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Double Debate Victory

Cornell Teams Triumph over Columbia at Ithaca and Penn at Philadelphia
—Timely Topics Treated

Cornell is undisputed champion of the Triangular Debate league. This pleasing result flows from the dual victory over Columbia and Pennsylvania last Friday night. Affirmative or negative, home grounds or foreign, the Cornell men proved themselves a match for all comers. "At one and the same time, simultaneously," in the immortal words of Casey, they held forth in Witherspoon hall, Philadelphia, and in the Lyceum theater, Ithaca, on opposite sides of the same question. In the Quaker city they proved conclusively that municipal ownership is the only solution of the street railway problem; while at home they were demonstrating just as clearly that such a course would only aggravate the evils of present-day transportation.

The exact wording of the question was: "Resolved, That American cities should seek the solution of the street railway problem through private ownership and operation." Cornell supported the affirmative at home and the negative in Philadelphia. The third debate in the series was held at New York city between Columbia and Pennsylvania and was won by Pennsylvania, supporting the negative.

Cornell-Columbia Debate

The only team which won on the affirmative, or private ownership, side of the question was the Cornell home team, which easily defeated Columbia at the Lyceum theater. The Cornell team was composed of G. G. Bogert, '06, H. J. Roig, '07, and H. G. Stutz, '07, and in directness and force these three debaters were approached by only one of the Columbia speakers—F. W. Shaw, G., the leader.

The most interesting feature of the debate on its intellectual side was the

way the Cornell team took the bull by the horns on the question of corruption. It had been foreseen that the public ownership men would bring up as one of their strongest arguments the bribery and lobbying due to the strong private corporations. The affirmative plans were laid accordingly, and throughout the debate repeated emphasis was laid on the increased patronage which the public ownership of street railways would place in the hands of the grafting politicians. The result was, that the strongest argument of the Columbia men was neutralized, and the other Cornell arguments, standing out clear and unassailed, won the debate.

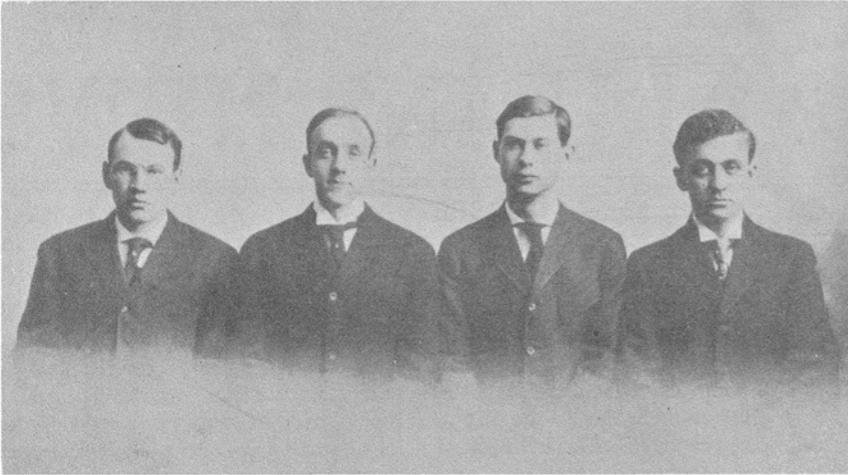
In opening the debate for the affirmative, Mr. Stutz rapidly sketched the history and development of the street railway systems of the United States since its beginning a half century ago. Throughout his description of the marvelous growth of the street railways, he laid the emphasis on the fact that it has been private ownership that has done the work, that has brought the systems throughout the country to their present efficient condition. He admitted that evils and disadvantages existed in the present system, but claimed that they were unimportant as compared with the great benefits which private ownership had brought into existence, and that they could be eliminated by proper regulation.

Mr. Shaw of Columbia enlarged upon the evils which have followed in the train of private ownership, telling of the wholesale corruption of city councils and city officers; the poor service, a necessary corollary of a policy wherein profit is the primary consideration; the relatively high fares, and the non-progressive attitude of the privately owned railways. Regulation has proved a failure, he said. His reasoning was well supported with facts and statistics and at the conclusion of his speech the affirmative's chances looked rather slim.

The corruption argument was assailed by Mr. Roig, somewhat after this fashion: "You admit that our city governments are corrupt, and yet you advocate that we turn over to them street railway property worth millions of dollars and tell them to help themselves." He proposed as a remedy for the existing evils a more rigid regulation of the companies and a referendum franchise policy. His speech was one of the strongest of the evening, and its effect, supported later by the argument of Mr. Bogert, was not overthrown during the debate.

The speeches of the two other Columbia debaters, I. M. Wormser, '07, and E. W. Shaw, G., did not approach the standard of the first Columbia and the three Cornell speeches. Mr. Wormser called attention to the success of municipal ownership in the fields of water, gas and electricity, and to the benefits arising from the successful operation of municipally owned street railways in England. Mr. Harper stated that the proposed regulation would be inefficient, judging from past experience, and demonstrated that a sound economic basis exists for municipal ownership. If the cities owned their railways, which are public utilities, said he, no corruption fund would be necessary, no expensive legal organization would be required to watch and direct legislation, and with no watered stock on which dividends must be paid, fares could be reduced and the primary aim of the system changed from profit to service.

Mr. Bogert's speech was in direct opposition to that of the last Columbia speaker, and it was evident that the Cornell man had the better of the argument. He pictured the condition of the cities at present, just entering upon an era of reform, and said that to place upon them this additional burden just now would be disastrous both for the railways and for the cities. The inefficient manner in which the city



CORNELL TEAM WHICH DEBATED COLUMBIA

From left to right the men are: Stutz, Gillett, Bogert, Roig.

governments have met the problems already before them condemns the municipal ownership proposition to failure in advance. "We have no experience in favor of this new and untried experiment," he said, "but under private ownership we know the problem and we are beginning to find its solution. Let us follow the line of least resistance. Let us keep to the path in which we are making such excellent progress."

REBUTTAL SKIRMISHES

In the rebuttal speeches there were many skirmishes, lightened with occasional flashes of humor and sarcasm, but on the whole little strength was added to either side. The argument from European experience was threshed out, Mr. Roig disproving some of the negative's figures, and the affirmative's question as to what would be done with the thirty-five perpetual franchises now existing in this country was answered only by a dismal silence.

The decision of the judges was announced by the Hon. Peter B. McLennan, justice of the fourth department of the New York Appellate Division. Referring to the size of the audience, which numbered only between 400 and 500 persons, he said:

"I am sorry to see so small an audience gathered here tonight to listen to this great event in the collegiate world. I am sure that I voice the sentiments of my fellow judges when I say that the principal motive for our coming here is the desire to add what emphasis we can to the intellectual

side of college life. When so much of reward and honor is given to mere brawn, it seems as if brains ought to receive at least some little attention. Some day, I hope, we shall assemble as large a crowd to meet and welcome the great mathematician, the great philosopher or great orator, as now gathers to meet the returning athlete."

The other judges of the debate were the Hon. Chester B. McLaughlin of the first department of the Appellate Division, and Attorney Frederick Collin of Elmira, N. Y. The presiding officer was Roger B. Williams of Ithaca.

Cornell-Penn Debate

"The best debate I have ever heard" was the comment made by Judge Gray of the United States Circuit Court of Delaware in announcing the decision in Cornell's favor after the contest with Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. The debate was exceedingly close, and every step was fought from beginning to end. The judges, besides Justice Gray, were Professor W. W. Willoughby of Johns Hopkins, and Judge J. W. Gaynor of the Supreme Court of New York.

The Pennsylvania debaters, who supported the affirmative, were Norman C. Vendig, '08, James H. Duff, '07, and Frank A. Paul, '08. The Cornell debaters, supporting the negative, were Leroy R. Goodrich, '08, leader, John C. Kennedy, '07, George W. Roesch, '07, and W. W. Taylor, '07, alternate.

Mr. Vendig, who opened the de-

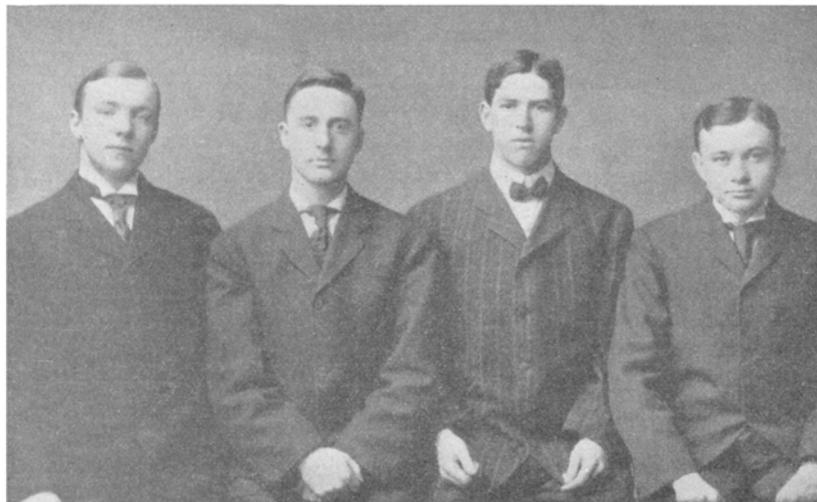
bate for Pennsylvania, proceeded to show that American cities are today facing a condition and not a theory. He showed that the problem narrowed down to two points: good service and reasonable fares. Both of these could be secured by the regulation of private ownership, the enforcement of proper conditions in franchises, and through the exercise of the police power. Moreover, under this plan, the benefit of private initiative would be retained.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP COMING

Mr. Goodrich then took up the affirmative for Cornell. After showing how at the beginning of the street railway history, the cities naturally looked to private enterprises, he told by specific instances how private enterprise had abused its privileges and operated its business solely for private profit, ignoring the public good. For this reason American cities are looking toward municipal ownership. In spite of the public demand, however, for something different, the affirmative was standing for the old system and was laying down an exclusive, dogmatic proposition as applicable to all cities alike. The speaker emphasized the fact that this is a distinctly local problem to be met according to the specific needs of the individual city.

Mr. Duff, the next speaker for Pennsylvania, made the strongest argument against municipal ownership when he dwelt upon the financial difficulty in the city's taking over existing property rights now in the hands of private corporations. To secure this property under the right of eminent domain, the city would have to give just compensation. This would be almost impossible. If attempted on the general credit of the city, the debt limit fixed by the state constitution would be exceeded. If attempted by issuing certificates mortgaging the properties, the general credit of the city would be greatly affected, as is shown by the decline in value of New York city bonds, since the building of the subway.

Mr. Kennedy made a strong speech exposing the inherent weakness of any scheme of regulation. He showed how regulation was a negative remedy at best,—it might prevent cities from wrong-doing but it would cure no evil. Regulation would not cure corruption, for the stricter the rules to be enforced, the more active the corporations would be to secure immunity. Regulation



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From left to right the men are: Goodrich, Taylor, Kennedy, Roesch.

would not cure over-capitalization for it had not done so in Boston, where it had been attempted. Finally, regulation was not a simple remedy, it was complex and intricate and left much still to be done.

After this speech, Mr. Paul was in a poor position to advocate any scheme of regulation. However, he showed that conditions could be inserted in franchises providing for reasonable fares and service. He argued that if conditions were broken, the matter would be taken up by the courts and they could determine what was a reasonable rate.

THE CORNELL THESIS

Mr. Roesch now came forward with the affirmative thesis of Cornell: municipal ownership and private operation. He claimed three distinct benefits under this plan: First, it would cure once for all any evil from over-capitalization, for the city would own the tangible properties and would know their fixed value. Second, better service would result, for the city, owning the properties and merely leasing them to the operating companies for short terms, would be in a position of economic strength. Moreover, there would be competition between the leasing and operating companies. Third, there would be less corruption, because the competing companies would jealously watch each other, and because, since a lease would be of far less value than a franchise, there would be little incentive to buy the service by illegal methods.

The rebuttals were spirited and better if anything than the direct speeches. It was here that Cornell forged ahead. Pennsylvania again emphasized the financial difficulties of any scheme of municipal ownership. This was partially met by Cornell's showing that some cities were far below their debt limit, that some cities could mortgage and that others could wait until franchises expired. Cornell clung tenaciously to its position that the problem was a local one and showed clearly the advantage to the city in holding its own railroad property.

The debate was presided over by Provost C. C. Harrison, and was held in Witherspoon hall. During the intermissions the audience was entertained by the university Glee club. On Saturday the Cornell team was entertained by Pennsylvania and in the evening a theater party was given in the visitors' honor.

Notice to Buffalo Men

A banquet will be given by the Scalp and Blade society of Cornell University at the University club, Buffalo, on Tuesday evening, March 27. Invitations have been issued to many of the alumni members of Scalp and Blade and it is hoped that they will give their hearty support to this effort on the part of the active members to bring themselves into closer relations with the older men. If this banquet proves a success, the society hopes to make it an annual or possibly even a semi-annual function.

Banquet is Postponed

Freshmen Refuse to Hold their Dinner Without Traditional Strife

The University community was rent and torn last week by a discussion of the Freshman banquet situation. The banquet was to have occurred on Saturday night, but was called off because it could not be held in due and ancient form. The faculty precipitated the trouble by declaring that there must be no more interference with University work in connection with the annual feed of the first year men. This pronouncement was received with muttered disapproval by some portions of the "Student Body." The Sophs were hurt at being deprived of their long coveted opportunity to avenge last year's indignities, while the Freshmen seemed to be genuinely disappointed that they were not to go through the pains of captivity and the triumphal parade.

The Vigilance committee, whose power has waxed steadily during the past two or three years, tried to bring about a compromise which would obviate the more objectionable features of the banquet. It was suggested that a capture be effected by merely touching a Freshman with a Sophomoric finger instead of carrying him off *vi et armis*; but this was promptly scorned by both sides as too much like "tag" or emasculated football.

Then ominous posters began to appear about the Campus in the early mornings, alluding darkly to a grand demonstration—a "*riot de luxe*," as it was suggestively termed—to transpire downtown on Saturday evening. This had the effect of bringing out a large crowd of spectators on the evening in question, eager for developments. The riot proved rather tame, and the husky squad of "specials," which had been hurriedly sworn in by the Ithaca police department, found little opportunity to win local fame by jerking student lawbreakers behind the bars.

At 11 p. m. several hundred Freshmen formed in front of the Ithaca hotel and marched down State street. At 11:03 a band of Saphs gathered and marched up the street on the other side. Those who expected to see the two squads move along the same side of the street in opposite directions were disappointed, for most of 1909

was shunted off up the hill at an early hour and the crowd of rioters gradually dispersed.

Under what conditions the Freshman banquet will be held, or whether it will be held at all this year, are questions which gravely perplex the undergraduate community.

Improvement of Gorge

Professor Rowlee to Report to Brooklyn Alumni this Month

Preparatory to raising a Brooklyn Alumni fund for the improvement of the Fall creek gorge, the Cornell association of Brooklyn is making an effort to increase its membership to the largest possible number. At present it has a membership of seventy-five out of an alumni population of more than four times that number. President Herbert D. Schenck, '82, has appointed a committee consisting of one man from each class to work up the membership. Within the next few days every Brooklyn Cornellian who is not enrolled will receive a personal letter from a classmate asking him to join the association.

It is believed that with an increased membership the task will be found easier of raising each year a sum sufficient to do a part of the work of improvement which is proposed for the gorge. Nothing has actually been done as yet toward gathering the fund, for the reason that the association is still in ignorance of the cost of the project it has undertaken. At the regular monthly meeting of the association held at the University club of Brooklyn, February 27, a letter was read from Professor W. W. Rowlee, superintendent of grounds, advising that the entire work be made a gift of the Brooklyn alumni to the University and not be shared with other associations. The letter added that the improvement could be done piecemeal, some part of the project being accomplished each year. Professor Rowlee was not ready to give definite figures or plans, however, and so the matter was once more laid over. He has accepted an invitation to be present at the next meeting, on March 27, which comes in the Easter vacation, and will then present exact figures. At that meeting the work of raising money will be commenced.

The February meeting was an ex-

tremely interesting affair. Nearly forty attended. A pleasant feature was the almost constant flow of song through the evening. Garrett P. Serviss, '72, was the guest of honor and principal speaker. It had been planned to have Supreme Court Justice Wilmot M. Smith, '74, as a speaker, but he was detained by illness.

Mr. Serviss, who is a noted lecturer on astronomy and travel, has achieved the notable distinction of having been back to the University every year since his graduation. He was accordingly able to sketch the growth of Cornell in most telling language, and was followed with the closest interest by all. Out of a large knowledge of the world he declared that no educational institution had a finer site or better plant than Cornell. This statement aroused much enthusiasm.

The only business transacted, aside from the decision to delay the gorge project, was a motion instructing the president to prepare a letter of condolence for the family of Edward H. Germann, '05. The young man, whose unfortunate death through an overdose of sleep-producing drug has already been told in the ALUMNI NEWS, was the first member whom the association has lost by death.

Among those present were Garrett P. Serviss, '72; Dr. E. H. Bartley, '73; Dr. H. D. Schenck, '82; E. L. Prentiss, '83; F. P. Ingalls, '84; G. T. Curnow, '84; E. C. Sickles, '90; Dr. T. B. Spence, '90; C. M. Weeks, '91; L. J. Doolittle, '93; E. W. Firth, '95; R. H. Haskell, '95; K. C. McDonald, '95; M. V. McDonald, C. R. Gaston, '96; F. E. Moyer, '96; W. T. Yale, '97; W. W. Macon, '98; G. S. Dresser, '00; Llewellyn Moran, '00; C. W. Wilson, jr., '00; E. L. McClure, '02; S. G. Koon, '02; Dr. C. L. Stone, '02; C. A. Taussig, '02; Richardson Webster, '02; H. C. Beckwith, '03; R. W. Palmer, '03; F. S. Yale, '03; A. E. Mudge, '04; L. E. Palmer, '05.

A plan for the amalgamation of the minor sports of the University is being projected. The object of the union is mutual support and the centralizing of responsibility for the management of the different branches. Basketball, fencing and wrestling and possibly some of the other minor sports are to be included in the union.

May Postpone Reunion

1902 Men in New York Prefer to Wait for Big Celebration in 1908

A movement to have the five year reunion of the class of 1902 abandoned in favor of the general reunion in 1908 was started by the New York members of the class at their dinner last Wednesday. It was suggested that as a large attendance of all classes was desired at the celebration in 1908 of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the University, and as many members of the class would be unable to get back both to that affair and to the regular reunion in 1907, it would be wise to consolidate the two gatherings in 1908.

A poll of those present at the dinner showed an overwhelming majority in favor of the change. It was then voted unanimously to request the class secretary to make a canvass of the entire class on the subject. The class voted before it graduated to have reunions in 1905 and 1907, and it is believed that the only way to change the plans now is to take a vote by mail.

The dinner of the class was a most successful and enjoyable affair. L. Guernsey Price was made toastmaster, and the party kept together until a late hour, singing, telling stories and discussing the affairs of the class and of classmates. The gathering was one of the special class dinners held under the auspices of a committee of the Cornell club of New York city, at whose house the dinner was held. It was at the same time one of the regular dinners of the class. These dinners will continue as they have without a break almost from the graduation of the class, and the attendance will probably be increased as a result of the interest aroused last Wednesday. Attention is called once more to the fact that men of 1902 can always be sure of finding classmates at the club on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Those present at the dinner were A. F. Brinckerhoff, Frank Brown, H. C. Bushnell, J. W. Cook, Godfrey Goldmark, S. G. Koon, C. W. Meyers, P. M. Neave, C. R. Payne, A. S. Pettv, L. G. Price, T. F. Sowards, T. M. Sowards, F. S. Storey, C. A. Taussig, Richardson Webster, C. S. Yawger.

Dr. White Entertained

Addresses Alumnae at Annual Luncheon in New York—Other Speakers

Over one hundred members and guests of the Cornell Alumnae club of New York city assembled at the Manhattan on March 3 for the annual luncheon. Cornell was evidenced in the red and white carnations decorating the tables, in the menus, which showed a hand painted view of Central avenue with the library tower, in the Cornell songs, and above all in the list of speakers. The four graduate clubs of New York city all sent representatives, and two trustees, Miss Putnam and Dr. Morris, as well as three officials of the University, were among the guests.

The most pleasant feature of the afternoon was the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew D. White. Those who knew Dr. White in University days and those to whom he had been a revered though unfamiliar friend during his absence abroad, alike considered it a rare privilege to meet him at a Cornell reunion and to hear his inspiring talk on the ideals that actuated the founding of the University. Mr. White was introduced by Miss Elizabeth M. Rhodes, '97, president of the club.

He spoke of the founding of the University by Mr. Cornell, of the founder's foresight, his unselfishness, and his generosity. He told of his own pleasure in returning to Ithaca, and spoke of his morning walks about the Campus, dwelling affectionately on the beauty of Cornell University. "I walk about Zion," he said, "and go round about her; I tell the towers thereof, and I mark well her bulwarks." In the early days of the University, he said, there were two Ithaca mysteries: one was the motives of the first young woman who entered the University, the other was the reason for a possible failure of co-education, as foreseen by Ezra Cornell, and written out and deposited in the corner stone of Sage College.

"My only misgiving about co-education," said Dr. White, "has been the possible effect upon the health of the women. I have sometimes thought that Mr. Cornell's prophecy in the corner stone might refer to this very subject. I hope this body will exert its influence upon the women now in

the University strongly in favor of this thesis: that health is the first consideration, that it is infinitely more important to go into life in good sound health than to learn everything in the curriculum."

Dr. William M. Polk, dean and director of the Medical College, was next introduced and spoke of the college as responsible for two radical innovations in medical instruction in New York city—co-education and the combination of laboratory research with instruction. The first was made necessary by the provisions of the Cornell charter, though it was met at first by powerful opposition. The second innovation, the establishment of great research laboratories whose heads shall divide their energies by giving instruction, was also viewed with doubt and disfavor by men of experience, yet this policy is justified by the results. There is no medical college whose graduates show a better average in the state examinations for admission to practice; and the laboratories, too, prove the effectiveness of their work through their valuable contributions to science. A cure for that form of ophthalmia known as Gray's disease has recently been discovered in the Cornell laboratory. Dr. Polk's speech was most interesting in its revelation of the methods employed in building up a great school of medicine, perfectly correlated in all its departments.

Miss Louise Ropes Loomis, the new warden of Sage College, was cordially welcomed by the alumnae. She spoke of the interests of the women students, dwelling particularly on their interest in the new playground and their efforts to raise funds for its improvement, and on the new self-government organization which includes women living on the Campus and in town.

Seymour P. Thomas, president of the Cornell club, was prevented by illness from attending the luncheon, but Dr. Herbert D. Schenck, president of the Brooklyn association, and Dr. William J. Jones, jr., president of the Medical Alumni society, were present. Dr. Schenck told briefly of the active work for the improvement of the Fall creek gorge, inaugurated by his association, and read a witty paper unearthed from pre-historic times. Dr. Jones gave an amusing account of the subjects for a speech which he had considered and discarded, and ended

with a greeting from the medical alumni.

Miss Ruth Putnam preceded a plea for additional dormitory accommodations for the women students by a particularly happy greeting, emphasizing the bond among the graduates of Cornell as typified in the very word *university*. "Only within the last decade," she said, "has the conception of the university as a guild become familiar to us. In the middle ages, when the value of union as a force was being realized in trades and in communities, it was natural that masters of liberal arts should band themselves together with chartered permission to set their seal on those of their pupils who showed a satisfactory degree of knowledge. *Universitas vestra* means 'the whole of you'—'you people of whom I am one.' Curious it is that here in America the idea has worked itself out and has brought us now, at the beginning of the twentieth century, near once more to the mediaeval idea of the guild. This very luncheon is distinctively a mediaeval and guild-like observance. Permission to join in the formal feasting was the first privilege accorded to a new companion as he emerged from his apprenticeship. So our meeting today brings close together the Cornell of the past and the Cornell of the present, working together for the Cornell of the future."

Pittsburg Banquet

All loyal Cornellians within a day's journey of Pittsburg are urged to be present at the annual banquet of the western Pennsylvania alumni on Saturday, April 7, at the Union club, Pittsburg, Pa. The committee in charge is arranging a program which the members feel sure will aid materially in bringing out Cornell spirit and good fellowship in at least 57 varieties. Watch this space for further announcement of time and stunts.

Coaches Warner and Jennings and Captain Welch of the baseball team are arranging for a conference of baseball alumni in Ithaca on Saturday, March 17, to discuss matters of baseball policy. Several prominent baseball men of former years are expected to be present and lend their aid in perfecting the details of the graduate coaching system to be followed this season under Glenn Warner.

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TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS DUE

Local alumni associations which are planning to make nominations for the alumni trustees are hereby reminded that those nominations must be in the hands of Treasurer E. L. Williams by April 1. From all indications, the campaign will not be far behind last year—the banner year—in liveliness and general interest. The NEWS has been notified of two nominations besides the one already mentioned in these columns, but awaits some further information before announcing the names. Rumors from certain other quarters indicate that the returns are not yet all in.

At present, we merely repeat the old familiar saying that nothing is of more direct benefit to Cornell University and Cornell alumni than a hot campaign for the trusteeships. As for candidates, the more the merrier; and the more widely separated geographically, the better for all concerned. Some people have differed with us in the past on the latter proposition, contend-

ing that the whole Board of Trustees should be bunched in and around Ithaca; but from all we can hear, this contention is supported by only a small minority of the alumni—and most of those live in and around Ithaca.

In these days of modern railway transportation, of telegraph and quick mail service, it seems a bit old fashioned to argue that Cornell's governing board would lose in efficiency by including in its personnel men who live more than two or three hundred miles from the University. At any rate, we have had a number of trustees in the past—good men and true—who came from outside the pale, and we see no reason to despair of the future.

THE DEBATE VICTORIES

Cornell's dual victory in debate Friday evening is the more gratifying when it is remembered that it was gained by inexperienced teams. Of the eight speakers and alternates who represented the University that evening, but one was a veteran of an intercollegiate campaign. The others had served in inter-class contests or in debates with the smaller colleges, but they had never been arrayed against Pennsylvania or Columbia in a big intercollegiate contest.

Under such circumstances a single victory would have been welcomed. But to triumph over both adversaries and on opposite sides of the same question demonstrates in no doubtful way the superiority of Cornell's debate work this season. To Professor Winans and his colleagues on the Debate council, as well as to the members of the two teams, the NEWS offers hearty congratulations.

REFORMING PHI BETA KAPPA

Last spring the NEWS inaugurated a campaign for some reform in the ancient and honorable society of Phi Beta Kappa as it exists at Cornell. Starting from the premise—which nearly everybody admits—that the

society is not exactly in a state of lively vigor at the University, we ventured to propose certain radical changes in its constitution. Our suggestions were received with much disfavor in some quarters, as indeed we fully expected, but they did serve to stir up considerable discussion. In his annual address before the society last June, Dr. Andrew D. White concurred in our proposition that the elections be held at the end of the Junior rather than the Senior year, in order that new initiates might enjoy a full year of active membership instead of a bare fortnight.

A few weeks ago the Cornell chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held a mid-year meeting—for the first time in the memory of the present student generation—and Professor Clark S. Northup read a paper entitled "The Present Claims of Culture upon the Phi Beta Kappa." In it he pointed out in a luminous way the splendid possibilities of the society, as yet unrealized, and proposed a number of reforms which might enlarge its field of usefulness. Dr. Northup's suggestions are less radical than those put forth by the NEWS last spring, but they have the same end in view. He concurs in the plan for an earlier election and proposes that the new members be chosen at the beginning instead of the close of the year. Following is an abstract of his paper, with the revised resolutions:

Forty years ago Matthew Arnold began to preach in England the doctrines of culture as an ideal of life. He arraigned England for narrow provincialism; for excessive faith in party machinery and the potency of organization; for exaltation of conscience above intelligence. The same foes still oppress us; moreover the church is a decreasing factor in intellectual life; money rules; everything is commercialized; in school and college the athletic ideal prevails. While there is no good ground for pessimism, since better conditions will gradually come, still we who see these things are not absolved from the responsibility of trying to hasten the better time. "The expansion of our humanity must be general."

Phi Beta Kappa, as an ancient society with precisely the ideals that culture seeks to foster, and with a noble record of achievement, can do much to aid this general expansion. It should not merely grant keys, but strive effectually to enlarge the life of its members and hold up before them constantly the ideals of a liberal culture. It should not hesitate to profit by the successful experience of its younger and more vigorous sister society, Sigma Xi. In order that the Theta of New York may occupy a larger field of usefulness and become a more effectual power in the University, the following resolutions are moved:

I. That the undergraduate side of

the society be emphasized, in order that the new members may become thoroughly inspired with the ideals of the society.

II. That the election of new members be held as soon as practicable after the beginning of the first term in each year.

III. That the society adopt a more liberal policy with reference to the election of graduates, especially members of the faculty; and that any graduate of five years' standing, engaged in humane studies, be regarded as eligible for membership.

IV. That more frequent meetings be held for the discussion of literary, political, and social questions.

V. That the chapter take steps to

further the publication of a history of the society, in which the achievements of the more famous members shall be impressively recorded.

VI. That as soon as practicable a catalogue of the Theta of New York be issued in celebration of the quarter-centennial anniversary of the chapter.

Americans in Montreal

Graduates and former students of American colleges and universities gathered at the Canada club in Montreal on Saturday evening, February 24, to dine together and to perfect an organization. Between forty and fifty were present, among them four Cornell men: Norman F. Ballan-

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GEORGE K. WOODWORTH, E. E. '96

(Late Examiner, Electrical Division U. S. Patent Office)

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tyne, M. E., '93, G. R. Harvey, M. E., '93, H. R. Lordly, C. E. '93, and H. P. Douglas, '95.

Leaflets of American college songs were distributed to the diners, containing the words of "Dear Old Yale," the Cornell "Alma Mater," "Fair Harvard" and Princeton's "Triangle Song." It is estimated that there are about a hundred American college men in Montreal and it is the aim of the new association to make it possible for these men to meet together occasionally and to keep in touch with the thought and life of the American universities today. Mr. Douglas was elected a member of the executive committee of the association.

1904 Notice

Secretary Cecil J. Swan of the class of 1904 announces that in future communications to him should be addressed to 42 East 23d street, New York city.

Brief University News

Percy Haughton, Harvard, '98, coach of the Cornell football team in 1899 and 1900, won the national championship in racquets at the Boston Athletic club on February 26, 1906.

Four Varsity and two Freshman crews have been rowing on the Inlet during the past week. Of last year's Varsity crew only three have been lost and their places can probably be filled from the excellent material of last year's Freshman crew.

Cornell lost the last two games of the intercollegiate basketball series to Harvard and Pennsylvania, and finishes the season at the tail end of the league. The championship was won by Pennsylvania, with Harvard and Columbia tied for second, Yale fourth, Princeton fifth and Cornell sixth. It is likely that an expert coach will be engaged for the Cornell team next year.

The announcement of the fifteenth summer session of the University has been issued, and is an unusually attractive pamphlet. Besides the announcement of the faculty and courses of instruction offered this year, the booklet contains four half-tone reproductions of Cornell views, and a map of the Campus. Professor George P.

Bristol is director of the session this year. Copies of the announcement may be obtained by addressing the registrar.

A notable series of addresses is being planned by the Good Government club, which will include lectures by such men as Richard Fulton Cutting and District Attorney William Travers Jerome of New York city. At the second meeting of the club, which is still under its temporary organization, addresses were given by Professor Jenks, Professor Sill, E. A. Goldenweiser, G., of Russia, and by E. S. Mosher, '02, who is prominent in the Republican party in Auburn.

The superintendent of the motive power department of the Lehigh Valley railroad, who has a number of Cornell engineers in his employ, recently remarked that he preferred Cornell graduates to those of any other university, for three reasons: first, because they have a broader general knowledge; second, because they pay closer attention to tedious details; and third, because they do not have the "big head" which is so prominent a characteristic of many college men.

Cornell Alumni Notes

'73—Elliott Williams is a lawyer at Chappaqua, Westchester county, N. Y.

'73, A. B.—Frank N. Hagar's book on "The American Family," recently reviewed in the NEWS, has already had an extensive circulation, and has been favorably reviewed by newspapers and many of the leading magazines. Copies of the work may be obtained from the author at Plattsburgh, N. Y.

'75—Almarin T. Young is an accountant in Amsterdam, N. Y.

'80, B. S.—Albert J. Wing is a merchant at 441 State street, Albany, N. Y.

'80—John W. Trainer is a lawyer in the Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

'91, C. E.—James W. Beardsley is director of public works in the city of Manila, Philippine Islands.

'97—Clarence E. Kent, who has been with the H. A. Meldrum company of Buffalo, for the past ten years, will remove with his family on

April 1 to Lorraine, O., where he will enter the dry goods business.

'00, B. S.—R. S. Persons of East Aurora, N. Y., is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Cal., his address being 811 West 17th street.

'01, B. Arch.—Among the photographs of Congressman and Mrs. Longworth on their honeymoon trip, recently appearing in the newspapers, was a group picture including, besides the bride and groom, United States Minister Morgan and Willard D. Straight, '01, secretary of the American Legation in Cuba.

'01, C. E.—Collingwood B. Brown, jr., formerly of Ithaca, who since graduation has been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railroad company, has just been promoted to the responsible position of division engineer. Not long ago he was made assistant division engineer and was sent to Calgary, Alberta province, Canada. On the first of this month he was placed in charge of a division, with headquarters at St. John's, New Brunswick. Mr. Brown has risen unusually fast in the five years since his graduation from Cornell.

'02, LL. B.—Harold Helm is now a practicing attorney at Tulsa, Indian Territory.

'02, A. B.; '05, LL. B.—Ralph S. Kent has been admitted to the practice of law in all courts of the Indian Territory, and has formed a partnership with Col. T. L. Brown of Claremore, I. T. His mail address is Box 211, Claremore, I. T.

'02, A. B.—Robert Clauson, a teacher in the Philippine service at Iloilo, Panay, recently sent Christmas greetings to the NEWS, together with some copies of Philippine newspapers, showing the progress of journalism in the islands. The chronicle of current happenings in the Philippines shows that conditions there are more civilized than many Americans suppose.

'03, A. B.—Lynn G. Wright, a former member of the ALUMNI NEWS board, has accepted a position as assistant editor of the Pittsburg *Index*, an illustrated weekly which under the editorship of Frank E. Gannett, '98, is attaining a wide circulation in western Pennsylvania. For two years and a half Mr. Wright has been on the staff of the *Otsego Farmer*, and for a year has edited that paper. His ad-

dress is 512 Ivy street, Pittsburg, Pa.

'04 A. B.—Lawrence B. Clapp is a draftsman with Bertrand & Chamberlin, architect in Minneapolis, Minn. His address is 330 East 17th street.

'04—Charles P. Wood is now in Atlanta, Ga., and resides at 145 Spring street. He was recently appointed associate editor of the *Record*, a quarterly magazine published by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

'04, C. E.—W. L. Bowman, who is studying law at Harvard University, is still active in fencing work, in which he distinguished himself while at Cornell. He is a member of the Harvard fencing team and also of the Boston Athletic fencing team, which recently won the national team championship of America. Mr. Bowman now holds the New England championship.

'05, M. E.—Herbert C. Brown has resigned his position with the Telluride Power company at Provo, Utah, and accepted one with the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company at Salt Lake city. His address is 215 East Fourth South street, Salt Lake city, Utah.

Changes of Address

'86, B. S.—M. M. Schlesinger to 20 Broad street, New York city.

'90, M. E.—G. H. Waldbridge from New York city to 717 Pine street, Scranton, Pa.

'94, Ph. B.—C. C. Rosewater from Omaha, Nebraska, to 3027 Chicago street, Omaha, Neb.

'96, M. E.—W. D. Pomeroy from Cincinnati, Ohio to care of the Bullock Electric Manufacturing company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

'97, M. E.—F. W. Freeborn from 120 Liberty street, New York, to 1 Madison avenue, Room 8015.

'98, B. S.—W. A. Ross from St. Paul, Minn., to 484 East 65th street, Chicago, Ill.

'99, A. B.—G. P. Watkins from Germany to King Ferry, Cayuga county, N. Y.

'99, A. B.—T. E. Adams from Tonopah, Nevada to Box 792, Goldfield, Nevada.

'99, B. S.—W. C. Teagle from Plainfield, N. J. to 26 Broadway, New York city.

'00, M. E.—M. M. Drake, jr.,

from Baltimore, Md. to 448 West Delaware avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

'00, B. S.—Miss Harriet Dodge from Williamsville, N. Y. to 409 North Third street, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

'00, M. E.—C. W. Vocke from Syracuse, N. Y., to 405 Flower City Park, Rochester, N. Y.

'00, B. Arch.—F. Y. Joannes to 306 Duke street, Norfolk, Va.

'00, M. E.—F. G. Grimshaw from Philadelphia, Pa. to Hotel Inverness, Youngwood, Pa.

'00, LL. B.—F. S. Porter from Touraine Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. to Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

'01, M. E.—F. W. Bailey from Rome, N. Y. to care of Solvay Club House, Solvay, N. Y.

'01, C. E.—M. de K. Smith from Altoona, Pa. to 409 East Pittsburg street, Greensburg, Pa.

'01, A. B.—R. O. Walter from Boston, Mass. to 15 Chancey place, Roxbury, Mass.

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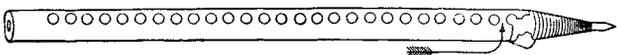
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- '03, M. E.—L. A. Beecher from Hastings-on-Hudson to 155 Clinton street, Elizabeth, N. J.
- '03, A. B.; '05, LL. B.—W. J. Warner to Stafford House, Buffalo, N. Y.
- '04, A. B.—Harris C. Allen to 626 Chilton avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.
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