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## Junior Week Reformed

University Will Close for Three Days—  
Program of Week Boiled Down to  
Fit this Space

The ancient institution of Junior week has been receiving some attention from the Cornell faculty of late, with a resulting modification in its form and scope. Summed up in a few words, the reform is as follows: Junior week has been changed from a five-day period of much festiveness and some little work, during which the University was nominally in session, to a three-day period of still greater festiveness and no work at all, during which the University shuts down altogether.

The agitation that has produced this result is by no means of recent origin. The opposition to the old order of things began several years ago and steadily waxed in force, until last season, when the Junior week program was further extended by inserting the ice carnival on Monday night, the trouble came to a sudden head. The faculty—notably a considerable portion thereof which was not in the habit of attending the festivities—set its composite foot down with no little firmness, and declared that there would certainly be something doing before another season rolled around. This farce of keeping up University work at a time when University work was evidently the least of the Student Body's troubles injured the faculty's sense of the fitness of things. They decided they would rather excuse all the men some of the week than some of the men all the week.

Accordingly the University will formally shut down at noon on Wednesday, January 31, and give over the remainder of the week to the Junior girl and her varied demands. On Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock the Masque will give its play at the Lyceum, followed the same night by the Sophomore cotillion at the Armory.

The cotillion will open at 11 p. m., giving the people a half hour to get from the Lyceum to the Campus. The program will necessarily be shortened somewhat by omitting most of the dances that generally follow the cotillion figures.

Thursday afternoon will bring its quota of receptions, theatricals and kindred functions at the fraternity houses. In the evening the Glee club concert will be held as usual at the Lyceum, followed by the whole crop of fraternity dances which in past years have been distributed throughout the week. The festivities will close as of old with the Junior prom. at the Armory on Friday evening.

This process of boiling down the week's program so that it may be contained in three days leaves those days very full; but after all the round of festivities could not be much more nearly continuous than it has been in past years, and the strain on the nervous system of hosts and guests will not be greatly increased. There are still forty-eight hours during Saturday and Sunday in which to speed the parting guests and recuperate from the effects of Junior week.

It will be observed that the new scheme brings the Junior festivities a week earlier than usual. In the past they have been held during the second week in February, the mid-year examinations occupying the previous fortnight or so. Junior week thus came during the opening days of the second term, and the loss to those students who cut their classes was made all the greater by the fact that in many cases the work was of an introductory sort and absolutely essential to the understanding of what came later in the course.

The change in Junior week is ushered in along with another innovation which harmonizes with it perfectly. This is a movement toward abolishing the final examinations. Sibley has gone the whole distance in one jump by an-

nouncing that final examinations will be done away with altogether, and regular class and shop work continued through block week. The Civil Engineering faculty went part way by omitting the final examinations wherever possible, and the faculties of the other colleges in the University are for the most part in sympathy with the movement and will do all in their power to further it.

The omission of some of these examinations has made it possible to shorten the block week from twelve days to nine days and a half. That is, the examinations end Wednesday noon instead of Friday night, and it is the two and a half days thus saved that are converted into University holidays and given over to the Junior week events. Saturday, February 3 will be registration day, but the authorities will arrange things so as to minimize the time and trouble necessary for the students to get themselves entered on the University rolls.

A further feature of the new scheme is to select for the Wednesday morning examinations those which affect the least number of students, so that in most cases the men will have finished their work by Tuesday afternoon. Then if it is decided to begin the Junior week events on Tuesday evening with the ice carnival, which last year was so pleasant and unique a feature of the program, the faculty will not seriously object. Eventually the congestion of fraternity dances on Thursday night will be avoided by holding the dances biennially instead of annually, and thus cutting the number in half.

The revolution which transformed Junior week was attended with few signs of disorder. Slight resistance was offered to the edict which abolished the old system of disorganized rule, with its constant encroachments upon recognized authority, and which substituted a definite constitution and partial freedom. Here and there in the Student Body a few mutterings

were heard, and the *Cornell Widow*, that jealous guardian of popular rights, remarked bitterly that "Junior week has been operated upon and we are now permitted to file in and gaze upon the remains." But on the whole the change was accepted gracefully by the undergraduates and they at once set about adapting their plans to the new order of things. It was on a Wednesday morning that the *Sun* announced the changes, and the next mail out of Ithaca carried scores of missives to Junior girls-elect in all parts of the country, bidding them hasten their preparations so as to be in Ithaca one week earlier than expected, and suggesting that they come prepared for a very strenuous three days.

Below is given a summary of the revised Junior week program:

Tuesday, January 30—Ice carnival in the evening on Beebe lake. Theatricals at Psi Upsilon house in the afternoon.

Wednesday, January 31—Masque play, "The President of Oolong," at 7:30 p. m. in the Lyceum. Sophomore cotillion at 11 p. m. in the Armory.

Thursday, February 1—In the afternoon, theatricals at Psi Upsilon house and receptions by Delta Phi and Delta Tau Delta. At 8 p. m., Glee club concert at the Lyceum, followed by dances given by Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Chi.

Friday, February 2—Junior promenade at the Armory at 9 p. m.

## To Improve the Gorge

**Brooklyn Alumni Raising Funds to Make Fall Creek Gorge Accessible**

A movement to improve the approaches of Fall creek gorge and to make the gorge easily accessible to the students has been inaugurated by the alumni residing in Brooklyn. This important step was decided upon at the regular monthly meeting of the Cornell Association of Brooklyn, held at the University club of Brooklyn on Tuesday evening, December 19. The association instructed its executive committee to communicate with the University authorities to inquire as to the ownership of the gorge and the steps necessary to make the desired improvements, to ascertain the probable cost

of the suggested changes, and to learn whether the University would welcome such a movement and co-operate in it.

If the association receives favorable replies to its inquiries it will at once begin the raising of a fund for the work it has in view. The members do not expect to be able to accomplish their designs all at once, and think they may have to call upon other alumni associations to aid them in raising money, but they believe that they will at least be of service to the University by calling attention to one of its chief needs and by inaugurating the movement for its relief. The association hopes to secure enough funds to provide a permanent entrance into the gorge to replace the present wrecked structure at Triphammer falls, and then from year to year to provide money for additional improvements.

Cornellians are probably more numerous in Brooklyn than anywhere else—certainly more students come from there than from any other community—but until recently lack of organization has prevented the alumni from being of any service to the University. As soon as the Cornell Association of Brooklyn was formed it was suggested that some gift from the Brooklynites to the students at Ithaca would be most desirable, but for a time the young organization was too busy with its own affairs to take up the subject. It was announced for the December meeting, however, that the question of a gift to the University would be discussed and action taken.

There were suggestions of scholarship funds, of money for athletic prizes, or for permanent trophies. The winning scheme, however, was put forward by Dr. Henry P. deForest, secretary of the class of '84. Dr. deForest has been back to Ithaca frequently since his graduation, and has noticed with regret during the last few years the abandonment of Fall creek gorge as a strolling place for students and members of the faculty. In his undergraduate days and up to a few years ago there was no more popular walk in Ithaca than along the sides of the stream at the bottom of the gorge. It was one of the principal spots of beauty in a most beautiful region, and visitors were regularly taken over the course from one waterfall to the other.

Dr. deForest spoke of the situation at some length, telling his fellow alumni

that in the past few years the approaches have been allowed to fall into such disrepair that they are no longer used, and the gorge is practically unknown to the students of the present day. He said that the spiral stairway at Triphammer falls has collapsed from decay, that the path back of Sibley is in such shape that only an athlete could use it, and that entrance from the lower end of the gorge is most difficult. He said that the class of '84 had considered the question of raising funds to improve matters, but had felt it was not numerically strong enough to undertake the task. He suggested the work as a worthy undertaking for the Brooklyn association.

Many other members told of their disappointment at the changed conditions on going back to Ithaca and endorsed the proposition. The result was that the plan was taken up with enthusiasm. The executive committee was instructed to communicate with the University authorities and to report back at the next meeting. This committee consists of Dr. Herbert D. Schenck, '82, president; Robert H. Haskell, '95, secretary, and Christopher W. Wilson, jr., '00, treasurer. The next meeting of the association will be held at the University club on Tuesday, January 30, and at that time it is hoped to have everything in readiness to go ahead at once with the plans. There are more than 350 Cornellians in Brooklyn, and though as yet only 70 have joined the association, it is expected that the others will find their interest aroused by the plan on foot and will gladly give their aid.

## Vacation a Busy Time

**Cornell Professors Travel Far to Attend Scientific Meetings**

Vacation at Cornell seems to be a time when a good many people work twice as hard. Last week students could be seen "grinding" in the library at almost any time, the Sibley shops were open during a part of the recess and nearly every professor attended the convention of some learned society. Many of those who attended these conventions read papers representing an enormous amount of careful research and preparation.

Among the members of the faculty who traveled far afield during the holidays may be mentioned President

Schurman, who, after welcoming the conventions which met at Ithaca, addressed the New York State Teachers association at Syracuse on December 28, spoke before the University club of Syracuse on December 29, and attended a meeting of the council of the Cornell Medical College in New York city on December 30.

Professor W. F. Willcox attended the meeting of the American Economic association in Baltimore, Md., spent two days studying in the census office in Washington, and then left for Boston to attend the annual dinner of the class of 1884 of Amherst college, of which he is a member.

Professor J. W. Jenks attended the meeting of the American Political Science association, of which he is vice-president, in Baltimore, Md. He also attended the meeting of the American Economic association at the same place, and delivered a report as chairman of the committee on comparative legislation. Professor Frank A. Fetter also attended the meeting of the Economic association.

The convention of the New York State Teachers' association in Syracuse drew the largest delegation of Cornell men. Besides President Schurman, there were present Professor James McMahon, who spoke on "The Correlation of Mathematics and Physics;" Professor Charles De Garmo, who also made an address; Professor J. S. Shearer, who spoke on "The Properties of Matter at Low Temperatures;" Professor G. N. Lauman of the College of Agriculture, and W. C. Geer of the department of chemistry, who spoke on "The Teaching of Chemistry in the High Schools."

The American Historical society also had a goodly sprinkling of Cornell men at its meetings in Baltimore. Among those who went from Ithaca were Professors C. H. Hull, George L. Burr, R. C. Catterall, H. A. Sill and M. Farrand.

Professor G. P. Bristol attended various meetings in Syracuse as chairman of the committee representing all the educational bodies in New York state and as president of the Classical Teachers' association.

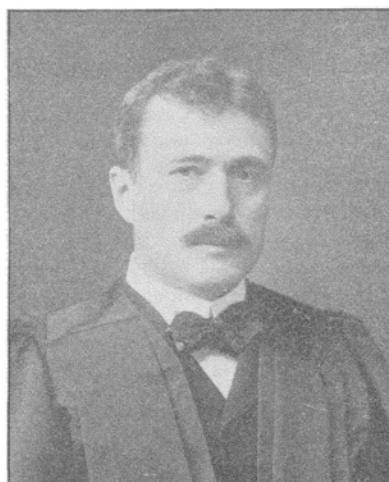
Director L. H. Bailey of the College of Agriculture spoke before the Nature section of the University convocation at Syracuse. Professor S. H. Gage attended the meeting of the

American Anatomists' association at the University of Michigan and Professor W. D. Bancroft attended the meeting of the American Chemical society in New Orleans, La.

## Judge Hiscock Honored

**Assigned to Court of Appeals by Gov.  
Higgins—May be Permanent**

Frank H. Hiscock, A. B., '75, of Syracuse was recently honored by Governor Higgins with an appointment as associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals, the highest tribunal of the state. The appointment was made under the constitutional provision by which the Court of Appeals may ask for the assignment of Supreme Court justices to help clear up a



JUDGE FRANK H. HISCOCK, '75.

crowded calendar. The congestion of the calendar is so great at present that Judge Hiscock is likely to be on the Court of Appeals bench indefinitely.

Along with Mr. Hiscock, Justices Bartlett of Brooklyn and Chase of Catskill were appointed temporarily to the Court of Appeals. Although under the law these extra judges are permitted to sit only until the number of cases on the calendar is reduced to two hundred, there is little prospect of this being accomplished in the near future, and it is not unlikely that the new appointees will remain on the higher bench until they are permanently elected thereto to fill vacancies that may arise. It was in this manner that Judges Werner and Cullen obtained

their places in the Court of Appeals some years ago.

Justice Hiscock was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court in March, 1896, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Judge Vann to the Court of Appeals. He was regularly elected in the fall of that year. In 1900 Governor Roosevelt offered Justice Hiscock a place on the bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, but he declined in favor of a brother justice. The following year he was appointed to the Appellate Division by Governor Odell.

During his successful career on the state bench, Judge Hiscock has ever been a zealous and loyal alumnus of Cornell. He has served with distinction as a member of the University Board of Trustees since his election by the board in 1901. His term expires in June next. He has also been a frequent lecturer at the Cornell College of Law and is one of the non-resident lecturers scheduled for the present year. Judge Hiscock is the only Cornell man now sitting in one of the New York appellate courts, and the news of his promotion is received with satisfaction by all Cornellians.

## A Friend of Football

**President Schurman Says Modify but not  
Abolish the Game**

President Schurman placed himself on record as a staunch friend of football in an address delivered at Syracuse last Thursday night before the union meeting of the Associated Academic Principals of the State of New York. The president declared that the recent criticism which has been showered upon the game, "if not hysterical and frenzied, is at least one-sided and unfair."

He urged that the game should not be abolished. Modify it, he said, so as to remove the extra hazards, but to abolish it would be to do away with the most popular sport of the youth of the country and of the American people themselves. President Schurman's theme was "National Greatness."

"In the physical training of the youth," Dr. Schurman declared, "outdoor sports take the place in this country of the military service required in Germany. And speaking for the colleges and universities, I am sure they

have been an effective antidote to effeminate weakness, to low vice and to foolish disorder and rowdyism.

"However strange it may sound to the critics, it is nevertheless true that athletics has made it possible to govern (because athletics has developed an *esprit de corps*) hundreds, yes thousands of students in a single university, year after year, without the help of jury or policeman. If the critics abolished baseball or football we should implore them, in the interest of academic discipline, to devise suitable substitutes or restore these games themselves.

"Am I then an advocate of football? What I have said, I have said and desire not to alter. Baseball and football are the best outdoor sports we have for the American youth, and football is the most popular, not only among the youth, but among the American people themselves. It is a rough game, but taking account of the large number of people who play it—comparing them, for example, with the more luxurious motorists—the number of serious accidents and fatalities is small. The game is so stirring, it challenges so potently the play-impulse of young Americans, it appeals so strongly to the popular love of vigorous competition, it has in it so many elements of military discipline and moral training, it affords such a voluminous vent for huge masses of superfluous feeling and energy in players and spectators alike, which otherwise would seek and find an outlet in more dubious channels—there is, I say, so much to be adduced in favor of the game that the criticism which has of late been hailed upon it will on impartial consideration be found to be, if not hysterical and frenzied, at least one-sided and unfair.

"The game is rough, but roughness is no bad ordeal—even the scriptures enjoin us to 'endure hardness.' The game is attended with accidents: so is every game, so is every form of human activity and every form of idleness. Is the game unduly rough and unduly dangerous? Then let us remove the extra hazards by a modification of the rules. In my own judgment, the two greatest objections to football as now played are slugging and intentional evasion of rules for the purpose of weakening opponents and the commercialism which grows out of gate re-

ceipts and the handling by young men of enormous sums of money for athletic purposes.

"The first of these evils can be remedied by the enforcement of severe penalties for foul playing, not only disqualifying the offender, but penalizing his side. To that end the positions of the umpires must be rendered more independent so that they will not scruple to do their duty, even when the stands are filled with friends and supporters of the offending team. A few changes in the rules and in the provisions for their enforcement would accomplish all these reforms, except the elimination of commercialism, and that, I suppose, we must endure till the colleges and universities agree to abolish gate receipts. And gate receipts will not be abolished till some less objectionable way is devised of supporting athletics."

## Press Club Organized

### Its Object to Protect Cornell from Slandering Newspaper Stories

The newspaper men of Cornell and Ithaca have at length taken steps to protect the University from the false and injurious stories which have been sent to out of town papers so frequently in the past. The remedy adopted is the formation of a Press club whose purpose it is to prevent this sort of thing and to punish offending correspondents, after proper investigation of the facts. The club does not intend to exercise a censorship over all dispatches sent out from Ithaca, but rather to create an atmosphere which will discourage the practice of sending out false and harmful stories, and to take summary action in case the practice continues.

The Cornell University Press club was organized at a meeting of newspaper men held December 19, and the following constitution was adopted:

**Preamble**—We, the undersigned newspaper correspondents of Ithaca, New York, believing that an association of newspaper men who report to the outside world the news of Cornell University will be beneficial to our interests and a protection to the University, hereby organize ourselves into the Cornell University Press club with the following constitution:

**Article I.** The objects of this organization shall be to further the inter-

ests of Cornell University through the public press and to prevent as far as possible the publication of any matter which may prove injurious to the University.

It shall also be the purpose of this organization to protect its members from unprofessional conduct on the part of any person engaged in newspaper work in Ithaca.

**Article II.** Any *bona fide* and regularly accredited correspondent in Ithaca of a newspaper or of a news-gathering association shall be eligible to membership.

The editor-in-chief of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and the editor-in-chief of the CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS shall by virtue of their respective offices be members.

The nine signers of this constitution shall be charter members.

New members may be elected by a majority vote.

**Article III.** The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, and a secretary, who shall be elected on the first Monday of each University semester and hold office until their successors be chosen.

**Article IV.** Meetings shall be held at the call of the president.

The president must call a meeting upon the written request of any two members. All members must be duly notified of any meeting.

**Article V.** All actions of this organization shall be concurred in by a majority of the members.

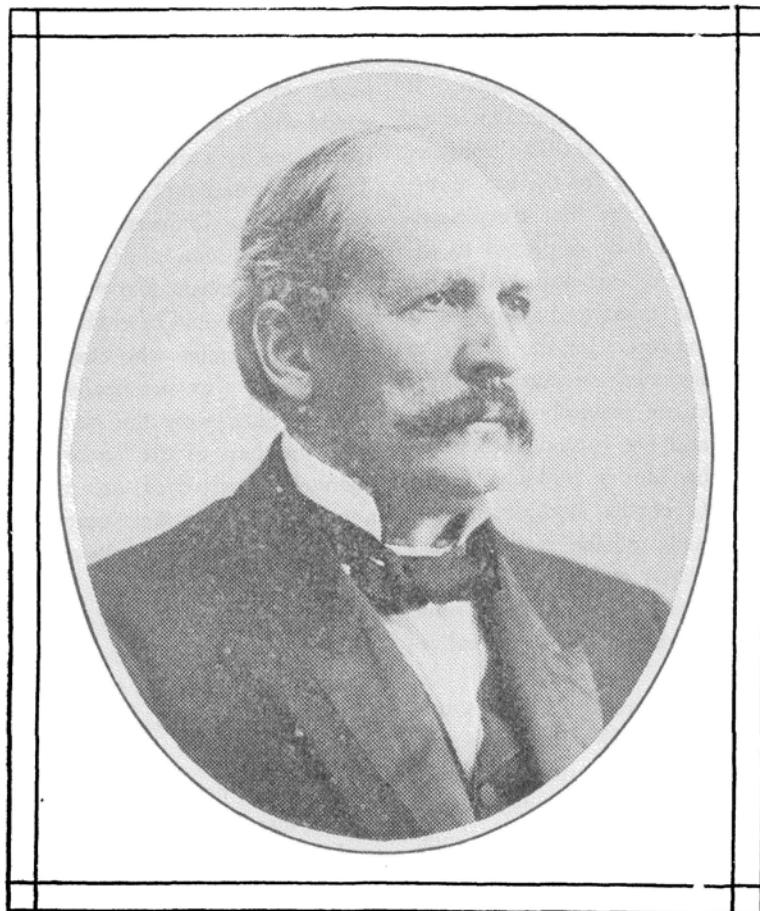
**Article VI.** Any person whose act or conduct is contrary to the objects herein set forth shall be dealt with by this association as it may deem expedient.

**Article VII.** This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members.

### Signers,

J. K. CLEARY,  
HENRY P. DUBoIS,  
CHARLES E. KELLEY,  
B. R. MITCHELL,  
D. C. MUNSON,  
A. T. SEAMON,  
SETH W. SHOEMAKER,  
H. B. TIBBETTS,  
E. D. TOOHLILL.

Dr. Andrew D. White, the first president of the University, will deliver the annual address on Founder's day, January 11.



CONGRESSMAN GEORGE E. WALDO, '72.

One of the new faces in the present session of the United States Congress is George E. Waldo, '72, Congressman from New York. Mr. Waldo was born in Brooklyn January 11, 1851. After spending the years 1868-70 at Cornell, he studied law in a New York city office and was admitted to the bar in 1876. From that time down to the present he has practiced law steadily in New York city, with the exception of six years spent in practice in Nebraska.

Mr. Waldo has for many years

been a prominent Republican. In 1896 he served as member of Assembly, and in 1904 he was elected a member of the Fifty-ninth Congress, to serve from 1905 to 1907. In 1900 he was a delegate to the Republican national convention.

He is a member of many of the commercial and social clubs of New York and Brooklyn, and is a thirty-second degree Mason. Mr. Waldo was married in 1896 to Miss Flora A. Henderson of Tallahassee, Fla., and has three children.

nearly all the leading institutions of the country except those which already had representatives on the Intercollegiate Rules committee.

The conference decided to ask the Rules committee to co-operate with it, and if the invitation was declined, to go ahead and adopt its own set of reforms to be recommended to the various colleges and universities.

On Friday night the Rules committee met in Philadelphia, and after a

prolonged discussion, decided that its members had no power to amalgamate with the committee of seven appointed by the New York University Conference, without first consulting their respective universities. The Rules committee will communicate with the new committee as soon as possible. After making its decision, the old committee invited the members of the new committee to join in an informal discussion of suggested changes in the rules. The invitation was accepted and the joint meeting lasted until long after midnight on Friday.

The New York Conference committee submitted this proposition to the original committee at this conference:

1—That the two committees be amalgamated into a national rules committee to meet annually.

2—That the individual members of the national committee present and discuss changes and modifications of existing rules at each annual meeting.

3—That an executive committee of five be chosen from the national committee to draw up definite rules embodying the recommendations of the national committee.

4—That the five members of the executive committee be made up of three from the present Rules committee and two from the New York Conference committee.

5—That the rules determined upon by the executive committee be submitted to the individual members of the general committee for ratification.

6—Upon ratification by a majority of the general committee, these rules shall become the official rules for the ensuing year.

A cure for rheumatism is the problem upon which a group of investigators at the Cornell Medical College in New York city has been expending a large amount of time and gray matter, and the discovery of a new serum in the medical laboratories means that an important advance has been made in the treatment of certain forms of rheumatism, at least. The discovery is one of the latest results of an investigation in experimental pathology which has been carried on by a staff of ten, working under the direction of Professor Bertram H. Buxton, M. D. A full report of the new discovery is to be issued soon through the New York Academy of Medicine.

## Two Conferences Held

Two Football Committees now in Existence—May Amalgamate

Two important football conferences were held last week. On Thursday the conference of representatives from nearly fifty colleges and universities, summoned by Chancellor MacCracken of New York University, met in New York city. It included delegates from



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#### THE USE OF THE LIBRARY

For many years past the undergraduates of Cornell have struggled for some recognition of their rights at the hands of the University library authorities. In this struggle they have been backed by a large proportion of the faculty and trustees. The students have gained ground, step by step, but the progress has been slow indeed, and it is likely that several years must still elapse before a complete victory is attained.

The University faculty recently decided by a unanimous vote to recommend to the Board of Trustees that the library privileges now granted to the Seniors be extended to members of the Junior class in the University. The fact that a year ago this same proposition was voted down by the faculty shows a decided change of sentiment in the direction of a more liberal policy with respect to the University library. The privileges in question are the right to withdraw a limited number of books from the general library for home use.

That this action of the faculty is wise and expedient we believe there can be not the slightest question. It would seem that the Cornell University library, with its 250,000 volumes, should be primarily for the use of the Cornell students, and that every possible means should be employed to encourage a more general use of the books by the undergraduates. It is impossible, however, for the library to attain its maximum usefulness so long as the books are jealously huddled in the stacks and not trusted outside the walls of the library building. The inaccessibility of the stacks and the limited capacity of the reading room prevent the great majority of the students from gaining very much of value from the University's splendid collection of books.

How, then, shall the library's usefulness be increased? Obviously, by permitting the books to circulate as freely as possible among the students, to be carried home and read at their leisure. Only in this way can the books be truly enjoyed. Only in this way can a genuine love of good reading be instilled into the minds of the young men and women of the University.

Yet the story of the struggle to attain this end is the story of an uphill fight over countless obstacles and in the face of unrelenting opposition on the part of certain of the library authorities. It seemed that no stone was left unturned in the effort to cut off the undergraduates from an enjoyment of what they properly regarded as their just rights in the use of the University's books.

Some two years ago the faculty voted to extend to Seniors in good standing the library privileges then possessed by graduate students. These privileges consisted in the right to draw out books for home use. The action was ratified by the trustees, and nearly everyone supposed that this meant a great boon for the members of the Senior class. Those who thought

so soon discovered their mistake, however, for the Seniors, upon applying for books under the new rule, were presented with a blank slip to be filled out and signed by a member of the faculty. The slip stated that the bearer was a Senior in the University, *doing work equivalent to that of a graduate student!* This meant that the benefits of the new rule would be confined to some half-dozen Seniors who chanced to be doing what was practically graduate work. Thus were the six hundred other members of the Senior class deliberately deprived of their rights, and a rule passed for their express benefit was nullified by a narrow and absurd construction.

When this state of affairs was discovered by the faculty the trouble was quickly remedied and the entire Senior class permitted to exercise its newly gained privilege.

Even then, however, they found that a great many books which they wished to draw out were not available on account of a rule prohibiting the withdrawal of gift books and those belonging to special collections. Now the propriety of such a rule in the case of costly and rare volumes is unquestioned; but when it is found to apply to a work in general demand, of which there are no less than seven copies in the library, none of them available for home use, we cannot but draw our own conclusions as to the spirit in which the rule is enforced.

One more instance of the same sort, and we are done. A student who had received his academic degree from Cornell in June and had returned to the University to take work in another department applied at the library for permission to draw out books for home use, as he had been doing throughout the preceding year, when he was a Senior. Imagine his surprise at being informed that as he was now a graduate student in an undergraduate course, ranking as a Junior, he was not entitled

to the privileges either of a graduate or of a Senior, and that he now reverted to the limited rights which he had enjoyed as a Freshman four years before! Was it unnatural that the student should leave the library in disgust and never re-enter it during the remainder of his course?

But step by step the undergraduates are gaining ground in their struggle for recognition. The extension of the Senior privileges to members of the Junior class is no small triumph for the cause. With the faculty solidly behind them, there is reason to hope that it may not be many years before the Cornell library shall be maintained and administered for the benefit of Cornell students, and a love of good literature instilled into the hearts of those who frequent the halls of our University.

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### New York Dinner

The annual dinner of the Cornell University club of New York and of the Cornell alumni of New York and vicinity will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening, February 10.

We shall welcome most heartily any Cornellian at this dinner and we hope that every Cornellian who may be near New York at that time will attend. Whether from the Orient or the Occident, you will receive a warm reception and have an opportunity to renew a lot of your old friendships. So come.

WILLIAM F. ATKINSON,  
Chairman of Dinner Committee.

### Scholars Gather in Ithaca

Cornell was honored by the visits of an unusually large number of scientists and scholars during the holidays. Three noted societies held their conventions at Ithaca during the

past week,—the American Philological association, the Archaeological Institute of America, and the American Anthropological association. Besides these there were meetings of the managing committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and of the managing committee of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome. About 150 delegates were present, in all. Professor H. C. Elmer, the chairman of the local committee, states that this was perhaps the most distinguished gathering ever held at the University.

Every effort was put forth to make the stay of the visitors pleasant and to bring each one into close contact with the spirit of Cornell hospitality. After the address of welcome by President Schurman on December 27, the visitors were all entertained at luncheon in Sage College as the guests of the University. In the evening, they were tendered a reception by President Schurman at his residence in East

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avenue. The Town and Gown club extended the privileges of its club house to the members of the societies during the three days of their stay, and gave a smoker in their honor on the evening of December 28.

#### Sabbath Observance Waning

That the growing secularization of Sunday is a sign of national decline is the position taken by Dr. Andrew D. White in a letter to the *Otsego Farmer* of Cooperstown, N. Y. The letter was called forth by an article which appeared in that paper entitled "Do We Keep the Sabbath" and the following paragraph from the letter sums up his statement:

"I agree with you that a considerable part of the desecration of the first day of the week is due to the unattractiveness of church services, and am glad if anything can be done to make them draw larger and better audiences, but I feel that the gradual secularization of the day, and, indeed, its open desecration, is the sign of a decline in our national life, which bodes no good as regards our future. After all is said, as regards the shortcomings of clergymen, they are, as a class, among the most devoted and self-sacrificing men we have, and are generally to be found on the right side of the most important public questions. Beside this, I should greatly regret to anticipate a condition of things in our country when every day is a week-day, devoted to thought and action on the ordinary low every-day plane, with no attempt even at something a little better. My contention is that one reason why Great Britain and this country have so prospered is that on one day in the seven there is a halt and a change in the line of thought, with opportunities to hear appeals to higher considerations than those related to the grasping of place and pelf."

#### A Timely Letter

Secretary Henry P. de Forest of the class of '84 has recently sent to all the members of his class copies of the statistic blanks adopted by the Association of Class Secretaries, accompanied by the following letter, which is just as applicable to almost any other class from '69 to 1905:

##### *Classmates:*

With the beginning of the college year interest is again aroused in mat-

ters pertaining to Cornell, and an effort is now being made to carry into execution certain matters of permanent interest to former Cornell students that were formally recommended and adopted by the Association of Class Secretaries at the meeting at Ithaca in June.

First among these is the effort to obtain reliable and uniform data concerning every person who has been at any time a student at Cornell University, and to make every such person feel that he will be made welcome in the class association to which he may properly belong.

As a step toward this end I send you herewith a blank which has been adopted by practically all of the classes who have been at the University. Please fill this out at once and return it to me so that at the next meeting of the Class Secretaries the secretary of the class of '84 can respond, when the roll is called, "All present or accounted for."

Bear in mind that the Cornell alumni dinner will probably be held in New York city on the evening before Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, 1906. At the last dinner our class had a table to themselves, and a larger percentage of attendance than any other class that has ever been in the University. Let us make it still larger this year, and plan from now on to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
HENRY P. DE FOREST.

The renewed interest which has developed in the physical culture side of Cornell education since the advent of Professor Young is indicated by the announcement that Cornell and Pennsylvania will meet this year for the first time in a dual wrestling tournament. The recent fencing, boxing and wrestling meet in the Armory revealed the enthusiasm of the students and brought to light some excellent material at Cornell in these branches of sport. When the challenge was received from Pennsylvania, just before the holidays, it was accepted without hesitation. The tournament will be held in Ithaca on the last Saturday in February. Coach D. M. Evans has begun the work of organizing the most likely men into a club, and the men are training for the competitions which will be held before the teams are selected.

#### Cornell Obituaries

##### LAWRENCE DOWLING, '76

Lawrence Dowling, '76, died at Bradford, Steuben county, New York, on November 26, and the funeral was held from the Methodist church in that place on the 28th. No relative of the deceased was present at the funeral, although the church was filled with friends.

Mr. Dowling entered the agricultural course in Cornell in 1872, and spent several terms here, but left without obtaining his degree. He was a sturdy, hard-working farmer, and passed the latter part of his life on his farm near Bradford, where he lived alone for many years. He was fifty years of age at the time of his death.

##### CHARLES A. RIDER, '08

Charles Alden Rider of Rochester, a Sophomore in the mechanical engineering course, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Cornell Infirmary about the middle of October, but did not recover, and died at Holicong, Pa., on December 19. His body was cremated two days later. He was interested in various lines of student activity, having been pitcher on his class baseball team for two seasons, and was very popular among his classmates.

#### Cornell Alumni Notes

'72, B. S.—John E. Van De Carr is warden of the Tombs in New York city and his address is 52 West 129th street.

'75—Sage W. Schuyler is manager of the Dodge Manufacturing company, 526 West Third street, Mishawaka, Ind.

'75—L. D. Campbell is secretary of the Potter Parlin company of 390 Washington street, New York city.

'79—Charles W. Hinckley is treasurer of the Soper Lumber company of Chicago, Ill.

'80—Charles A. Lux is a merchant in Clyde, Wayne county, N. Y.

'81, A. B.—George S. Harkness is a physician at Stockton, San Joaquin county, Cal.

'85, B. S.—C. E. Doolittle is installing a large hydro-electric plant for the Braden Copper company at Grameros, Chile, South America. He writes that Chile is rapidly becoming a

progressive country and affords a promising field for engineers. Fine opportunities are offered for the investment of capital in mining enterprises; and the mountain streams offer every facility for the development of water power, which in many cases could be electricaly transmitted to the large cities without using longer pole lines than are now employed in California.

'86, A. B.—Herbert H. Gadsby is principal of the Drury High school at North Adams, Mass. His address is 5 East Quincey street.

'87, B. L.—Dr. Edwin Sternberger has been appointed assistant visiting physician in the Bellevue hospital, New York city. His address is 43 East 60th street, New York.

'88, A. B.—Ransford S. Miller, jr., interpreter of the United States legation in Tokio, Japan, recently in Manchuria in Y. M. C. A. work among the Japanese soldiers, spent the holidays in Ithaca, the guest of relatives, leaving later for a fortnight's visit in Washington, D. C.

'91, M. M. E.—Professor Clarence L. Cory of the University of Cali-

fornia and Miss Mayme Agnes Pritchard of Omaha, Neb., were married on Christmas morning at Omaha. The wedding was followed by a short tour in the East. Professor and Mrs. Cory will make their home in Berkeley, Cal.

'92, M. E.—John S. Peck is chief engineer of the British Westinghouse company.

'96—Carl P. Dennett is in the real estate business in Bangor, Me.

'96, M. E.—Elliot P. Hinds is manager of the Hinds Paper Box company of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

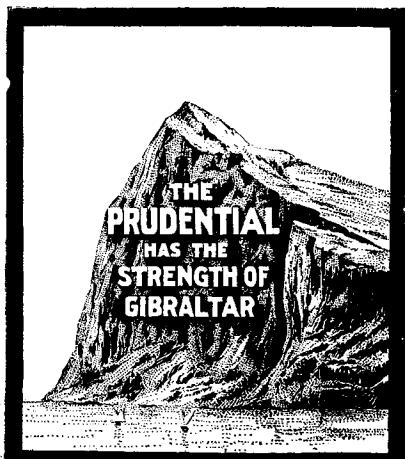
'97, LL. B.—A pretty autumn wedding was held in Ithaca on October 19, when Miss Mary Hopper Speed of Ithaca became the wife of Joseph E. Mount, '97, of Groton, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Mount will make their home in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'97—Announcement was made recently in Syracuse of the wedding on November 8 of Miss Nora Cashin and Major Myron Upham, '97, commandant and instructor in mathematics at St. John's Military academy at Manlius. Major Upham has resigned his position in the academy and expects to

locate in New York city in the near future.

'97, B. S.—Robert M. Codd gave an address before the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences recently on the subject "Placer Gold Mines." Mr. Codd recently returned from the West, where he was engaged in the management of a mining property, and he spoke of the placer deposits found in British Columbia and California, visited by him. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, portraying scenes along the trails leading to the various mines referred to and views of the camps and mines. A number of specimens illustrating the character of the deposit, were exhibited. Mining law was referred to by the speaker as a set of rules or regulations established to answer the needs of a community which needed a speedy and simple system for the settlement of differences. The speaker closed with a number of interesting anecdotes of life on the trails among prospectors and miners.

'99—The engagement of Miss Alice Treanor of San Francisco to Clarence M. Oddie, '99, of Tonopah, Nev.,



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'99, B. S.—Miss Louise Fitts is spending the year at 137 Los Angeles avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

'99, Ph. B.—Miss Estelle A. Leach is in Pasadena, Cal. Her address is 254 South Hudson avenue.

'00, M. E.—John J. Cavagnaro is an engineer and machinist at 215 Center street, New York city. His residence is at 16 Macdougal street.

'01, B. Arch.—Willard D. Straight, until recently vice-consul-general of the United States in Korea, accompanied the American envoy to Wiju and into Manchuria over the newly finished railway from Seoul, the capital, to the frontier.

'02, A. B.—Ralph S. Kent, '02, assistant coach of the Varsity football team, was married to Miss Alice V. Kyle on December 18 at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kyle, in Ithaca. Only the immediate families and a few intimate friends were present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Kent left for Pleasanton, Kan., to spend a month with relatives, after which they will make their permanent home in Muskogee, Indian Territory, where Mr. Kent will take up the practice of law.

'02, M. E.—Robert A. Ives, '02, of New York city, formerly of Ithaca, was married to Miss Adelaide Hunt, also of New York, at the Congregational church in Ithaca on November 12. Mr. and Mrs. Ives returned immediately after the ceremony to New York city, where Mr. Ives is employed by Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co.

'03, M. E.—J. C. Fox is with the Cambria Steel company at Johnstown, Pa.

'03, A. B.—Henry F. Blount, '03, and Miss Marie Ross were married on November 4 at the home of the bride, in Evansville, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Blount have returned to Evansville, after a trip East.

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'04—Henry E. Curtis, '04, of Beverley, Mass., and Miss Berda Card of Despatch, N. Y., were united in marriage at the First Baptist church of Despatch on Christmas day. Among the ushers were Charles P. Utz and Arthur K. Shumway, both C. E., '04. Mr. Curtis is a construction engineer and draftsman in the employ of the Ransom & Smith company of New York city, and Messrs. Utz and Shumway are with the same firm. After

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the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis left for a ten-day trip in the West. They will be at home to their friends after their return at 70 Dane street, Beverley, Mass.

'05, M. E.—Robert P. Raynsford has recently accepted a position as chemist and assistant superintendent with the Malden and Melrose Gas Light company, at 76 Florence street, Malden, Mass.

'05, M. E.—George R. McDermott, jr., who has a position in the turbine department of the General Electric company at Schenectady, spent Christmas with his parents, Professor and Mrs. George R. McDermott, of Ithaca.

'05, M. E.—Miss Elizabeth Beckwith, A. B., '03, and James Lynah, '05, former captain of the Cornell football team, were married December 23, 1905, by Bishop Charles E. Cheney at Christ church, Chicago, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lynah will have their temporary residence at Columbus, Kan., where Mr. Lynah is engaged in engineering work.

Ex-'06.—Miss Elisabeth R. Brantigan will graduate in June from Barnard College and expects to receive at the same time the secondary diploma in English from the Teachers' College. Her home address is 23 Lincoln street, East Orange, N. J.

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