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## Football Cup Presented

**Willard Beahan, '78, Announces Gift in Letter to News—Discusses Football Situation**

Willard Beahan, '78, of Cleveland, offers a championship football cup to be competed for each fall by teams representing the four classes in the University. This is the latest development in the movement to encourage general athletic sports among the students at large. Mr. Beahan's offer is contained in a letter to the NEWS, reprinted below. His only condition is that the games be played on the new Alumni field, other regulations being left to be worked out by the University athletic authorities.

Mr. Beahan served for five years as an alumni member of the Board of Trustees, his term having expired last June. Since his graduation from the University in '78, with the degree of B. C. E., he has been engaged in a number of important engineering enterprises in all parts of the United States, as well as in Chile, South America. Last spring he resigned the position of division engineer of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad to become first assistant engineer of the Lake Shore, with headquarters at Cleveland.

His letter discusses the general football situation in a sane and timely way, from the standpoint of a grad. who played the game in the early days of non-specialized sport. The text of the letter follows:

### EDITOR ALUMNI NEWS:

Sir: We were speaking of the new Athletic field the other evening, my (classmate) wife and I, and of its possibilities. The conversation drifted to the autumn's developments in football with its unfortunate trend. We thought it opportune for the "old guard" to take part in the game again, in a way.

Those of us who played the game for years and have lived twenty-five

years since have a right to be heard. Somehow I do feel better qualified to judge the game than those who never stood in a rush line and felt their blood tingle as they battled for class or Alma Mater. This is a time of stress, and those who have lived and felt and loved the game of football ought now to speak out and let all know the faith which is in them. Popular opinion is always useful, but at times needs an alternative.

I will give a championship football cup to Cornell University to be played for on the Alumni Athletic field each fall. It was my idea that these games should be between college teams of Cornell University, but others, in a position to judge better than I, think that games between the four classes would be advisable, rather than between the colleges. I shall acquiesce.

And now may one whose years have passed the half century mark say something about football in retrospect. It may throw light upon football present and prospective. I have said that I am an old player and merely to give weight to what I feel now, I must be sophomore enough to say that I played the position now that of left guard in every game of the four years on my class team. I was never injured nor went to the side lines, although counted by my classmates the fastest man in my position in the University at the time. I played hard. Today I am still perfectly sound and healthy, entirely oblivious to the weather and by no means sure that I know what it is to be tired. Will those who fear their boys may be hurt on a college team in football, or their health injured for their later life just read that last sentence twice.

I was a hard student, and football was, beside walking, my one form of exercise, for my father had me decline John Ostrom's invitation to try for the Freshman crew. I did not learn easily and was ambitious to graduate in the front rank. I now see most clearly that football saved me from injury through over study if not from nervous prostra-

tion, for I am high tension. I played football a great deal in a class that was very athletic and holds the honor of winning Cornell's first boat race. My athletics helped me to high class standing by preserving that balance between mental and physical activity which is sanity and life insurance. I was chief engineer of my class because I was left guard of my class.

Were I in the University today, with the advantage of my present knowledge, I would kick football just a little more than that time between thirty-two and twenty-eight years ago, when an undergraduate.

There is no better form of college athletics. It best lends itself to student life. We need the game of football as general exercise for the students of Cornell. We want all the men to play it who are not physically unfit, or have some other forms of exercise as good. There is room enough for all games on the big new Athletic field. Let football become far more general and still more popular at Cornell. And while I try to be tolerant toward the critics of the game, I must confess that there are times when I grow weary, reading what those think who never were nearer the game than the bleachers.

Well, what is the matter? My opinion is that for one thing the game has come to be played too much by high school and academy teams. These boys are often quite too young for the game, have no proper supervision and have no one to hold out of the game those physically unfit—boys with thirteen inch collars and one hundred and thirteen pounds weight. Then, too, it seems to me that the Rugby game, brought to America in a way all old players remember, is not so interesting for spectators nor so favorable to men of all weights playing it as the association game. In these days spectators travel far at considerable cost to see games and see but little and growl about it. True, they are no players, but they

pay the expenses of all college athletics, in the main, and they have rights. Committees on rules better see this and make coaches see it.

The Rugby game has grown rougher in our hands, as it seems to me. Mass plays do not appeal to players nor spectators. They lack individuality for the one and are not spectacular for the other. Mass plays set a premium on weight and put brains and activity at a discount. Is this wise? It is machine play, it is coach play and we have all of it the public will stand. We are told the open plays cannot replace mass plays and the rules cannot be changed without spoiling the game. Whose game? For one, and a "fan" yet, I do not think we have tried very hard to so change the rules. Does our committee and do our coaches realize that the foundation of college activities today is the alumni? Others do know it and any man who holds his ear to the ground at all today will hear just that.

I think the Rugby game can be changed to suit the present needs. If it can not then let us play the association game. Football will live, for the American college man loves it and will not let it die. Let no one get "cold feet" or they will fall out of the procession. It is a man's game. Women of either sex need not worry over it. College presidents may tear their hair and college faculties and trustees may "resolute," but college men need games and know that football has indispensable uses.

Fraternally,

WILLARD BEAHAN, '78.

Chief Engineer's Office, L. S. & M.  
S. Ry., Jan. 13, 1906.

## Ready for Junior Week

Various Functions to be as Gay as Ever  
—Interesting Masque Play

The round of Junior week gaieties will be ushered in next Tuesday night by the ice carnival—provided any ice is still extant at that date—and will end three days later with the Junior promenade at the Armory. Between these two events will be packed a series of functions following each other almost without a break.

After the ice carnival will come the Masque play, "The President of Oolong," at the Lyceum on Wednesday evening, January 31. The play

will begin early in order that the Sophomore cotillion may be held the same evening. The rehearsals of the Masque play have been progressing well, and the one held in the Lyceum last week, with full orchestral accompaniment, was especially encouraging.

The singing promises to be one of the most attractive features of "The President of Oolong," as the choruses have entered into their work with enthusiasm and have been drilling faithfully. There are thirty men in the chorus, ten of them dressed as Japanese tea girls, and the others as Japanese coolies. Both the scenery and the costuming will be of a high order. Two new scenes, representing conditions on the island of Oolong, have been painted for the Masque by New York artists. It is the general impression that "The President of Oolong" will surpass any previous production of the Masque in both staging and musical effects.

The Sophomore cotillion will begin at 11 p. m., immediately after the close of the Masque. The cost of attending the cotillion has been reduced this year by including both the lady's and the gentleman's programs with the \$5 ticket. The Junior prom. committee has also decided to reduce the cost of the two programs to fifty cents, the price of admission remaining at \$5. The decorations for the cotillion will be in green and white, and for the promenade in red and white. For both events artistic illuminating effects are being planned, with overarching domes in the center as the basis of the designs.

The Glee club concert will be held in the Lyceum on Thursday evening, February 1, and the success of this event is already assured by the splendid showing of the clubs on the Christmas trip. The concert will be followed by dances at many of the fraternity houses.

Following is the complete program of the week:

Tuesday, Jan. 30—Ice carnival on Beebe lake at 8 p. m.

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

Thursday, Feb. 1—Cotillion at 2 p. m. at Psi Upsilon house for undergraduates and their Junior week

guests, followed by a reception at 4:30 p. m. for faculty members and residents of Ithaca. 3-6 p. m., receptions at Delta Phi, Delta Tau Delta and Zeta Psi houses. Glee club concert in the Lyceum at 8 p. m., followed by dances at Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Gamma Delta.

Friday, Feb. 2—Junior Promenade in the Armory at 9 p. m.

### Address by Mrs. Booth

Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth addressed a Cornell audience for the second time in the last three years on January 19, her subject being the Prison Volunteer league movement. The earnestness with which Mrs. Booth has entered into the movement during the past ten years was reflected in every sentence of her address. Throughout the lecture she held the close attention of the audience which filled Sibley hall, partly by the magnetism of her personality, and partly by the clearness and vividness with which she pictured the work of the league. She is one of the most interesting speakers that have been heard in Ithaca this year.

The chief instrument in the movement, aside from the personal influence of the workers in the prisons, is Hope hall in New York city. Here released convicts are received and sheltered until employment can be found for them, and everything possible is done to aid them in making a new start in life.

Mrs. Booth's method and that of the league workers has not been to weary the prisoners with religious addresses of the stereotyped variety. Instead an appeal is made to their manhood, and they are given practical help in their efforts to break away from old habits and associations. With this as the basic principle, the work of the league has grown more successful and more widespread each year since its organization.

### European Experiences

At a recent meeting of the Graduate club, President Schurman gave a very interesting account of his five years spent as a student in Europe. His first experience abroad was as a student in the University College department of the University of London, where he spent two years, taking a prescribed course, which embraced

Greek, Latin, French, German, history, philosophy and political economy. From London, he went to the University of Edinburgh, and then to Paris, where in six months he acquired the ability of speaking French fluently. He next attended Heidelberg, with the intention of remaining only one semester, but found the surroundings so profitable and pleasant that he remained for two semesters, and became closely acquainted with the great professor, Kuno Fischer.

While at the University of Berlin, where he remained two years, President Schurman met Andrew D. White and Professor Willard Fiske, from whom he heard for the first time of Cornell University, without having the remotest idea that he was ever to become connected with Cornell. At that time President Schurman was spending his vacations in Italy, mastering the language and acquiring a close personal knowledge of Italian life, art, thought and history. About this period he received an offer to become a professor in the Ecole Politique of Paris and almost accepted, but finally decided to return to America. President Schurman's talk was enjoyed by a large audience of graduates and guests.

#### Orchestra in Good Form

The second concert by the reorganized University orchestra, held in Sibley hall on January 16, was an artistic success, and was well attended, despite the handicaps of approaching examinations and inclement weather. The program was admirably selected and well rendered, nearly every number receiving an encore.

The orchestra played ten selections besides as many encores. Rossini's "Semiramide," Braham's "Recollections of Scotland," and the march from "Carmen" seemed to meet with especial favor from the audience. The first of these was the most difficult selection on the program, but was well within the ability of the orchestra. Two light selections by the string orchestra also proved popular. Leader G. L. Coleman was the recipient of many compliments for his success in bringing the amateur organization to its high place in the art.

The piano solos by Edward Cox were heartily encored, and were remarkable for their excellence of both technique and expression.

#### Elaborate Preparations

(Special to the News.)

Chicago, Jan. 23.—It was learned today from an authoritative source that the coming banquet of the Chicago alumni will be the biggest and most successful dinner ever held in the West. It will occur on Saturday, February 17, at Vogelsang's, in the banquet hall. The decorations will be the Cornell colors, the menu will be of the beef steak order—plain but satisfying—and the toast list is reported to be the best feature of the whole affair. Those in charge refuse to state just who will respond to toasts, but it is rumored that several celebrated after dinner speakers will grace the occasion.

The whole affair will be distinctly a good fellowship dinner, with music one of the principal features. Every Cornell man within striking distance of the Windy City is expected to be on hand.

#### Planning a Great Dinner

Arrangements for the annual dinner of the Cornell University club of New York and of all the alumni of New York and vicinity are approaching completion. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday evening, February 10. Several years ago, the evening preceding Lincoln's birthday was chosen for these dinners, so that alumni from out of town might take the opportunity to visit New York and New York Cornellians.

This dinner is to be a Cornell dinner where Cornell men will speak about Cornell. The toast list promises to be a most interesting one. The committee is making a special effort, too, to make the rest of the evening equally entertaining. A large number of old Glee club men will lead the singing and a champion story teller or "stunt" man will have the floor after each course. Every Cornellian is invited to come and bring his shouting, singing and speaking voice with him. The committee will supply opportunities to use it.

A noteworthy feature of this year's dinner will be the class reunions and the reunions of other groups of men who have a common University interest. A group of the old football men will occupy one table. The class of '84 challenges any other class to equal

the number that they will muster.

The members of the committee are: William F. Atkinson, chairman; Edward L. Stevens, treasurer; Franklin Matthews, Arthur J. Baldwin, George W. Bacon, Robert L. Gordon and Roger Lewis.

#### New England Dinner

On Saturday evening, January 27, the New England Cornell club will hold its annual banquet at the University club, Boston. The committee has made great preparations for the event, having secured the services of an orchestra and of Dean Crane to head the toast list. Every Cornellian in the ancient colonies is supposed to have been reached by the committee, but if anyone has been missed, he is hereby warned that that will not be accepted as excusing him from attendance.

The committee comprises C. H. Thurber, '86; J. T. Auerbach, '90; G. H. Stickney, '96; A. F. Bryant, '00, and H. A. Hitchcock, '00.

#### Underpaid Instructors

A striking article on "What the University Loses by Underpaying its Instructors" by Mrs. Elfrieda Hochbaum Pope, Ph. D., '03, wife of Dr. Paul R. Pope of the German department, appears in the *Educational Review* for January. An abstract will indicate the general trend of the article, which is a vivid portrayal of the conditions that hamper the poorly paid instructor.

"After a long period of preparation, at an age when men in business are earning enough to support themselves and a family, the instructor begins with a salary of from \$500 to \$750, which is perhaps advanced after a year or two to \$1,000, but in most cases stays at that point as long as he remains an instructor. If he marries, it is his own affair, and no change in salary occurs.

"He has usually fifteen or eighteen hours of recitation work—in small institutions often more—and generally about twice as many hours as a full professor carries. In most cases this is elementary work, which is not only least congenial, but is arduous and exhausting to the teacher. What little spare time he has is likely to be taken up with outside work in an effort to eke out his pittance. This is usually tutoring, of that same elementary and

uncongenial sort of which he already has a large share, and which exhausts the mental and physical energy that should go into his profession. Then when he reaches maturity, he is not a ripe scholar, but one of those weak, poorly prepared teachers in whom our college faculties everywhere abound."

## Meetings at Baltimore

### Cornell Historians and Economists Hold Their Annual Dinner

As already mentioned briefly in the NEWS, a large number of Cornellians attended and several participated in the sessions of the twenty-first annual meeting of the American Historical association and of the eighteenth annual meeting of the American Economic association at Baltimore and Washington on December 26-29, 1905.

Before the Historical association, Professor R. C. H. Catterall of the department of English history read a paper entitled, "A French Diplomat and the Treaty with Spain, 1819," while his predecessor at Cornell, Professor H. Morse Stephens, now of the University of California, presented "Some Items from the H. H. Bancroft Library," and also spoke twice in the discussions. In these discussions, Professor Max Farrand, acting professor of American history; Miss Eloise Ellery, Ph. D., '02, now of Vassar College; and Professor Fred Morrow Fling of the University of Nebraska, who was formerly a graduate student at Cornell, also took part. At the election of Officers, Professor George Lincoln Burr, A. B., '81, was chosen an editor of the *American Historical Review* to succeed Professor H. Morse Stephens, and Professor Charles H. Hull, Ph. B., '86, was made chairman of the Justin Winsor Prize committee.

In the Economic association, Professor Frank A. Fetter, Ph. M., '92, and Professor Roswell C. McCrea, A. M., '00, now of Bowdoin College, took part in the discussion of the present state of the Theory of Distribution; and Professor Willard C. Fisher, A. B., '88, now of Wesleyan University, in the discussion of the regulation of railway rates. Professor Jeremiah Whipple Jenks was elected president and Professor Fetter a member of the executive committee for the ensuing year.

Professor Walter F. Willcox was elected a member of the executive committee of the American Sociological association which was formed at Baltimore during the other meetings.

Two years ago, at the meetings at New Orleans, at the suggestion of Professor H. Morse Stephens, the Cornellians present, eighteen in number, met informally for dinner at the Hotel de la Louisiane on December 29. Just a year later eighteen Cornellians, in attendance at the meetings at Chicago, met for dinner at the Hotel Windermerne. The custom was continued this year by a dinner at the Hotel Stafford on December 28, at which twenty-five Cornellians were present. The affair was entirely informal and the only toast was one to former President Andrew D. White, to whom a message of greeting was telegraphed. It is the purpose of these dinners to bring together the present and former teachers and students of the President White School of History and Political Science who are gathered at the association meetings, and it is hoped that the custom may be continued in future years.

Those present at the Baltimore dinner were: Professors G. L. Burr, '81; C. H. Hull, '86; R. C. H. Catterall; Max Farrand, and R. F. Hoxie of the present teachers in the President White school; and Professors H. Morse Stephens, and F. H. Hodder, now of the University of Kansas, of the former teachers; and the following former fellows in the President White school: W. C. Fisher, A. B., '88, of Wesleyan University; L. Carroll Root, A. B., '92, of Hoosic Falls, N. Y.; U. G. Weatherly, Ph. D., '94, of Indiana University; A. C. Howland, A. B., '93, of the University of Pennsylvania; F. G. Bates, B. L., '91, of Alfred University; George M. Dutcher, A. B., '97, Ph. D., '03, of Wesleyan University; A. C. Muhse, Ph. D., '05, of Washington, D. C., and T. F. Collier, A. M., of Williams College; and the following other former students: F. H. Severance, B. S. '79, of Buffalo, N. Y.; W. H. Mace, '91, Grad., of Syracuse University; F. M. Fling, of the University of Nebraska; L. G. McConachie, Ph. D., '96, of the University of Wisconsin; G. W. Scott, Ph. D., of the Library of Congress; G. G. Groat, A. M., '01, of

Washington, D. C.; J. H. Blair, A. B., '01, A. M., '02, of Ithaca; W. J. Norton, M. E., '02, of New York, and B. G. Lewis, now President White fellow at Cornell. Professor A. B. Faust of the German department, who was spending a part of the holidays in Baltimore, was a welcome addition to the number.

In addition to the Cornell men at the dinner, there were several others present at the meetings. These included Professors Jenks, Willcox and Fetter, who were unfortunately absent from the dinner because of previous engagements; and also Professor R. C. Brooks, Ph. D., '03, now of Swarthmore; A. F. Weber, Ph. B., '94, of Albany; Professor T. N. Carver, Ph. D., '94, of Harvard; Professor W. H. Glasson, Ph. B., '96, of Trinity College, N. C.; Professor J. G. Rosebush, '02, Grad., of Lawrence University, and one or two others. Several women who have studied or are now studying at the University were also in attendance at the meetings—Dr. Lillian Wyckoff Johnson, now president of the Western College for Women, Dr. Eloise Ellery of Vassar College, Dr. Helen G. Preston, Miss Sarah M. Gallagher, Miss Ethel Z. Rather, now fellow in American history, and Miss N. G. Chase. Miss Louise Ropes Loomis, warden of Sage College, was also present.

## Cornell Obituaries

### EDWARD H. GERMANN, '05

Edward H. Germann, A. B., '05, a teacher in Public school No. 136, New York city, died on January 17, and an autopsy made by the coroner showed that his death was due to poisoning from sleep tablets. He had been suffering from insomnia, and a few days before his death had purchased a box of fifty varonal tablets of five grains each. Mr. Germann began to take the tablets on the morning of January 15, and three hours later his sister found him in a stupor. Physicians were called in, but were unable to revive him. He remained in this stupor until his death three days later.

Mr. Germann was known as a promising student while at Cornell, and had many friends among his classmates. He was twenty-one years old, and lived with his parents at 90 Norman avenue, Greenpoint. His father is a retired sculptor.

**Assemblyman Moreland**

Sherman Moreland, who was mentioned as having been appointed chairman of the ways and means committee and so majority leader of the New York state Assembly, entered Cornell University from the Van Etten High school in 1888. He had spent several years in hard preparation for his college career, and while at Ithaca was obliged to support himself with the earnings of his leisure. He soon rose to a position of prominence among the students. He was graduated with the degree of B. L. in '92, and with that of LL. B. from the Law school two years later.

Since graduation Mr. Moreland has been actively engaged in politics in Chemung county and is well known as a Republican campaign speaker, while his law practice has brought him frequently into the courts of Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga counties. His nomination as member of Assembly came in 1902, and he has since been three times re-elected to his seat in that body.

Mr. Moreland's native ability and keen interest in public affairs soon brought him into favorable note in the legislative halls at Albany, with the result that he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for the speakership at the opening of the present session. When this position went to Assemblyman Wadsworth, the next highest honor, that of majority leader, fell to the young Cornellian from Chemung county.

**Surrogate H. N. Crosby**

Harley N. Crosby, who recently accepted an appointment from Governor Higgins as surrogate of Chautauqua county, received the degrees of B. L. and LL. B. from Cornell University in the years '96 and '97 respectively. He entered the University from the town of Parish, in Oswego county, where he was born in June, 1873. At Cornell he soon forged to the front as a debater, winning the '94 Memorial prize in his Senior year. He was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity.

Upon leaving the University, the young attorney formed a partnership in Falconer, Chautauqua county, with Walter H. Edson, which has continued with success to the present day. Mr. Crosby has served as clerk of the vil-

lage, has been attorney for the corporation, and was elected supervisor of the town of Ellicott in 1903, and re-elected last fall. He was unanimously chosen chairman pro tem. of the board of supervisors when Theodore A. Case was elected chairman to succeed the late Speaker Nixon. When Surrogate Lester F. Stearns of Dunkirk was appointed state tax commissioner, a few weeks ago, Mr. Crosby received the indorsement of all the leading attorneys of Jamestown and of Chautauqua county for the vacant position.

The Jamestown *Morning Post* speaks of Surrogate Crosby as a "sterling young citizen, a lawyer of good reputation and of unusual promise for the future, and a Republican who never deserts the party standard."

**Brief University News**

The wrestling club has secured the services of George E. Frazer of the Cambridgeport Gymnasium association, Cambridge, Mass., as coach for the remainder of the year. Coach D. M. Evans, who has been directing the work in wrestling, has returned to Denver to resume his position as director of the Denver Athletic club.

Columbia defeated the Cornell basketball team by the score of 24 to 16 in the first home game of the season on January 19. The team shows evidence of considerable progress, however, and one of the Columbia men said after the game, "The Cornell team has improved a hundred percent since we met it in New York."

The Freshmen rules were codified and rendered a shade more stringent at a joint meeting of the Senior and Junior classes held in Barnes hall on January 16. The rules have worked well, in the main, during the past three or four years, and though somewhat irksome at times, have generally proved a blessing to the youngsters in the end. Rule 3 now reads as follows: No Freshman shall be allowed down stairs in Zinck's or in the Dutch Kitchen under any circumstances; nor shall one be permitted to lounge around the lobby of the Ithaca hotel at any time; nor shall one be allowed in Jay's, the Senate, or the Office after 7 p. m. No Freshman shall enter upstairs upstairs in Zinck's or the Senate unless accompanied by an upperclassman.

**List of Class Secretaries**

The following list of permanent class secretaries is reprinted from a former issue of the NEWS, for the convenience of subscribers who may wish to communicate with their respective secretaries:

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- '71—R. G. H. Speed, Ithaca.
- '72—C. L. Crandall, Ithaca.
- '73—Edwin Gillette, Ithaca.
- '74—J. H. Comstock, Ithaca.
- '75—E. L. Nichols, Ithaca.
- '76—Eugene Frayer, 141 Broadway, New York city.
- '77—C. B. Mandeville, Ithaca.
- '78—R. H. Treman, Ithaca.
- '79—W. C. Kerr, 10 Bridge street, New York city.
- '80—Judge Frank Irvine, Ithaca.
- '81—G. L. Burr, Ithaca.
- '82—N. T. Horr, 1513 Williamson building, Cleveland, Ohio.
- '83—Franklin Mathews, New York Sun, New York city.
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- '85—R. J. Eidritz, 489 Fifth avenue, New York city.
- '86—A. S. Norton, 256 Broadway, New York city.
- '87—H. M. Lovell, Elmira, N. Y.
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- '89—H. N. Ogden, Ithaca.
- '90—C. J. Miller, Newfane, N. Y.
- '91—W. H. Austen, Ithaca.
- '92—C. D. Bostwick, Ithaca.
- '93—C. S. Northup, Ithaca.
- '94—Elmer E. Bogart, Ithaca.
- '95—W. F. Atkinson, 44 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- '96—G. S. Tompkins, 381 Green avenue, New York city.
- '97—Jervis Langdon, Elmira N. Y.
- '98—Jesse Fuller, jr., 166 Montague street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- '99—N. J. Gould, Seneca Falls.
- '00—George H. Young, 814 Hepburn street, Williamsport, Pa.
- '01—Heatley Green, 42 Woodward avenue terrace, Detroit, Mich.
- '02—W. J. Norton, 58 West 45th street, New York city.
- '03—P. R. Lee, 50 Gates circle, Buffalo, N. Y.
- '04—C. J. Swan, 66 West 35th street, New York city.
- '05—Harold J. Richardson, Lowville, N. Y.

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**DECLINE OF THE FINAL EXAM.**

We have already mentioned in the NEWS that a movement is under way at the University to wipe out that old landmark of the college course—the final examination. Its enemies assert that it is nothing but a relic of barbarism, anyway; that its chief value is in supporting professional tutors and eye specialists; and that the time has come when it may comfortably be spared from the University calendar.

The leaders among the iconoclasts are the Sibley faculty, who rose up in their might and smote the final exam. a fearful blow, so that it perished utterly. Over in Lincoln the Powers said they would like to do the same, but must give it a few months' notice, so they compromised by performing a major operation upon block week and removing some of its internal structure.

Thus far, the arts and law faculties have shown little disposition to follow the lead of Sibley, and the result is a state of chaos through which are

groping blindly those unfortunate students who are taking work both in engineering and in arts. Juniors, for example, who are pursuing a six year course in these departments find themselves face to face with this proposition: they must attend eight-o'clocks in mechanics every day until Wednesday of block week, and then try a series of four prelims. of one hour each, extending through the ensuing week. Meanwhile these same students have final examinations to take in their Arts subjects, and are trying desperately to dove-tail in a little review work between the prelims. and daily recitations. Yet the faculty passed a rule, only last year, that no examinations of any sort should be held during the week immediately preceding block week; and this was for the avowed purpose of divorcing the examination period from the class room period, and protecting the student from daily recitations and other distractions of that sort during the time when he was preparing for the final tests.

Many other instances might be given of the confusion now reigning in those departments where the final examination has been partially, but not wholly, abolished. Now if these are but signs of the times—necessary incidents of a transition period, no one will be heard to complain. If the final exam. is in its decadence, and these symptoms are forerunners of the end, the undergraduates may consume their souls in patience and rejoice that the day of deliverance is at hand.

The NEWS is not disposed to shed many tears at the passing of the final exam. We realize perfectly its undoubted value in compelling the student to make a general survey of his subject in its entirety, gathering up the loose ends where they have been left hanging, and knitting them firmly into the body of the fabric. We concede the importance of teaching the student to concentrate himself in anticipation of a test of his mental powers, such as

will come to him often in actual business or professional life. All this we grant. But we contend that the thing has been carried altogether too far; that the examination has come to assume too big a place in the college course, until its evils distinctly outweigh its benefits.

In several departments of the College of Arts and Sciences, the final exam. was long ago abolished and its place taken by prelims. held from time to time during the term. The department of mathematics is a conspicuous example. For many years block week has been a vacation time for the mathematicians, and yet no complaint is heard that the department is for that reason less efficient or less valuable. The same is true of a number of other departments in the college.

It seems to us that the purposes of the final examination, including its primary function of furnishing a basis for term marks, are served equally well by a series of monthly prelims., which may be averaged to give the final standing. It is unquestionably true that courses in which such periodical reviews occur are the courses of which the average student carries away the clearest idea when he leaves college. This is because difficulties are cleared up as he goes along, and each step in the progress is firmly fixed so as to lead the way to succeeding steps. Things are not left in a confused jumble, to be cleared up, if at all, during a break-neck review of the whole course on the eve of the final judgment day.

It is for some such reasons as these that the NEWS is able to look on with equanimity while the final exam. is being gradually displaced from the University program. Its evils we have not attempted to enumerate, for they are too well known to every grad. who has himself been through the mill. Its virtues we have expounded somewhat at length, in an effort to show that they do not belong exclusively to the

final examination, as such, but are even more conspicuous in a system which is free from most of the evils of the old regime.

We trust that the University may soon pass from the throes of its erstwhile chaos to a more settled order of things, and that the final exam. may be relegated to its proper place among the cast-off relics of a bygone age.

The toboggan slide was formally opened last week by Dean Crane, and will be in good condition for the Junior week guests, barring an unseasonable spell of warm weather.

## Professor Made Mayor

**Willard C. Fisher, '88, Becomes a Force in Middletown Politics**

The election of Professor Willard C. Fisher, A. B., '88, of Wesleyan University, as Democratic mayor of Middletown, Conn., has called forth considerable comment of late in the press all over the country, and certainly presents some unique features. The election was characterized in a New York paper as "a triumph of purity and earnestness over lethargy and vested graft."

Some three years ago Mr. Fisher, who is professor of political economy at Wesleyan, entered into the politics

of the city of Middletown for laboratory purposes. He did not desire office, but was determined to see whether honesty and efficiency could not win a popular victory over the machine methods which then prevailed. He interested himself in ordinances for the good of the city, and in settling disputes which had been raging between capital and labor. Although he was thoroughly in earnest in his attempt to secure a good administration, his efforts for a time met with little apparent success, failing to inspire confidence in the people or fear in the bosses.

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At the Democratic conference last fall Professor Fisher was mentioned as a likely candidate for mayor, and the suggestion bore fruit in his formal nomination. Feeling ran high during the campaign. When the votes were counted on January 15, it was found that Mr. Fisher had won by a vote of 809 to 769, and that the Democratic party had made a clean sweep of the city offices with the exception of assessor.

The following extract is from a long article in the New York *Tribune* of January 18:

"The new mayor of Middletown is, to all appearances, a striking person. He caused more or less merriment in Middletown political circles by the energy and unsophisticated enthusiasm he displayed in his campaign, but at the present time he would seem to have the joke on his opponents. He was graduated from Cornell University in 1888. He remained at that University two years after graduating, taking a post graduate course in political science. He left Cornell equipped with expert knowledge on municipal affairs, and then went to Brown University to teach young politicians of Rhode Island. He went to Wesleyan in 1893, where he has since remained. He is a bachelor, forty years old, and expects to make his regime tell on the political science of Middletown."

### Changes of Address

The following changes of address are published for the information of class secretaries and others who may be interested:

'76, B. S.—D. F. Flannery to 1009 Fort Dearborn building, Board of Trade, Chicago, Ill.

'88, C. E.—Orville Benson from New York city to East Berlin, Conn.

'94, M. E.—J. S. Goddard from Chicago, Ill., to Riverside, Ill.

'95, LL. B.—W. H. Alcock to 729 Real Estate Trust building, Philadelphia.

'97, M. E.—Robert McClenahan to 5½ Parsons street, Auburn, N. Y.

'99—R. G. Inslee to 12 West 44th street, New York city.

'99, M. E.—Frederick Cutts from Hoboken, N. J., to Fanwood, N. J.

'01, D. V. M.—Charles F. Flocken from Havana, Cuba, to the Hotel Stratford, Washington, D. C.

'01, C. E.—Charles E. Mollard from Beaver Falls, Pa., to 585 Sibley street, Cleveland, O.

'01, A. B.—C. P. Hiller from Waterford, N. Y., to 206 A street, S. E., Washington, D. C.

'02, A. B.—Hugh D. Cutler to 416 West 118th street, New York city.

'02, A. B.—Miss Kathryn E. Carrigan from Athens, Pa., to Laurton hall, Millford, Conn.

'03—G. S. Van Wickle from New York city to 15 Neptune avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.

'03, M. E.—W. E. Stockwell from Cape Vincent, N. Y., to 136 West Fourth street, Oswego, N. Y.

'03, A. B.; '05, M. E.—H. C. Fairbanks from Jamestown, N. Y., to 126 Lafayette street, Schenectady, N. Y.

'05, M. E.—D. W. Ellyson from Richmond, Va., to Box 928, Schenectady, N. Y.

'03, M. E.—J. D. Hull from Scranton, Pa., to 808 Broadway, Seattle, Wash.

'03, M. E.—F. C. Gobel from Wilkinsburg, Pa., to 44 Fort Green place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'03—Robert Pitcairn from Charleroi, Pa., to Grand Rapids, Mich., in care of the Pittsburg Plate Glass company.

'04—Malcolm S. MacDonald to 405 East 36th street, Chicago, Ill.

'04, M. E.—B. C. Dennison from Binghamton, N. Y., to Cornell Heights, Ithaca, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—M. O. Evans from Berkeley, Cal., to 326 California street, San Francisco, Cal.

'04, M. E.—W. H. Kniskern from Philadelphia to the Sandusky Portland Cement company, Syracuse, Ind.

'05, C. E.—C. W. Haefner, jr., to 9 Stratton lane, Pittsburg, Pa.

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'05, C. E.—W. S. Fitz Randolph from New York city to New Market, N. J.

'05, D. V. M.—R. M. Buffington from Kansas City, Mo., to Parsons, Kan.

'05, M. E.—L. H. Heist from Philadelphia to Wyncote road, Jenkintown, Pa.

'05, A. B.—Miss E. A. Clark from Hamilton, N. Y., to North Chili, N. Y.

'05, M. S. in Agr.—Arthur W. Gilbert from West Brookfield, Mass., to Orono, Me.

'05, M. E.—I. C. Forshee from Willet, N. Y., to 322 Clermont avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'05, M. E.—H. B. Ketcham from Middletown, N. Y., to 18 Grover street, Auburn, N. Y.

'05, A. B.—Daniel Clinger from Milton, Pa., to 258 South 38th street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'05, M. E.—William N. Brown from Cortland, N. Y., to 694 Western street, West Lynn, Mass.

'05, M. E.—H. C. Blackwell from Long Island, N. Y., to 199 Berkeley place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'05, A. B.—Miss Mathilda A. Koehler from Springfield, L. I., to Hubbell Manor, Stamford, N. Y.

'05, M. E.—Norman L. Baker from Brooklyn, N. Y., to 145 Washington street, Buffalo, N. Y., in care of the resident engineer of the New York Central.

### Notice

From the advertisement for back numbers of the NEWS inserted in last week's issue, we have received sufficient numbers of the following to supply the shortage:

Vol. 7, Nos. 34, 36, 38 and 39.

Vol. 8, Nos. 2, 5 and 7.

Our offer for copies of these numbers is withdrawn. The desirable numbers now and of which few copies have been received are those from the earlier volumes. We reprint this list below in the hope that some of our subscribers will make an extra effort to accommodate others who want to complete their files.

Vol. 3, No. 21.

Vol. 4, Nos. 1, 21, 29, 32, 33 and 36.

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## Cornell Alumni Notes

'77—William S. Hill is secretary of the Boorum & Pease company, manufacturers of blank books, and his address is 101 Duane street, New York city.

'82, A. B.—James F. Tuthill is superintendent of schools and principal of the high school at Middletown, N. Y.

'83, C. E.—Edward J. Pearson has resigned his position as chief engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad to accept the position of chief engineer of the Pacific railway company, which is about to build the extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad to the Pacific coast. Mr. Pearson has been with the Northern Pacific railroad since his graduation. He began as civil engineer and has served in many different positions in the engineering and operating departments.

'85, A. M.—Lewis H. Tuthill is principal of Public school number 9, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'90, M. S.; '97, A. M.—W. Grant Goodwin is instructor in history at the George William Curtis High school, New York city.

'91, A. B.—George J. Vogel has been appointed supervising principal of the public schools at Hackensack, N. J.

'94, A. B.—Miss Leah E. Lindsey is instructor in Latin and Greek in the high school at Lockport, N. Y.

'96, Ph. B.; '02, A. M.—Miss Elizabeth Conrow is instructor in German in the Richmond Hill High school, Jamaica, N. Y.

'98, B. S.—Miss E. Adeline Carter is teaching in the high school at Reading, Pa.

'98—Louis H. Hays is one of the proprietors of the Federal Knitting mills, 600-610 Huron road, Cleveland, O. His home address is 2175 East 83d street.

'98, A. B.—Harry Leroy Taylor has recently accepted a fellowship in systematic theology in the University of Chicago, and is now studying for his doctor's degree at that institution. During the years 1903-05 Mr. Taylor held the traveling fellowship of Union Theological seminary, studying at the Universities of Halle and Berlin. In addition to his other work, Mr. Taylor is lecturing in the Christian Institute of

the Chicago Theological seminary. His address is 38 Middle Divinity hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

'99, A. B.; '02, A. M.—Miss Georgianna Conrow is instructor in French at Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

'00, B. S.—Joseph B. Weed is one of the two joint local managers of the Washington branch of Atwood Violett & Co., brokers, of Wall street, New York city. His business address is 713 Fourteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'01, M. E.—A. B. Morrison, jr., is with the L. M. Jones company of Toledo, O., and his address is 224 Twelfth street.

'01—George S. Lang is with the Electric Storage Battery company, and his residence is at 4837 Stanton avenue, Germantown, Pa.

'01, B. S. A.—D. L. Van Dine is an expert in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in charge of entomological investigations. He is stationed at the Hawaii Experiment station, at Honolulu. His wife, Carolyn Gaylord Van Dine, '99, and son Gaylord, are spending the winter at Mrs. Van

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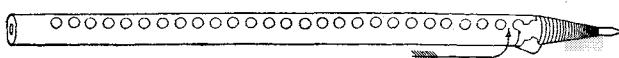
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'01, A. B.; '02, A. M.—Sao Ke Alfred Sze is acting as secretary and interpreter for the Imperial Chinese commission which is now making a tour of the United States under the direction of Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks, the special representative of President Roosevelt.

'02, C. E.—M. F. Crossette is with the Green Gold-Silver company at Ocampo, Chihuahua, Mexico.

'02, A. B.—Albert H. Huntington was married to Miss Ada C. Ellis at Richmond, Ind., on June 17, 1905. Mr. Huntington is instructor in physics at the Central High school, St. Louis, Mo. His address is 3655 Connecticut street.

'03, A. B.—George E. D. Brady is with the library bureau in Pittsburg.

'03, A. B.—John P. Frenzel, jr., is assistant cashier of the Merchants' National bank of Indianapolis, Ind.

'03, M. E.—James J. Shirley is conducting an engineering and general business at 3a Calle Naranji 1919, City of Mexico, Mex.

'03, A. M.—Benjamin R. Andrews is supervisor of the educational museum at the Teachers' College, Columbia university, New York city.

'04—J. H. Hutchison is with the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburg, in the office of the engineer of maintenance of way. His address is Ellsworth, Chester county, Pa.

'04—Donald R. Cotton has been transferred from the Solvay Process company of Syracuse to the By-Products Coke corporation, a subsidiary company, at South Chicago, Ill.

'05, M. E.—George L. Bascome is in the employ of the Kerr Turbine company, his address being 116 East Pearl street, Wellsville, N. Y.

'05, M. E.—Charles L. Williams is a special apprentice with the Atlas Engine works at Indianapolis, Ind. His address is 1925 Park avenue.

'05, M. E.—Walter J. Armstrong is with the Robins Conveying Belt company, Park Row building, New York city. His address is 7 West 92d street.

'05—J. L. Oakleaf has been taken into partnership by his father, under the firm name of J. B. & J. L. Oakleaf, attorneys and counsellors-at-law,

with offices in Suite 3, McKinnie block, Moline, Ill. Mr. Oakleaf entered Cornell with the law class of 1905, but in the fall of 1903 he registered at the University of Chicago, where he completed his course.

'05, A. B.—Miss Florence L. McKay and Miss Esther E. Parker are attending the Cornell Medical school in New York city. Their address is 1405 Fifth avenue.

'05, LL. B.—Earle S. Warner has opened an office for the general practice of law in Phelps, Ontario county, New York.

'05, C. E.—A. S. Brainard is as-

sistant engineer of the Connecticut boundary survey. His address is 9 Burnside avenue, East Hartford, Conn.

'05—F. Ashley Wallace is in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad at the Broad street station, Philadelphia, Pa. His address is 142 West Wayne avenue, Wayne, Pa.

'05, M. E.—W. W. Roney is in the sales department of the Westinghouse Manufacturing company, in charge of the Roney stoker, of which his father was the inventor.

'05, M. E.—Walter W. Nowak, '05, and G. H. Gordon have been transferred from Philadelphia to the Hamilton, Ont., works of the Niles-

Bement-Pond company of New York. Mr. Nowak's address is 150 James street, South, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

'05, A. B.—J. Gleeson Murphy, who has recently entered the employ of the Singapore Rattan company of Detroit, Mich., visited friends in Ithaca last week. His home address is 1189 Woodward avenue, Detroit.

'05, C. E.—H. H. Thompson, who is in the employ of the Great Northern railway at Yutan, Neb., is now at 624 Grand avenue, Sherman, Tex., on a three months' leave of absence.

'05, A. B.—William A. Vawter, 2d, is in the office of the superin-

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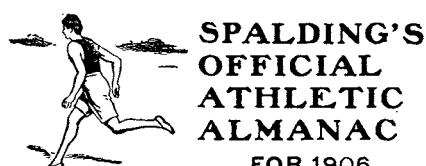
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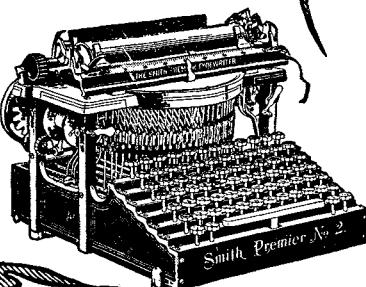
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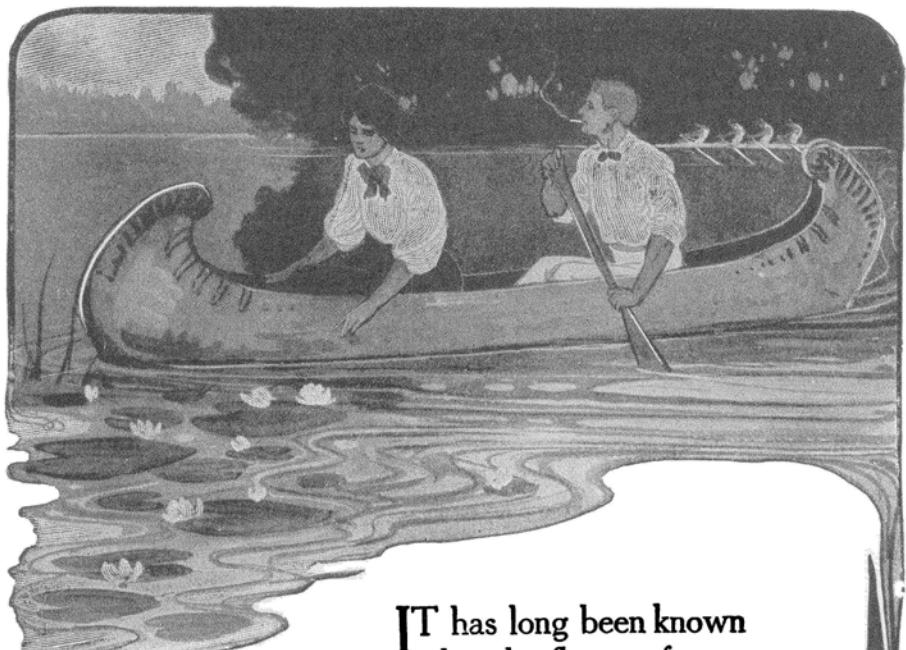
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