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CORNELL IN ANTIPODES.

Western Australians Would Borrow Ideas from Us—China a Follower, Too.

Western Australia is looking to Cornell for ideas. Franklin Matthews, '83, who has been sailing around the globe with the American battleship fleet as staff correspondent of the New York *Sun*, has written to President Schurman about it. His letter was written on board the U. S. S. Louisiana in the China Sea near Singapore on December 5. He said in part:

"When I was in Western Australia last September, Dr. J. G. Hackett, editor of the *West Australian*, learned that I was a Cornellian just as I was leaving and expressed great regret that we could not have two or three hours together to talk about the Cornell kind of university. Mr. Hackett is a patron of arts and sciences and all uplifting ideals and his consuming desire just now is to start a university in his state. It is the largest in Australia and it is absolutely cut off from the rest of the commonwealth except by sea, and that means a journey of at least five days, almost like going to Europe for us. The state has unlimited land, vast tracts of it in rich timber, and the situation is ripe for the founding of a school of higher education along some such lines as were employed when Cornell was started. There is a population of only about 300,000 in the state, but the people have shown such magnificent spirit in public matters, especially in providing a water supply that is transported 375 miles across the desert to the gold fields, where cities of from 10,000 to 30,000 are kept alive in this way, that they seem ready to do almost anything in the way of courage for advancement. The state is in the rawest pioneer stage, but the people are as fine as I ever saw; the civilization is founded on such broad lines and intelligence and even culture are so widespread that one had

to admire the little community intensely."

Mr. Matthews suggested that such information be sent as might assist the Western Australians in adopting Cornell ideas. Secretary Harris has accordingly made up a bundle—several bundles, in fact—of University documents and has sent them to Dr. Hackett at Perth. They will enable him to form a good idea of how the University was organized and of the lines along which it has grown.

Mr. Matthews said that he did not know whether he would reach home in time to attend the Cornell dinner in New York, but that he expected surely to be in Ithaca for the next Commencement. He is the president of the Associate Alumni.

Mr. Tong's School in China.

Mr. Y. H. Tong, who received his M. S. A. degree last June, after four years of study at Cornell, is now director and president of the Canton Provincial College of Agriculture and Agricultural Experiment Stations. The central station is at Canton, China, and there are two branch stations. The college will not be opened until spring. At present sixty students have enrolled.

Director Tong writes: "Our organization is completely modelled after that of Cornell. I sincerely expect that after fully developed in a few years people will come to tell me that this establishment is a real daughter of Cornell."

Director Tong has just sent \$3,000 to the Treasurer of the University, which is to be expended by Professors Warren, Fippin and Cavanaugh in the purchase of books, apparatus and seeds that are not available in China.

The College of Hawaii and its Cornellian President.

One of the youngest colleges in American territory is the College of Hawaii, and its first president is John Washington Gilmore, a Cornell man. Mr. Gilmore graduated from the College of Agriculture at Cornell in 1898 and took his master's

degree here in 1905. While pursuing his graduate studies he was instructor in agronomy and in 1906-07 he was assistant professor of agriculture. Previously he had been assistant director of the Hupeh Agricultural College at Wuchang, China, and had taught in the Honolulu Normal School. When elected to his present post he was professor of agronomy in the Pennsylvania State College. He took up his work at Honolulu last August.

In a recent issue the *Pacific Commercial Advertiser*, published at Honolulu, devoted two columns to reporting an address delivered by President Gilmore at a luncheon of the Commercial Club in the Hawaiian capital. President Gilmore talked about the College of Hawaii, its scope, purposes and ideals. He reviewed the enactments of Congress upon which the college is founded, beginning with the Morrill act of 1862 and including the supplementary acts of 1890 and 1907. Under these latter acts the college will, in 1911, be entitled to an appropriation from the federal government of \$50,000. At its last session the Territorial Legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the establishment of the college temporarily in Honolulu. The Board of Regents, however, are looking forward to its removal to a permanent and better site in Manoa valley.

In describing the ideals of the college, Mr. Gilmore referred to his experience in other countries, noting that in some countries the ideal of education was culture and that in others it was scholarship; in the United States, he said, the ideals of scholarship and of culture were bound up in the higher ideal of service. The College of Hawaii especially desired to be serviceable in the intellectual, moral and industrial uplift of the Territory. It was now recognized, he continued, that all technological arts had educational value when reduced to pedagogical form. In former times it was believed that men could be trained and

educated only in terms of the classics, philosophy, mathematics and the like, but now it was recognized that men could be educated in terms of industrial science as well. The two inseparable functions of a college Mr. Gilmore said, were instruction and research, and the institution of higher learning that did not foster the discovery of new truths and underlying principles as well as the dissemination of knowledge was fulfilling only a part of its destiny. That the College of Hawaii should possess the spirit of research was especially desirable because its environment was most inviting in this respect. Here was a field of research in biology and in industrial affairs almost wholly untouched by the scientist.

Poems of Judge Finch.

Henry Holt & Company have in press a volume of poems by the late Judge Francis M. Finch, former dean of the College of Law. Some of Judge Finch's poems are well known, notably "The Blue and the Gray" and "Nathan Hale," but many that are to be included in the volume have never been published. Although the volume is just about to appear from the press, the verses to be printed in it were selected several years ago. The selection was deputed by Judge Finch at that time to Professor Moses Coit Tyler, Professor E. W. Huffcut and Professor E. H. Woodruff. Dr. Andrew D. White has written an introduction to the volume.

Cornell Club of Oswego County.

Our attention has been called to the fact that we have omitted from our list of alumni associations the Cornell Club of Oswego County, N. Y. This club has been in existence for the past four years. It is a flourishing organization with about fifty members and meets in a social way several times a year. It entertained the Cornell basketball team and financed the game on December 25 between that team and the Oswego Normal School five. The officers of the club are: President, D. P. Morehouse, '06; first vice-president, P. W. Cullinan, '73; second vice-president, F. W. Ormsby, '81; secretary, C. W. Linsley, '07; treasurer, Charles H. Snyder, '02.

NEW "REGISTER" OUT.

Total Regular Enrolment 3,888 - Geographical Distribution—The Medical College.

According to the University Register for 1908-09, which has just been published, there are regularly enrolled in the University 3,888 students. Their geographical derivation is shown by the following table:

New York.....	2052	Rhode Island.....	5
Pennsylvania.....	350	Oklahoma.....	4
New Jersey.....	195	North Dakota.....	4
Ohio.....	166	Wyoming.....	2
Illinois.....	133	Florida.....	1
Massachusetts.....	108	Idaho.....	1
Maryland.....	88	Arizona.....	1
Connecticut.....	49	Yukon Ter.....	1
Dist. of Colum.....	47	China.....	32
Indiana.....	38	Cuba.....	19
Michigan.....	38	Argentine Rep.....	12
Missouri.....	34	Canada.....	10
Wisconsin.....	29	Mexico.....	10
Virginia.....	28	Japan.....	10
California.....	22	India.....	6
Texas.....	21	Brazil.....	5
Iowa.....	21	Ecuador.....	5
Minnesota.....	18	Paraguay.....	5
North Carolina.....	18	Peru.....	4
Porto Rico.....	16	Australia.....	4
Colorado.....	15	England.....	3
Delaware.....	15	Gen. America.....	2
Kansas.....	14	Switzerland.....	2
Vermont.....	14	France.....	2
Tennessee.....	14	Nicaragua.....	2
Utah.....	14	Russia.....	2
Montana.....	14	Costa Rica.....	2
Georgia.....	14	Holland.....	2
Oregon.....	12	Turkey.....	2
Philippines.....	12	Transvaal.....	2
Kentucky.....	11	Greece.....	1
Washington.....	11	Bulgaria.....	1
Louisiana.....	10	Germany.....	1
Mississippi.....	10	Norway.....	1
Maine.....	9	Palestine.....	1
Arkansas.....	9	Uruguay.....	1
Alabama.....	8	St. Lucia.....	1
Nebraska.....	8	Sweden.....	1
New Hamp.....	8	Belgium.....	1
West Virginia.....	6	Panama.....	1
South Carolina.....	6		
South Dakota.....	6		
Hawaii.....	5		
		Total.....	3888

Cornell has at least one student from every State and Territory in the Union except Alaska, Nevada and New Mexico. There are 32 students from China, and this is the largest number Cornell has ever had from a single foreign country except in one year, 1893-94, when Canada sent 49 students here. The number of Canadian students at the University has fallen off greatly in the past dozen years. The number of students from China is four more than last year and just double the number of two years ago. A growth in number of students from that coun-

try began to be noticeable about five years ago. There are 33 students from South America, 19 from Cuba 16 from Porto Rico, 10 from Mexico and 6 from Central America—a total of 84 from Latin-American countries. Japan sends 10 and India 6.

Comparison of the present enrollment (3,888) with that of earlier years is interesting. In the following table is shown the growth in total registration, the January figure being given for the past five years and the June figure for the earlier five-year periods:

1908.....	3,635	1894.....	1,809
1907.....	3,442	1889.....	1,221
1906.....	3,385	1884.....	465
1905.....	3,230	1879.....	509
1904.....	3,014	1874.....	502
1899.....	2,100	1869.....	411

So there are now 253 more students than in 1908, 874 more than in 1904 and 1,788 more than in 1899. In twenty years the enrolment has more than trebled. The foregoing figures do not in any case include the registration in the Summer Session (841 in 1908) or the short winter course in agriculture (270 in 1908).

When the rule requiring virtually a bachelor's degree for admission to the Medical College was put into effect, a falling off in attendance was foreseen. The extent of the falling off is shown by the new Register. Last year in January the freshman class in the college numbered 105. This year there are in the college just nine freshmen. The entire number of medical students last year was 320. If the present rate of decline caused by the new entrance requirement is maintained, the number of students may fall below fifty. If the efficiency of the college rises as it should under the new conditions, however, the loss in numbers will be but temporary.

The University faculty now numbers 566, eighteen more than last year, as follows:

	1909	1908
Professors.....	119	114
Assistant Professors.....	80	67
Lecturers.....	4	8
Instructors.....	179	169
Assistants, etc.....	184	190
Totals.....	566	548

The Junior Week Ice Carnival next Tuesday evening will include a hockey game between the varsity team and the Dartmouth College team.

COSMOPOLITANS TO BUILD.

Club Expects to Break Ground in the Spring—G. W. Nasmyth Elected President of National Association.

The work of building a house for the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club is expected to begin next spring. A lot has been bought and at a recent meeting the club decided that its financial condition would permit it to go ahead with construction. The present temporary home of the organization in Eddy street near the head of Buffalo street has never been suited to the functions of the club, not being large enough for its public meetings and having few of the comforts of a clubhouse. What the Cosmopolitans mean to have is not merely a hall where they may hold their sessions but a house where a good share of them may live together and dine in common and spend their leisure hours. They are going to do something to make up for the lack of University dormitories and commons at Cornell. This new home will be like a fraternity house on a larger scale and including features related to the club's semi-public character.

A lot measuring 140 by 130 feet, situated at the corner of Bryant avenue and Harvard place, is now owned by the club. This site is in a newly plotted section of Ithaca known as "Bryant Park," recently opened for residence, lying east of Linden avenue (Hazen street) and south of Dryden road. The tract will be remembered by old graduates as a big vacant lot on the road to the "E., C. & N. depot," or East Ithaca station of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. The Cosmopolitan Club's site is not more than 200 feet from the corner of Dryden road and Linden avenue, and so is only a short distance from the campus entrance.

Plans for the house have not yet been drawn, but the club has decided in a general way what is needed. It is proposed to build a house with sleeping rooms for thirty or forty men and with a dining room in which a hundred may be seated. There will be common rooms for reading and for games, committee rooms, and finally an auditorium for the club's "national nights" and for its lec-

tures. So far as the plans have taken shape they provide for an L-shaped building of three or four stories, with an auditorium in the angle of the L. This auditorium will be separated from the club quarters by sliding doors so that the rooms may be thrown together and seats provided for between 400 and 500 persons. The club now has about 170 members representing some thirty different countries.

At its second annual convention, held at the University of Michigan during the holidays, the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs made the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club the executive chapter, thus giving it the privilege of electing the president and secretary-treasurer of the whole organization. The club last week chose George W. Nasmyth, '06, president, and H. E. Griffith, '11, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Nasmyth is a graduate student and instructor in physics. The organization of which he is now the head includes cosmopolitan or international clubs in twenty American universities and has a membership of about 1,500. At the recent convention steps were taken for affiliation with the International Federation of Students, a European organization having 15,000 members and also with the American Peace Society. Besides honoring Cornell with the chief offices the association also voted to hold its convention next winter in Ithaca. This has given a great impetus to the building project, and the members of the Cosmopolitan Club hope they can have their building ready for occupation by the time of the convention.

Two New Instructors.

Two appointments in the instructing staff of the University were made during the week. Arthur Livingston, an instructor in Smith College, was appointed instructor in Romance languages and curator of the Dante and Petrarch collections in the Library. Mr. Livingston is a graduate of Amherst College and has held a fellowship in Columbia University. Floyd R. Wright, A. B. '98, M. D. '03, of Ithaca, was appointed instructor in bacteriology in the New York State Veterinary College. Dr. Wright's appointment takes effect at once and Mr. Livingston will begin his duties next fall.

COLLEGE BOAT HOUSE.

Quarters on the Inlet to be Provided for the College Crews.

A boathouse for the use of the college crews is to be built on the Inlet. An option has been obtained on a lot situated on the west bank of the stream, between the 'varsity boathouse and Buffalo street. Title to the property will be vested in the recently organized Intercollegiate Athletic Board, which will be incorporated. This board governs the contests in various branches of sport among the colleges of the University. Three annual intercollegiate boat races have been rowed for a trophy presented by John H. Barr, '89, and the trophy is now held by the College of Arts and Sciences.

A boathouse is badly needed for the college crews because there is no room for them in the 'varsity boathouse. It is estimated that the new quarters will cost \$5,000, and almost \$3,000 of this amount has been raised or subscribed. About \$300 was raised at a "vaudeville smoker" held in the Armory last Friday evening. The house will be made large enough to hold the craft of the college crews and also canoes and rowboats owned by members of the Aquatic Club of the University. This club has hitherto leased a boathouse on the lake.

The State of New York is now expending a large appropriation in dredging, widening and straightening the Inlet from State street to the lake, and a very different stream is being made of it. It is to be one hundred feet wide, with a stone retaining wall on either side. The city of Ithaca has acquired title to the marsh lands bordering the stream and these lands are to be reclaimed and improved. The Inlet will incidentally be made a more suitable place for crew practice and a more attractive stream for boating.

The college crews now use the 'varsity barges and shells, except the Civil Engineering eight, which owns a gig given to it by F. C. Tomlinson, '74, of Ironton, Ohio. Gigs will be obtained for the other colleges as soon as possible. There is no lack of interest in intercollegiate boating on the part of undergraduates, two hundred of whom came out last year to try for the college crews.

ALUMNI DINNERS.

Philadelphia, February 17.

The Philadelphia Cornell Alumni dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, February 17, at Kugler's restaurant. The Cornell Club of Philadelphia was formed in 1884 and this is, therefore, its twenty-fifth anniversary. In celebrating that event the club hopes to have a more successful dinner than ever. President Schurman has accepted an invitation to be present. Further announcement will be made regarding other guests and speakers. Tickets for the dinner will be \$3, and checks may be sent to R. R. Bergen, 1421 Arch street, Philadelphia.

New York, Next Saturday.

On Saturday evening of this week the twenty-ninth annual dinner of the Cornell alumni of New York city will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria. The dinner will begin promptly at half-past seven. Preceding it there will be a reception, beginning at half-past six.

Among the speakers and guests will be ex-President White, President Schurman, Dean Crane, Lieutenant-Governor Horace White, '87; John Ford, '90, and John Barrett, Dartmouth, '89, director of the Bureau of American Republics. Mr. Barrett will speak on the work and opportunities of college men the world over. Among those present will be the members of the University Board of Trustees, whose regular midwinter meeting will be held in New York on that day.

A feature of the dinner will be a large "Railroad Table," in charge of F. M. Whyte, '89, for men engaged in railroad work or the railroad supply business. Indications are that there will be fifty men at this table. Former members of the Cornell Glee Club, in charge of Edward Burns, jr., '03, will lead the singing. Dinner tickets are \$5 each and they may be obtained of George H. Turner, 154 Nassau street, or at the door.

1901 Class Dinner.

Members of the Class of 1901 held a dinner at the Cornell Club in New York on Friday evening, January 15. It was declared by all present to be a great success. James O'Malley,

president of the class, presided, and addresses were made by Alexander, Willis, Straight and Senior. "Ned" Alexander talked about football, and "Freddy" Willis told of the plans for a new clubhouse in New York. "Izzie" Straight, who is United States consul-general at Mukden, Manchuria, discussed affairs in China, with special reference to the part which S. K. A. Sze, '01, is playing in politics there. John Senior contributed some reminiscences of the founding of "Spring Day" by the class of 1901, and reviewed the history of athletic finance from the earliest times. Francis Tyler was the orchestra.

Those present were James O'Malley, president; John O. Dresser, Walter Moffat, S. W. Hartley, R. O. Dodge, B. H. Searing, F. L. Ackerman, William C. Thro, S. A. Harpending, C. O. Voegelin, F. M. Sanders, M. M. Wyvell, Leroy P. Gregory, W. W. Pellet, Edward R. Alexander, Francis John Tyler, M. W. Forney, Frederick Willis, John L. Senior, A. H. Sherwood, N. C. Brizsé, Fred C. Tag, David Paine, W. D. Straight and Willim H. Baker.

Basketball.

The 'varsity basketball team played a closely contested game with the University of Pennsylvania five in the Armory last Wednesday evening and was defeated by a score of 17 to 16. Every one of Pennsylvania's points was scored by Keinath, the captain, who threw five goals from the field and seven goals from fouls. Keinath's speed and accuracy last year made him the leading player of the intercollegiate association. Pennsylvania began the game in fast style and for a few minutes Cornell seemed unable to hit the basket. At the end of the first half the score was 13 to 7 in favor of Pennsylvania. The score reached 17 to 16, and, with only a few seconds to play, Cornell made two or three shots at the basket but without success. The Cornell players were: Right forward, Burd and Avery; left forward, Blumenauer; center, Captain Crosby; right guard, Whinery; left guard, Heath.

On Saturday evening the team defeated the Union College five in the Armory by a score of 45 to 14.

JUNIOR WEEK PLANS.

Program in Detail—Masque to Present a Rewritten "President of Oolong."

The Ice Carnival on the evening of Tuesday, January 26, will open the festivities of this year's Junior Week, and the Junior Promenade at the Armory on Friday, January 29, will as usual be the closing function of the week. On Wednesday night, January 27, the Masque will present its reconstructed musical comedy, "Oolong," by Romeyn Berry, '04, at the Lyceum theater, and immediately afterward will come the Sophomore Cotillion at the Armory.

The musical clubs will give their annual concert on Thursday evening, January 28, and the concert is to be followed by dances at several fraternity houses. During the week there will be a number of teas, receptions and informal dances at all of the chapter houses.

Following is the detailed program of the week:

Tuesday, January 26—Chaperones entertained at a tea given by President and Mrs. Schurman from 4 to 6 p. m. Ice Carnival at Beebe Lake, 8 p. m.

Wednesday, January 27—Buffet luncheon at the Chi Phi house, 12 m. Sun breakfast at the Dutch Kitchen, 12:30 p. m. Theatricals and reception at the Psi Upsilon house, 2 p. m. "Oolong" at the Lyceum theater, 7 p. m. Sophomore cotillion at the Armory, 11 p. m.

Thursday, January 28—Theatricals and reception at the Psi Upsilon house, 2 p. m. Tea dance at the Zeta Psi house, 4 p. m. Musical clubs concert at the Lyceum theater, 8 p. m. Dances at the Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Delta Phi and Kappa Alpha houses, 11 p. m.

Friday, January 29—Junior Promenade at the Armory, 8 p. m.

Saturday, January 30—Basketball game at the Armory, Columbia vs. Cornell, game called at 3:30 p. m.

Only a few men have turned out for the indoor practice of the 'varsity baseball candidates, on account of the approach of midyear examinations. Practice will begin in earnest after Junior Week.

Cornell Debaters Chosen.

The members of the two Cornell teams which are to meet teams from Pennsylvania and Columbia in the annual Triangular Debate League series were picked at a competition held last Tuesday evening in Goldwin Smith hall.

The home team, which is to meet Pennsylvania here, is composed of H. W. Edgerton, '10, Washington, D. C., leader; H. E. Griffith, '11, Utica; C. R. Hugins, '11, Ithaca, and Abraham Levine, '09, Elmira, alternate. There are no debaters with intercollegiate experience on this team, but most of the men have taken part in minor contests. Hugins was the winner of the '94 Memorial Prize this year.

The team that will meet Columbia in New York includes two veterans, R. C. Edlund, '09, of Brooklyn, who won the '94 Prize last year and also spoke against Pennsylvania, and H. T. Kent, jr., of Clifton Heights, Pa., a junior in the College of Law, who spoke against Columbia last year. The leader of this team is new to Cornell debat-

ing. He is Harold M. Stephens, '09, of Salt Lake City. He was one of the contentants for the '94 Prize this year. The alternate is Marcy Feder, '10, of Brooklyn.

Under the auspices of the English Club, the Ben Greet Players will present two of Shakespeare's plays at the Lyceum theater on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, February 2. The plays to be given are "The Merchant of Venice" and either "Julius Caesar" or "Hamlet."

Professor J. R. S. Sterrett, of the Department of Greek, who has been in Germany on a six months' leave of absence, is returning to Ithaca for the second term of the University year. His family remains in Dresden, and he will rejoin them there in the summer.

John Burroughs, the author, has been in Ithaca for several days as the guest of a friend and has passed much of the time on the campus, which he had never seen before.

Lectures by Signor Ferrero.

Signor Guglielmo Ferrero, a noted Roman historian, will lecture before the University on Monday afternoon and evening, January 25, and Tuesday afternoon, January 26. His subjects will be "The History and Legend of Antony and Cleopatra" and "The Social Development of the German Empire." Signor Ferrero's best known work is "Grandezza e Decadenza di Roma," four volumes of which have appeared in the English translation. His recent lectures at the Lowell Institute in Boston and at Columbia University have attracted wide attention.

Members of the Masque, principals and chorus, have been busy rehearsing their parts in the musical comedy to be given in Junior Week. This is called "Oolong," and it is a rearrangement of "The President of Oolong," by Romeyn Berry, '04, which was given by the Masque two years ago. The general plot of the play remains the same as before, but the songs, the costumes and much of the dialogue have been changed.

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PRESENT ALUMNI SCHEMES AND THE ALUMNI FUND.

In an editorial entitled "Concentration" we failed to make clear to at least one reader some ideas which we tried to express on the subject of alumni contributions for University purposes. Another attempt to state those ideas may result in greater clearness of expression.

The University projects which Cornell alumni are asked, with more or less persistence, to aid with money, are several. One uncompleted fund is for an Alumni Hall; another is for the Alumni Field; still another, recently started and, like the others, started in response to an undeniably great need, is for increasing the salaries of members of the faculty. And

this is not all, for the need of better living quarters for many students is finding expression in appeals to alumni to undertake the building of dormitories. None of these projects is finished or apparently even near accomplishment. One of them, the Alumni Hall plan, has by tacit consent been allowed to lie dormant since the Associate Alumni formally took up the task of building an athletic field. So little is heard now of the Alumni Hall scheme that most of us have forgotten that the fund amounts to about \$7,000.

Now, every one of these schemes competes with every other. To many persons the plan to build a new athletic field seems of supreme importance. Others have been convinced by the exhaustive report published last May by a committee of the Cornell Club of Northern California that Cornell alumni have at present no higher or more imperative duty than to increase the salaries of our teachers. Yet others might be persuaded that we ought to get dormitories before we try to get anything else. Some of those who are trying to finish the new field deprecate efforts to interest the alumni in schemes for raising money for other purposes. Percy Field has been outgrown and has become dilapidated because the athletic association cannot afford to spend large sums for repairs, not knowing how soon the old field will be abandoned; the clubhouse is shabby as compared with what visiting teams are accustomed to; the old field is too far away and too small to serve more than a few undergraduates. Finally, they tell us, we ought to finish one thing before we begin another. Those who are working for a higher scale of salaries will say that the building of the field is a worthy object and that it will undoubtedly succeed, but that meanwhile all Cornellians should be roused to the danger which the University courts in lagging behind other institutions in the important matter of teachers' salaries.

All this is true; what is said in favor of one object is just as true as

what is said in favor of another. And what we are trying to determine is, not which of these several objects is the most worthy, but how they may all be attained the most quickly.

The greatest possible help would be a system that would encourage alumni to form a habit of giving to the University and giving regularly, each according to his means or his interest. Graduates of other universities are acquiring that habit of giving, each a little, every year, and the result is a steady and considerable income for the universities. Regularity of giving is the thing needed. Spasmodic solicitation for one isolated object or another will not encourage the habit. Such solicitation will rather disgust many with the idea of giving at all, because they resent being importuned on behalf of things to which they are indifferent. The only system that will inculcate such a habit among our alumni—and there is no reason why we cannot acquire it as others have done—the only method is the organization of a common fund. Such a fund would be not for a few years or for a single need but for every need as it arose and for years and generations to come. It would be unending, a perpetual symbol of the debt owed to Alma Mater by her sons. Such a fund we are going to have some day, and the sooner we set about it the better. In no way less whole-hearted than this can we assure Cornell the material support which is due her from those she has trained.

Cannot those alumni who are committed to the raising of certain funds perform that duty better by combining their efforts and aiding the new Cornellian Council to establish the Alumni Fund? Would not such concentration of effort do more to assure the success of each and every alumni project than would scattered and competitive effort accomplish? And can we not trust the Cornellian Council, or the University Board of Trustees itself, to apportion this Fund, with due regard to such worthy purposes as alumni have already become interested in?

Whatever may be the relation of

existing schemes to the Alumni Fund, it is unwise to ask graduates to help along any new scheme, such as the building of dormitories by Cornellians of different sections of the country. Such an enterprise would involve a lot of hard work, it would consume many years, and it would interfere very seriously in the mean time with the work of organizing the Alumni Fund, than which no more important task is now before the graduates of this University. To encourage contributors to specify for what purposes their individual contributions shall be used is another proposition which seems unwise. Such a practice, if it became common, would result not in a Fund but in a multitude of funds, many of them too small to be of any use.

OBITUARY.

P. M. NOVIK.

The Registrar of the University has received information of the death in Hyattsville, Md., on December 8, of Peter Mathaeus Novik, an instructor in the department of horticulture at the Maryland Agricultural College. Mr. Novik was a native of Christiania, Norway. He was a special student in the College of Agriculture in 1905-06 and was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club.

T. J. VanAlstyne's Guide.

Thomas J. Van Alstyne, '03, who died on October 8 last, left among his effects a paper entitled "My Guide," consisting of a rule of conduct which he had drawn up for himself. He was killed by an accident which occurred while he was working at Hanley, Canada, as an electrical engineer for the Westinghouse Company. Van Alstyne was a 'varsity oarsman and a member of the Chi Psi fraternity and of Quill and Dagger. The paper was as follows:

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"So I may be courteous to men, faithful to friends, True to my God, a fragrance in the path I trod."

Block Week.

This is "Block Week." Why it is called by that name nobody seems to know. It is the week of the final term examinations, or midyears. From Monday until Saturday there are finals for practically every student on the hill. Cram Week and Block Week have, as usual, been marked by an almost entire cessation of student amusements and activities outside of studies. The *Daily Sun* suspended

publication last week Wednesday till next Monday, the opening of Junior Week. On Saturday, January 30, the second term will begin. In the College of Arts and Sciences students are now required to register their selection of courses before the close of the preceding term and the office of Dean Hull was crowded as the limit of time for this registration drew near. Some of those who have selected their studies for next term will change their plans materially after the "bust notices" go out from Mr. Hoy's office.

Intercollege Athletics.

A series of games is now being played to determine the intercollege championship in basketball. Two series, association football and 'cross-country running, have been completed, as a result of which the colleges have scored respectively the following number of points toward the intercollege championship in all sports. Sibley, 20; Civil Engineering, 12; Law, 9; Agriculture, 8; Arts, 7; Architecture, 6; Veterinary, 2.



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'95, M. E.—Burton P. Flory, mechanical engineer of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, has been appointed superintendent of, motive power of the New York, Ontario & Western, to succeed George W. West, who died on December 24. Mr. Flory entered railroad service as inspector on the Lehigh Valley in 1899. In 1902 he became chief draftsman of the same road, and later in the same year mechanical engineer. He was appointed mechanical engineer of the Central Railroad of New Jersey in 1904.

'99, B. S.—Clarence A. Perry is in local charge of an investigation which the United States Immigration Commission is carrying on in the boot and shoe district of New England. Until the middle of March Mr. Perry's address will be Y. M. C. A., Haverhill, Mass.

'00, B. S.—Louis C. Graton, of the United States Geological Survey, has been elected statistician of an association which was recently organized to gather and exchange statis-

tics of the production and sales of copper. The *New York Tribune* says that Mr. Graton will leave the government employ about February 1 to go to New York and take up the work.

'00, B. S.—H. A. Hitchcock is assistant secretary of the American Real Estate Company, Night and Day Bank building, Fifth avenue and Forty-fourth street, New York. He lives at the Beta Theta Pi Club, 46 East Twenty-fifth street.

'00, M. E.—F. D. Huntington is general superintendent of Waring & White, ltd., structural engineers, London, England. His address is 1 A Cockspur street, S. W.

'01.—James Richardson was elected a member of the Board of Education of the city of Omaha, Neb., at the November election. He will hold office for three years from January 4, 1909.

'02.—M. Webb Offutt resigned on January 1 as engineer with the United Gas Improvement Company at Philadelphia to accept a position as manager of the Mohawk Gas Company at Schenectady, N. Y.

'02, M. E.—C. B. Du Bois has changed his address from South Norwalk to 766 Asylum avenue, Hartford, Conn.

'02, LL. B.—Alden I. Rosbrook, of Northport, N. Y., is president of the Young People's Christian Union of the Universalist Church of New York State.

'02, M. E.—Samuel B. Earle, professor in charge of the division of mechanical engineering in Clemson Agricultural College, was married on December 22 to Miss Susan Hall Sloan, daughter of P. H. E. Sloan, treasurer of the college. The ceremony took place in the Church of the Holy Trinity at Clemson College, S. C.

'02, M. E.—Edward L. Wilder lives at 312 East End avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is an electrical engineer with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company.

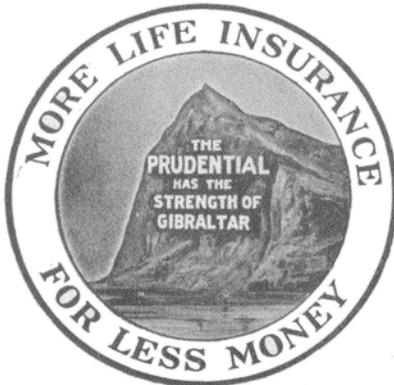
'03, M. E.—A daughter, Isabelle Grant, was born in St. Louis on Christmas eve to Mr. and Mrs. Judson H. Boughton.

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'03, M. E.—W. A. Rowe is with the American Blower Company, Detroit, Mich.

'03.—George H. Mueller has recently been made assistant chief draftsman of the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

'04, A. B.—Charles E. Kelley, formerly associated with James W. Osborne at 115 Broadway, announces that he has opened an office for the practice of law at 35 Nassau street, New York.

'05, M. E.—Walter J. Armstrong is mechanical engineer with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio. His address is 319 Buttles avenue.

'05, A. B.—The address of Hester P. Tefft is 1249 M street, Fresno, Cal.

'05, M. E.—G. L. Bascome has left the engineering experiment station at the University of Illinois and has accepted a position with the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Railroad Company, at Scranton, Pa. His address is 304 Adams avenue.

'06, M. E.—Hugh Fitzhugh is in the Atlanta (Ga.) office of Vandegrift & Company, consulting engineers. His address is 26 East Harris street.

'06, M. E.—Walter W. Burns has been, since July 1 last, an assistant examiner in the United States patent office. His address is 1321 Q street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'06, LL. B.—B. C. Turner has opened offices for the practice of law in the Grant Block, Oswego, N. Y.

'06.—Nicholas C. Groch was married on January 2 to Miss Emily Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Smith, of Cleveland. The wedding took place at the bride's

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'06, M. E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Helen A. Stone, daughter of Professor and Mrs. John L. Stone, to John C. Wilson, of Halls Corners, N. Y.

'07, M. E.—William P. Gruner has changed his address from Schenectady, N. Y., to 3406 Hawthorne Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo.

'07, C. E.—Charles W. Linsley, who has been engaged in engineering work for the United States Government, was promoted on January 12 last to the rank of junior engineer in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army. His address is 119 West Eighth street, Oswego, N. Y.

'07, D. V. M.—Dr. C. G. Thomson, who entered the government service in the Philippines immediately after graduation, has recently been put in charge of the serum laboratory in the Bureau of Agriculture of the Philippine Islands.

'07, A. B.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Elsie F. Rand and Mr. George W. Tucker, jr., Columbia, '05. Mr. Tucker is practicing law in New York city.

'08, C. E.—Leon M. Brockway is employed as rodman in a field party of the State Water Supply Commission, which is making a topographical survey of the Genesee from Mount Morris to Rochester. His address is Mount Morris. L. H. M. Whitney, C. E., '08, is with another field party on this same work as transitman. His headquarters are at Avon, N. Y.

'08, M. E.—Max W. Davis is in Washington, D. C., where he has held the position of assistant patent examiner since July 1.

'08, M. E.—W. H. Lovejoy's address is 4257 Grand Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

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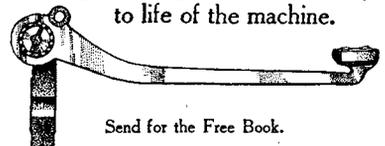
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'08, C. E.—Guy H. Hunt has been with the engineer department, Washington, D. C., since July. His address is 630 A street, N. E.

'08, M. E.—Harry P. Reiber is with Chapin & Knowles, civil and consulting engineers, Pittsburg, Pa. His address is 7232 Thomas street.

'08, M. E.—F. S. Brannon is with McJohnston & Brannon, wholesale grocers, 602 St. Ann street, Owensboro, Ky.

'08, C. E.—The present address of Philip B. Hoge is Box 231, Spencerport, N. Y. He is employed on the center line survey for the New York State Barge Canal in the neighborhood of that town.

'08, M. E.—E. J. Booth is employed by the Thompson & Tucker Lumber Company at Willard, Texas.

'08, M. E.—W. G. Moorman is with the Manitowoc Boiler Works Company, Manitowoc, Wis.

'08, A. B.—Leo A. Rosenbaum is with the insurance firm of E. K. Beddall & Company, 1 Liberty street, New York.

'08, C. E.—H. M. Boyajohn lives at 3039 Groveland avenue, Chicago. He is working for the Union Stock Yards & Transit Company.

'08, B. S. A.—Clarence Lounsbury is with the Bureau of Soils, Washington, D. C.

'08, M. E.—E. R. Hack is in charge of the power house of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Brunswick, Md.

'08, D. V. M.—A. G. Hall is practicing veterinary medicine at Carthage, N. Y.

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