwall, halves, and McCutcheon at fullback. For Penn the particular star was quarterback Sheble, a brother of Penn's Varsity fullback, J. H. Sheble, who was formerly a member of the class of 1905 at Cornell, but left at the time of the typhoid epidemic.

Smoker at Washington.

The Cornell alumni of the District of Columbia held the first of their monthly smokers at the University club, November 15. Besides the regular members, about twenty-five guests

were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The out of town guests were mostly from the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, which held a meeting in the city at that time. Unfortunately the local secretary was not informed of the coming of these men and it was entirely by accident that the presence of so many old Cornell men was discovered. Nevertheless an opportunity was found to get notice to the most of them and their presence at the smoker added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Dr. L. O. Howard, '77, W. A. Withers, '90, and Dr. B. E. Fernow spoke.

Hagerman Appointed Governor.

It was announced from Washington November 24 that President Roosevelt has appointed Herbert J. Hagerman, B. L., '94, governor of the territory of New Mexico, upon the expiration of Governor Otero's term on January 22 next. There has been a bitter factional fight in New Mexico for some time, according to the Washington dispatches, and the president has decided to select a man who was in no way connected with either faction. Mr. Hagerman was strongly recommended to the president by Secretary Hitchcock.

The University preacher at Sage Chapel last Sunday was the Rev. Hugh Black of Edinburgh, Scotland, pastor of the St. George's Free church in that city. He is one of the foremost religious leaders in the United Kingdom, and the University was very fortunate in securing his services. He is one of the most spiritual and inspiring men that have been heard at Cornell, and his genius for presenting the essence of the most profound truths in such a way that they cannot be misunderstood or forgotten was well illustrated last Sunday, when he held his audience almost spellbound. The crowd which assembled at the Chapel to hear him completely filled the interior and the entrances, and many persons stood outside in the rain striving to hear something of the services. At the Vesper services the second part of Gaul's sacred cantata, "The Holy City," was excellently rendered by the orchestra of 25 pieces and the chorus of nearly 100 voices, under the leadership of Professor Dann.



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JOHN L. MORRIS.

One by one, the little band of men who laid the first foundation stones of Cornell University are dropping off. With their passing, we of later times are losing our strongest links with the past. Their presence on the Campus reminded us of the early days of struggle and adversity, when new trails were blazed for educational progress, and the jealous guardians of the old order were at length vanquished. It is fitting that we as Cornellians should pay our tribute of respect at the passing of these noble pioneers.

In the death of Professor John L. Morris, one of the most prominent and familiar figures in the whole history of Cornell University has passed from our view. To Sibley men as a body, from the very earliest classes down to the undergraduates of today, Professor Morris was better known than any other one man. He was the only surviving member in the Sibley faculty who had participated in the founding

of the University. He preceded Professor Thurston by almost twenty years and survived him by about that number of months. At his retirement a year ago, it seemed that Sibley College had lost a part of itself, so closely had Professor Morris been identified with its history and work for more than a generation.

The value of Professor Morris's services to the University and his unflinching devotion to duty throughout his long term in its faculty are well known to most Cornell men, especially to graduates of Sibley College. But Professor Morris, the man, with his geniality and kindness of heart, is less widely known, for this was a privilege reserved for the favored few who were admitted to close personal friendship with him. Those who enjoyed such intimacy will not soon forget the strength and charm of his personality.

In closing, we may, perhaps, fittingly quote the tribute paid to Professor Morris by the late Director Robert H. Thurston, in an article written for the ALUMNI NEWS in the spring of 1903:

"During the long period of service in the most interesting period, probably, that the history of Cornell University will ever record, Professor Morris has been one of the participants in the evolution of a true university and in the building up of a great school of professional training, of apprenticeship for his own guild; and his services must always be recognized, whether in teaching algebra and constructing dams, in supervising the building of the early structures housing the University and his college, in organizing shops for a thousand pupils or in providing heat, light and power for the various divisions of the institution. He has taken part for a generation in the greatest educational enterprise of modern times, the first attempt to provide what the people and the nation need, to offer learning to all seekers after knowledge, useful or ornamental, the education of Ptolemy and of Milton, of Paley and of Descartes, of Wayland and Barnard and Andrew D. White.

"In his private relations, Professor Morris has been a man of positive con-

victions, of warm friendships and of appreciative disposition. Those who are nearest him are those who most strongly feel respect and affection. His name will stand with all as the representative of the early type of pioneer in technical education, of the good citizen, the ideal householder and the 'friend, honest and true.'"

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS.

The editors of the NEWS invite honest, fair-minded criticism. In no other way can we tell just wherein the paper falls short of its possibilities and wherein it fails to meet the needs of Cornell alumni. We want our subscribers to feel that it is *their* paper; that the editorial board is acting under delegated authority from them, as it were, and is doing its best to protect their interests; that the board welcomes expressions of opinion as to the degree of success or failure which is attending its efforts. In inviting criticism, we do not necessarily mean adverse criticism. If there is any one feature of the paper, either in its appearance or its tone or its policy, that especially pleases you, we like to know it. Then we will take pains to continue that feature and perhaps develop it still further.

There is one thing, however, which we do not invite, and that is anonymous communications. We take pains to acknowledge all suggestions received, giving our reasons for not following them whenever we find them impracticable or improper. In this way we hope to clear up any misunderstandings which may exist, and to explain our attitude upon important questions of policy. Obviously, we can not do this in the case of anonymous criticisms, and that is one reason why we do not care to receive such.

These remarks are suggested by a communication which recently came to this office. It consisted of the editorial page of a recent issue of the NEWS, across which had been scrawled some words in blue pencil, and was enclosed in an envelope of one of the local alumni associations. There was no sig-

nature or other means of identifying the sender.

The blue pencilled scrawl was couched in up-to-date slang. Its purport seemed to be an adverse criticism of the editorial in question; but the writer did not state why or wherein we were so unfortunate as to call forth his disapproval. If he had had the courage or self-respect to sign his name to the sheet, we would like to have had some further correspondence with him. Judging from this brief sample, we should expect to find in his letters a terseness of style quite remarkable.

This communication, the first of its sort in our experience, is too contemptible to deserve notice. We mention it in passing merely to bring out all the more clearly by contrast the kind of manly, sincere criticism which we welcome at all times.

New Jerseyites Active.

President Schurman was entertained by the University club of Essex county, at Newark, N. J., on Thursday evening, November 16, and addressed the large assemblage upon "Bigness and Its Problems." The president was most enthusiastically received by an audience that included representatives of most of our educational institutions as far west as the University of Michigan, from which the president of the club, Judge Algernon T. Sweeney, hails. About twenty-five Cornell men were present. Preceding the address, they sang "Alma Mater," and afterwards a number of other Cornell songs.

Later in the evening the Cornell men assembled and decided that the time was ripe for the organization of a Cornell Alumni Association of Northern New Jersey. A temporary organization was effected and on Saturday, December 2, at 8:30 p. m., the next meeting will be held at the University club of Essex county, corner Park

place and East Park street, Newark, N. J. At that time it is hoped that all Cornell men of the section north of the Trenton line will be present or at least communicate.

A Strenuous Week.

President Schurman left Ithaca on November 12 for a week's trip to New York and Washington. On Monday and Tuesday he attended the meetings of the Association of American Agricultural and Experiment stations in Washington. Wednesday morning and afternoon he attended, at Mr. Carnegie's house in New York city, the first official meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Professorial Pension fund. Wednesday evening he dined with the Cornell club of Brooklyn and after dinner was the guest of the Brooklyn University club.

Thursday afternoon he attended the meeting in the City hall of the committee appointed by Governor Higgins to decide upon a plan for the celebration

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of the tercentennial of the discovery of the Hudson river, and in the evening he delivered an address before the University club of Newark on "Bigness and Its Problems." Friday evening and Saturday morning he attended the faculty and business meetings of the Medical College. Saturday evening he delivered an address at the banquet given at Delmonico's in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie on the occasion of the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Mechanics' Institute of New York city.

Civil Engineers Take Trip.

Sixteen Seniors and graduate students of the College of Civil Engineering, accompanied by Professor E. J. McCaustland, left Ithaca Monday night on the annual tour of inspection. The trip will last a week, and the principal cities to be visited on the trip are New York, Scranton and Wilkes Barre.

A notable feature of the trip this year is the interest which has been shown by the alumni, and the efforts which they have made to add to its benefits and enjoyment. A special car has been provided by C. P. Williams, '92, to take the party from Wilkes Barre to Scranton, over the Laurel line. A. B. Clemens, '92, will escort the inspectors through the International Correspondence school at Scranton, while Professor Stoek, editor of *Mines and Minerals* will lecture on Friday night on "Mining and preparation of Anthracite." Douglass Bunting, '94, chief engineer of the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal company, will show the party through the Maxwell colliery. The party will return to Ithaca Saturday night.

Sibley Well Represented.

At the thirteenth annual banquet of the society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, held at Delmonico's in New York city on Friday evening, November 17, 1905, a considerable number of Cornellians—members, associates and junior members of the society—were present. This is well illustrated by the fact that at one table, occupied by eight men who were brought together by reason of congeniality and with absolutely no reference to college affiliations, five Cornellians were seated.

The group included Herbert L. Aldrich, '84, publisher, New York; Captain Charles A. McAllister, M. E., '87, engineer-in-chief, United States revenue cutter service, Washington, D. C.; C. W. Old, M. E., '92, vice-president of the American Blower company, and Sidney G. Koon, M. E., '02, M. M. E., '03, editor of *Marine Engineering*, New York.

At other tables were other graduates and former students, among whom were noticed Harold F. Norton, M. E., '96, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company; M. L. Katzenstein, M. E., '02, and William Katzenstein, M. E., '03. The banqueters were addressed by United States Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire, on "The Merchant Marine;" by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans ("Fighting Bob") on "The United States Navy;" and by other well-known speakers.

1905 Men in Pittsburg.

Nearly a dozen members of the class of '05 in the College of Civil Engineering are located in Pittsburg. The following members of the class now have positions in that city:

H. F. Porter and T. Fleming, jr., civil engineers with the American Water Works and Guarantee company.

E. M. Sneckenberger and C. W. Haefner, jr., on the engineering staff of the bureau of filtration.

W. H. Tracy and G. E. McCurdy, rodmen in the maintenance of way department of the Pennsylvania railroad.

T. C. Hu, draftsman with the bridge department of the Pennsylvania railroad.

L. M. Sanford, C. L. Bogert and J. T. Neeley, draftsmen for the McClintock-Marshall Engineering and Construction company.

The first competition for the '94 debate stage was held in the Hall of Oratory on November 23, opening the program of public speaking competitions for the year. The second competition for the stage will be held on Monday, December 11, the subject to be the same as that chosen for submission to the Triangular league. The Debate council has arranged a complete schedule for the interclub debates this year, thus avoiding the conflicts which have been inevitable under the former lack of system.

Brief University News.

At a meeting of the University faculty, held on November 23, it was decided to recommend to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting that the library privileges now enjoyed by Seniors, such as the opportunity of drawing books for home use, be extended to Juniors also. It was also resolved to recommend that a subsidiary circulating library on open shelves be established for the promotion of general culture among the entire student body.

The first of a series of two lectures on "Modern Greece" was delivered on November 17 by a noted authority, Mr. F. B. Sanborn. The special topic of the first lecture was "The Greek Revolution." Mr. Sanborn gave a brief sketch of the later history of Greece before going into the subject of the revolution and its political and social effects. His description of the country as it is today was given with the graphic power born of first hand observation, and these lectures promise to be among the most valuable in the political science series.

Cornell's basketball prospects for this year are most favorable at the present time, with four men from last year's team back and 61 candidates in all registered for the team. Captain Lyford and Brinkerhoff, who are back this year, have each had three years' experience in the game at Cornell, and the other two men are Root and Dickerman, who played for the first time on last year's Varsity. The four or five scrub teams which have been playing against the Varsity have demonstrated that the other material this year is also of a good quality.

Eighty-five Freshmen have registered for crew practice thus far, and between twenty and thirty of those who have shown the best progress in the preliminary work on the rowing machines in the Armory have been sent down to the boathouse to obtain a little experience on the water this fall. Although the number registered is somewhat below the average for this time in former years, those who have thus far come out are a likely looking lot of youngsters, and it is expected that there will be a considerable increase in the number of candidates at the close of the football season.

Cornell Obituaries.

MARION GRIFFIN RIEGEL, '94.
Mrs. John S. Riegel, nee Miss Marion Griffin, who spent about two years at the University as a member of the class of '94 in Architecture, died June 5, 1905. Her home was at Riegelsville, New Jersey.

Cornell Alumni Notes.

'71—Egbert Bagg is an insurance agent, and his address is 191 Genesee street, Utica, N. Y.

'74—Morgan W. Ayers is a physician at Montclair, N. Y.

'75—Horace S. Buckland is a practicing attorney at Fremont, Sandusky county, Ohio.

'80, B. S.—Professor William Trelease, director of the Missouri Botanical garden, has recently received from the king of Siam the decoration of the order of the Knights of the Crown of Siam, in recognition of services rendered to the Siamese government during the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

'86, M. E.—W. A. Day is manager of the Chicago office of the Erie City Iron works, and his offices are at 1,539 First National Bank building, Chicago, Ill.

'86, Ph. B.—Professor C. H. Thurber has an article in the November number of *American Education* on the subject, "What Children Read." In preparing the article he submitted blanks to 3,000 school children in the lower grades. From the answers received to the question, "What book that you have read, do you like best?" he has made a list of the books most liked by children. The first ten books on this list are as follows: 1—"Little Women," 2—"Uncle Tom's Cabin," 3—"Robinson Crusoe," 4—"Boys of '76," 5—"Life of Washington," 6—"Black Beauty," 7—Grimm's "Fairy Tales," 8—"Little Men," 9—"Little Red Riding Hood," 10—"Under the Lilacs."

'92, M. E.—W. G. Carlton is in the Grand Central station of the New York Central & Hudson River railroad in New York city.

'94, M. E.—Douglass Bunting is with the Lehigh & Wilkes Barre Coal

company at Wilkes Barre, Pa., and his address is 26 West Rose street.

'95, A. B.—Edward U. Henry is an attorney at law with offices at 312-314 Y. M. C. A. building, Peoria, Ill.

'95, M. E.—R. L. Gordon is assistant to the president of the Standard Steel Car company and his address is 930 West End avenue, New York city.

'96, C. E.—George S. Tompkins is special agent for several New York state and London fire insurance companies, and he has made Albany his headquarters. His address in that city is box 343.

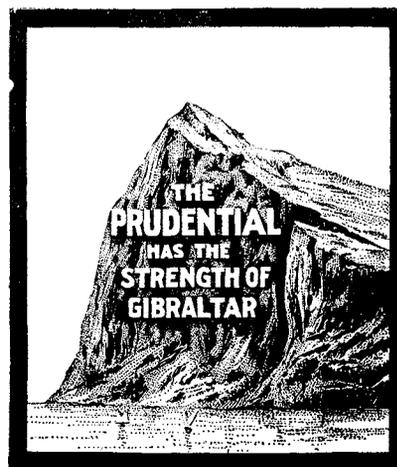
'97, Ph. B.—Born to Dr. C. D. Martinetti and Lillian Swift Martinetti, '97, a son, on September 10, 1905, at their home in Orange, N. J.

'98—H. H. Alcock is with the Cincinnati Gas & Electric company at Cincinnati, O.

'98, A. B.; '99, LL. B.—Clinton T. Horton, senior partner in the law firm of Horton & Hurrell of Buffalo, has been appointed lecturer on the law of agency in the law school of the Uni-

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versity of Buffalo. At Cornell Mr. Horton was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, spoke on the '94 and Woodford stages and was a member of two teams which met the University of Pennsylvania in debate.

'98, Sp.—F. M. Nellis is in the Boston (Mass.) office of the Westinghouse Air Brake company, at 138 Exchange building.

'99, M. E.—E. J. Lewis is foreman of the new and extensive shops of the Pennsylvania railroad at Columbus, O. His address is 326 Hamilton avenue.

'00, B. Arch.—W. C. De Garmo has plans and specifications for a large office and society building in the October *Brickbuilder*.

'00, M. E.—A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bell on October 20, 1905. Mr. Bell is assistant in the master mechanic's office of the C. B. & Q. railway at Burlington, Ia.

'00, C. E.—Georgé W. Penfield is engaged as division engineer on the extensive sewer work which is in progress at New Britain, Conn. His address is 52 Camp street.

'00, B. S.—Norman Dodge is second vice-president of the Mergenthaler Linotype company of New York city, with offices in the Tribune building.

'00, M. E.—A. R. Ayers is foreman of the roundhouse of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad at Elkhart, Ind. About 160 locomotives are handled at this roundhouse, under the supervision of Mr. Ayers, including those used on the territory from Toledo, O., to Chicago.

'01, LL. B.—Neil W. Andrews has opened an office in Little Valley, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., for the general practice of law.

'02, A. B.—P. E. Raymond is in the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburg, Pa.

'02—E. D. Newkirk is with the Westinghouse Machine company at East Pittsburg, Pa.

'02—H. H. Thompson is in the employ of the Great Northern railway line at Yutan, Neb.

'02, LL. B.—Joseph W. Cook is in the office of the general agent of the

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'02—E. J. Shiland is in the Cincinnati office of the Warren Brothers company of Rosedale, Kansas, pavement contractors. His address is 201 Mercantile Library building, Cincinnati, O.

'02, M. E.—Clarence L. Edmiston is at present secretary to the Mutual Engineering & Contracting company of Mexico, D. F. His business address is 406 Edificio de la Mutua, Mexico, D. F.

'02, M. E.—The marriage of Miss Bertha N. Wurster to W. R. Couch, '02, was celebrated at the Ross Street Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, N. Y., on November 27. Mr. and Mrs. Couch will be at home after the first of January at 316 West 84th street, New York city.

'02, A. B.—The address of G. A. Oldham is Grace Clergy house, 417 East Seventh street, New York city.

'03, LL. B.—Martin Travieso, jr., is practicing law at Mayaquez, Puerto Rico.

'03, M. E.—E. D. Beals is with the Allis-Chalmers company at 17 Broadway, New York city.

'03, A. B.—Miss Katherine E. Flynn is instructor in French and German in the Troy High school, Troy, N. Y.

'03, A. B.—Miss Elsie M. Christie is instructor of English and French in the Lansingburg (N. Y.) High school.

'03, C. E.—E. M. Lara has accepted a position as associate editor of the *Street Railway Review*. His office address is 45 Plymouth place, Chicago, Ill.

'03, M. E.—Edward S. Choate is in the Schenectady works of the American Locomotive company. His address is 69 Union avenue, Schenectady, N. Y.

'03, M. E.—William C. Beatty, '03, of Beatty, Pa., and Miss Edith R. Graves, A. B., '03, of Ithaca, were married at the home of the

bride's mother in Ithaca on October 30. The bride was attended by Miss Florence Marquardt, '04, of Brooklyn, while the best man was Ellis A. Bates, '05. The address of Mr. and Mrs. Beatty is The Crathorne, 310 Bryant street, Buffalo, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—Miss Alice Owsley is teaching at Stanberry, Mo.

'04, M. E.—R. E. Prussing is with H. M. Byllesby & company, engineers,

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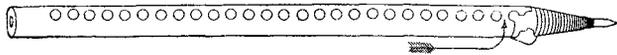
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