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## DR. WHITE AT BUFFALO.

Speaks at Most Successful Alumni Dinner—Message from Yale Men.

The Cornell men of Buffalo held their most successful annual banquet last Saturday evening. The banqueters filled the Ellicott Club dining room. Andrew D. White was their guest of honor and he made an address full of interest for Cornellians. Others at the speakers' table were Judge H. L. Taylor '88, president of the alumni association, who presided; Ira A. Place '81, vice-president of the New York Central Railroad Company; Justice Cuthbert W. Pound '87, Walter P. Cooke '91, Frank U. McGraw '00, George K. Birge '72, William B. Hoyt '81, Dr. Charles Sumner Jones '84, Attorney-General O'Malley '91 and George C. Miller '87.

Around the big room was a fringe of bay trees and from the ceiling hung ropes of laurel. On every table were red and white carnations, and every man wore across his shirt front a band of carnelian ribbon.

A quartet consisting of Dr. Frederick C. Busch '95, Carl D. Stephan '95, Frederick O. Bissell '91 and H. S. Warner '05 led in the singing.

Just before Judge Taylor proposed the first toast, a large bunch of American Beauty roses was handed to him. It bore this message: "From the Yale men of Buffalo to their friends in Cornell, and to the Yale man who did so much to start them in the way they should go." Rousing yells were then given for Yale and for President White.

When Mr. Place was introduced the company rose and sang "I've Been Working on the Railroad." Mr. Place spoke of the work Cornell men are doing in science, in education and in business. Justice Pound spoke on the essentials of education. He said that the ability to think and decide; enthusiasm for the best things in public and private life; a noble tolerance and free thought with the courage to express it—these were the charac-

teristics of the truly educated man.

Officers of the Cornell Alumni Association of Buffalo were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, George M. Tuttle '92, of Niagara Falls; vice-presidents, Ralph S. Kent '02, Paul A. Schoellkopf '06 and Louis Wright Simpson '96; secretary and treasurer, Arthur I. Jones '06; athletic counselor, H. S. Warner '05. Judge Taylor announced the appointment of a committee to act with him in obtaining a portrait of President White. It was announced that the Buffalo Alumni Scholarship had been awarded this year to Gay H. Brown, a student in the College of Law.

### President White's Address.

A long yell greeted President White when he rose to speak. He said in part:

"As you know well, the one little building with which we began, within the memory of many dear old friends whom I see before me, has become the center of what is really a new town, with many structures fitted to advance science, literature and art. You, also, know well that we need more in buildings and equipment and I have faith that, in time, public-spirited individuals will give them to us. It is altogether probable that no one of you will ever see a university in this country which is not needing more means for the enlarging and improvement of its work, and, doubtless, that need is a permanently healthful and helpful condition of things. As you know, too, the Cornell ideas and systems, the pervasiveness of its teachings, the success of its alumni, the spirit which pervades it and radiates from it, have led to the steady increase in students, until Mr. Cornell's noted prophecy is nearly fulfilled. Standing in front of that building, so lonely then, but which now forms part of its upper quadrangle of imposing structures, he said to me: 'You will see 5,000 students on this hill.' I thought him a visionary, as did so many others, but he was a true prophet.

"The summer courses bring us a large body of students, earnest and progressive, from other institutions, and as to the winter agricultural students. I assure you that you have a right to be proud of them. I have seen them at work in their laboratories, libraries and lecture-rooms, have attended their discussions and their public exercises, have walked and talked with many of them and I have been surprised and delighted at their vigor, their zeal, their ambition to give new and helpful impulses, not only to the agriculture of this great commonwealth, but to its whole policy.

### THE SHORTHORNS.

"These special students in agriculture are generally known among students in the full regular course as shorthorns, but let me remind you that among all the cattle upon a thousand hills, the Shorthorns are among the most valuable. Indeed, I think that some of the energetic characteristics of these shorthorns are having a happy influence in improving the other breeds represented in our great herd. Some of the strongest among recent impulses for good among us have come from this very quarter, which waited so long for proper recognition by the state. There is a sort of agriculture, if you choose so to call it, which is discouraging. As I rise from my daily paper, disheartened, disgusted—after mentally floundering through the filth accumulated every day by the muck rake, I not infrequently visit our new Agricultural College, with the result that I return home like one having stepped from a mud bath into the clear waters of a cool stream, strengthened and braced in body and soul.

### UNIVERSITY MEN.

"It is in the nature of things that such large bodies of young men in American universities, presenting so many types of earnest thought and noble aspiration—an epitome of what is best in the nation—should be the most democratic of repub-

lies—republics in which, more than anywhere else in the world, men are prized and honored for what they are and what they can do. As a rule, it has always been from university centers that, just as soon as society has become settled and orderly, the great majority of the most valuable servants of nations have come. Exceptions there have, indeed, been to this rule, especially in the earlier stages and in the formative period of nations, and of these our country has had two of the greatest ever given by God to man—Washington and Lincoln. But Washington called to his side from the universities Jefferson and Hamilton, and Lincoln called Seward, Chase and Stanton. To nations which have progressed out of the earlier stages of their development leaders come more and more, inevitably, from the institutions of learning. They are such as Burke and Gladstone in Great Britain, Richelieu and Turgot in France, Stein and Bismarck in Germany, Barneveld and Grotius in the Netherlands, Sarpi and Cavour in Italy.

"Hence arises another source of hope and joy to me and to all who wish well to our country. It is my firm belief, resting on close observation during more than 50 years and on acquaintance with men of all sorts in all important fields during that period, that the civilization of our country, and its political development especially, is steadily becoming better. There are still wrongs to be righted, abuses to be removed, systems to be reformed, and there always will be; but I maintain especially that the general politics of the country are better, cleaner, nobler, more encouraging than ever before, and that there is a steady tendency toward improvement. The half dozen recent presidents of the United States have been worthy of the best periods of the republic. Strong men are coming more and more in the governors' chairs; the people are evidently growing more and more appreciative of such men. Never were more earnest and more fruitful efforts for reform.

#### TAKING LEADING PLACES.

"In the midst of all this betterment our universities are a great feature and they are becoming con-

stantly more efficient. They are sending out, every year, men equipped to discuss helpfully the various questions of national and state policy and to throw light upon them. Go into the lecture-rooms and special libraries and debating rooms at Cornell and other leading universities and you will find large bodies of the most active minded young men studying and discussing all the questions most important to a nation like ours.

"I, who remember the time when hard cider and coon skins were substituted for argument—when the great question in men's minds seemed to be whether hickory or ash was the best material for a flagpole—when the whole country was convulsed regarding the question whether Senator Conkling's or Senator Fenton's man should hold the New York custom-house—have lived to see great questions discussed and decided wisely and temperately. Typical as leaders in this movement at this period are such university men as Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and Charles E. Hughes. In this tendency, Cornell, young as she is, is doing her part nobly. Already her sons are taking leading places in executive chambers, in legislatures and on the judicial benches throughout our own and other states. She is also more and more heard from through our young men in the press.

#### OUR MAIN RELIANCE.

"But encouraging as all these things are, do not forget that a great republic like this is sure to meet serious trials and dangers. There are crises and questions looming up ahead of us which are to test the national character severely and which are to call for the exercise of sober, trained judgment. Have faith in democracy and republican institutions, but be on your guard. Be optimistic, but not foolishly optimistic. Do not be lulled into indifference. Remember that the very year which saw the outbreak of the French Revolution had just heard a great philosopher declare that revolutions and wars were henceforth impossible, that a time of universal and permanent happiness and peace had arrived—and this on the eve of the most terrible

series of wars and revolutions the civilized world has ever known—which raged nearly 100 years. Remember, too, that up to the very beginnings of our Civil War, the most fearful in history, the great majority of our people believed such a war impossible.

"To give the sobriety of judgment which is the great thing needed in every republic and for the want of which nearly every republic before ours has perished, our main reliance must be on the broader and higher education of our people. Everything else has been tried in the republics which have preceded us, and in vain. Ours is the first republic in which it has been deliberately and adequately attempted to fit the whole people to discuss political questions which are vital to them; as centers in this whole system are and always must be our universities; and in them a main factor in their influence upon the politics of the nation must be their departments of history, political and social science. If you look through the lives of the statesmen of the old world who have rendered the greatest services to their respective countries, you will find that every one of them has been nurtured on the study of public problems in the light of history.

#### ATHLETICS.

"Finally, as a climax, you, of course, expect some report on athletics. Here I must throw myself upon your forbearance. You will, I fear, judge me harshly, for my report in this respect is a one-sided affair altogether. Confidentially, between ourselves, I never saw a game of baseball, or basketball, or football, in my life, and were I to see one, I should have no idea as to what it all meant. Indeed, the reports of ball games in the papers are so much Sanskrit to me. I can only say that the new athletic fields to which over 50 acres of our domain have been appropriated seem now in excellent shape, and that large bodies of students take active exercise upon them. Here, too, I need hardly say that there is need of additional equipment.

"As to other branches of athletics on land, I can only say that in my frequent walks about the university

I meet large numbers of stalwart youth who seem to be doing their best to give a good account of themselves at our modern Olympic games.

"But, while my report is thus unsatisfactory as regards the land, I hope that it will be more acceptable as regards the water. As to boating, I make some claims. It may increase your confidence in me to be reminded that I am an old boating man, who attributes his health and continued strength largely to pulling in a college boat; that, as secretary of a Yale boating club, I penned the first challenge sent by Yale to Harvard, and that I have constantly done what I could to promote boating at Cornell. On this subject I am able to say that we are about to erect a large new boat-house and that the prospects are that the long series of Cornell victories on the water will be resumed during the coming summer, wherever the men of other universities think it safe to meet us.

"This is the message, my dear friends, which I bring you tonight from your alma mater, and I trust that you will continue to love and cherish her. I make no special and direct appeal for her at present. I only commend her again to your thoughts in the hope that, as time rolls on, she will receive liberal evidences of the affection of such among you as shall be especially fortunate or prosperous—and that she may always have the continued love of you all."

#### Agricultural Banquet.

The ninth annual banquet of the College of Agriculture was held in the Armory on Saturday evening and more than four hundred persons were present, including students of both the regular and the short courses. Director Bailey delivered the principal address and Professor Webber and Jared Van Wagenen, jr., '91, also spoke. R. C. Lawry '10 was toastmaster. K. C. Livermore '09 spoke for the regular students and there was an address by one of the short course students.

This is Farmers' Week at the College of Agriculture. The attendance on Monday, the opening day, was large.

#### PHILADELPHIA DINNER.

Club's 25th Anniversary—President Schurman Speaks on "The University."

The annual banquet of the Cornell Club of Philadelphia was held on February 17 at Kugler's restaurant. In every way—in attendance, spirit and quality of entertainment—it was the most successful affair ever held by the club. It celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the club's foundation. There were present upwards of eighty Cornellians and a number of other college men as guests of the club, one of whom was Stephen H. Heckscher, Harvard '96, who responded to the toast, "Some Modern College Problems." Mr. Heckscher's remarks were deeply appreciated by the assembled Cornellians.

The toastmaster was Frank G. Tallman '80. The banquet committee was composed of Benjamin O. Frick, Chairman; Eugene C. Batchelar, Thomas M. Jackson, Robert R. Bergen, Leslie V. Grantier, Clarence B. Kugler, Thorsten Y. Olsen, Robert M. Campbell, Guy Gundaker and Clifford Larzelere, and the officers of the club, H. A. Rogers, president; A. D. Warner, jr., vice-president; Charles J. Ramsburg, jr., secretary, and Cornelius D. Ehret, treasurer, ex officio.

President Schurman responded to the toast "The University." He reviewed his recent trip through the West, speaking of the pleasure it gave him to meet Cornellians among the leading men of the community wherever he went, and of his gratification at the kindly feeling he found in the West toward Cornell University.

"I think, so far as our educational work is concerned," said President Schurman, "we haven't much to reproach ourselves with. High standards are maintained, and what is expected is hard work. If you are to hold the University true to its ideals, it can only be by insisting on hard work. As you know, our aim is to turn out men educated in the practical, useful arts who shall at the same time be liberally educated, as well as to turn out scholars. To this end we are requiring in all courses two years of carefully arranged studies, designed to ground

the student thoroughly in sound principles and to inculcate such habits of thoroughness and exactness as we deem absolutely essential to success in after life. Intellectual slovenliness is the great error of educational systems. This, by hard, thorough, and logically arranged work in the first years of the course, we seek to eliminate. The student may then elect along his chosen line in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth years, and we feel sure that if he has weathered the first two he will be able to exercise a wise choice and to carry it through successfully, and, carrying with him into active life the same principles and habits, make good there too. The College of Arts and Sciences especially has undergone a radical change along these lines, so that today its standard compares favorably with that of the technical schools, in which Cornell has been a pioneer.

"The question of adequate salaries for our instructing staff, so that we can continue to command the best of men and not lose them to other and more lucrative pursuits, is ever a pressing one. We are striving constantly for a solution of this most vital problem. Another question almost equally pressing is that of housing our students. The fraternity houses and clubs take care of a portion of the student body very nicely, but a large proportion are still inadequately cared for in this respect. We are now looking forward—at least it is my ideal, I don't know how the faculty will take it yet—to work towards the Oxford and Cambridge scheme of fellowship between the students and instructors. I believe that the instructors, who should be men of the strongest character, should mingle freely with the students.

"I was gratified to learn a short time ago that the War and Navy Departments regard our graduates as adequately prepared for military service in time of war. This is highly important, for the true citizen should be able to serve his country well not only in times of peace but in times of war. Especially at this time, when activity in this line is so marked and nearly two-thirds of all our revenue is going for the upbuilding and maintenance of our

fighting force, offensive and defensive, is it gratifying that Cornell men are prepared and qualified to do their part should occasion arise, which, pray God, may never be!"

Mr. Heckscher said that Harvard was the most misrepresented of all universities. The general impression that Harvard was a college of blue-stockinged aristocrats who were reared on the sacred slopes of Bunker Hill was, he said, not true. He praised the elective system installed by President Eliot, and spoke of the value of clubs and societies in undergraduate life. He believed that every student should be a member of some organization. The spirit displayed by Cornell in athletics, Mr. Heckscher said, was admired by Harvard and by other universities. He was glad to know that Harvard and Cornell were to get together again on the football field. He thought it would be a good plan, after the game next fall, for the Harvard team to escort the visiting team to their lockers and afterward to sit down with them at a banquet and have a rousing good time. Discussing the question of the hours to be devoted to practice in athletic sports, Mr. Heckscher declared that the student could not do his university work as he should if he had devoted the preceding evening to working out intricate problems of football on the blackboard.

Julius Chambers, '70, talked about "The Pioneer Days," describing the discomforts which the students of the earlier classes at Cornell cheerfully bore. H. A. Rogers, '03, president of the club, said that the organization was in good condition, and mentioned a committee recently appointed to assist Cornell graduates to obtain positions in Philadelphia. George B. Davidson, '84, urged the members of the club to get to work with the idea of building a club house.

On Saturday evening President White will speak before the Cosmopolitan Club, at the club rooms in Eddy street, on a subject relating to general politics.

The Rev. Samuel A. Steel, Methodist, of Brownwood, Texas, preached in Sage Chapel last Sunday.

#### Louisiana Club Dinner.

The first dinner of the Cornell Club of Louisiana will be held at the Old Hickory, 306 Carondelet street, New Orleans, on Saturday, February 27, at 6:30 p. m. The dinner will be as informal as possible, as the principal object will be to enable the members to get better acquainted. No set speeches or formal toasts will be assigned. The president of the club, Brandt V. B. Dixon '70, will be the toastmaster. The expense of the dinner will be \$2 per plate, including wine, cigars, etc. Tickets may be obtained of Edward E. Soule, Treasurer, 603 St. Charles street. If the applicant has not paid his annual club dues of \$1 his check should include this.

#### Senior Ball May 28.

At a meeting of the Senior Ball Committee last week, it was decided to change the time for holding the ball. Instead of taking place in Commencement week, as has always been the custom heretofore, it will be held on Friday evening, May 28. This will make the ball one of the events of "Navy Week." In the past few years the demand for accommodations for alumni in Commencement week has interfered with the holding of "house parties," and the senior ball has been a financial failure. It is hoped by those who advocated the change in date that the new plan will overcome this difficulty.

#### Boathouse Fund.

President White has offered to give \$500 toward the proposed inter-college boathouse if \$2,500 is pledged from other sources by March 1. Professor C. V. P. Young, who has the collection of the fund in his charge, had all but a few hundred dollars of the required sum subscribed early this week. Committees had been appointed by the students of the various colleges and subscriptions were being solicited from undergraduates to make up the balance. It was said that \$3,000 would be enough to insure the building of the boathouse this spring.

The annual banquet of the Society of Comparative Medicine will be held at the Ithaca Hotel on Friday evening.

#### Crews on the Inlet.

Coach Courtney had the crew candidates on the Inlet Monday afternoon of this week. All the ice had gone out of the stream and the air was mild. Outdoor crew practice in February is not usual in Ithaca, and the "Old Man" did not express any great confidence that it would continue uninterrupted. There were several 'varsity combinations on the water and the freshmen were also out. All the crews rowed in gigs.

#### Football Conference.

A joint conference of members of the Advisory Football Committee and the faculty members and football committee of the Athletic Council was held at the athletic office in Ithaca on Monday afternoon, February 22. Those present were Professors Smith, Irvine, Rowlee and Diederichs; Captain Tydeman, Manager Miller, J. W. Beacham '97, E. R. Alexander '01, W. J. Norton '02 and Graduate Manager Dugan. Nominations were made for the Field Committee of next season and steps were taken to provide for the coaching. An announcement will be made after the Athletic Council has acted upon the matters which the conference discussed.

#### Two Basketball Defeats.

The 'varsity basketball team journeyed to New York last week and met with two defeats. On Friday evening Columbia's five was encountered and the final score was 29 to 12 in favor of the Morningside players. On Saturday evening, in Brooklyn, the team was defeated by the Pratt Institute players in a closely contested game by a score of 30 to 27. There is no longer a league of college basketball teams, so that no team can claim a championship; but Columbia, having won against the representatives of all the other large eastern universities, is generally considered to have the best team in the East. The Cornell team has one or two more games to play this season.

Professor Ernest Merritt lectures before the Society of Sigma Xi on Wednesday evening on "The Gyroscope and Some of Its Recent Applications."

**ATHLETIC HONORS GIVEN.**

**Players Get Their C's at Junior Smoker**  
—Speeches by Graduates.

Cornell's "athletic commencement," as the Junior Smoker is called, was held in the Armory on Friday evening. Undergraduates filled the big hall to bursting, occupying all the chairs for which room could be found and roosting on the window sills. Pipes, tobacco and cigarettes were furnished free by the committee to all who came. The Glee Club sang "Alma Mater" and responded to several encores, and then Stanton Griffis, chairman of the committee, introduced Daniel A. Reed, '98, the toastmaster. Mr. Reed spoke with special reference to rowing, as that topic had been assigned to him. He was not really a crew man, he said. He had tried for the crew but had failed to make it. He remembered Mr. Courtney standing on the bank and shouting through his megaphone: "Reed, don't pull all the water out of the Inlet!" The speaker reviewed Mr. Courtney's triumphant career as Cornell's coach and spoke of the absurdity of any young man trying to tell the "Old Man" anything about selecting oarsmen or coaching them. "Why," said Reed, "if I were on the crew and the Old Man told me to crawl up the hill to the University on my stomach, I should know that that was the very thing to do and I would do it."

W. L. Umstad, '06, spoke on baseball. He reviewed the prospects for the coming season and emphasized the need of strict attention to training rules. In speaking on football, Professor W. W. Rowlee, '88, told about the roughness of the gridiron sport in the early days, recalling one memorable contest with Williams on the campus in the fall of '88. Professor Rowlee said he believed Cornell's most serious handicap in football now was the distance of the field from the University. He intimated that before next fall a way might be found to provide a training house on the campus so that the football practice might be held on the new field.

After a mandolin solo by A. W. Conklin, '10, Graduate Manager W.

J. Dugan, '07, spoke on the management of athletics. He said in part:

"There are two kinds of athletic management which it is important to distinguish between. Both are run along practical business lines; the one, however, preserving and encouraging true amateur sport, and this is collegiate athletic management; the other pretending to be amateur, but being in reality professional. In this instance I refer particularly to promoters of athletic match races, 'carnivals,' etc. On the one hand, college athletic management having to do with the spirit and ideal, as well as the financial and executive sides of sport; on the other, promotion which is strictly financial and cares little or nothing for the ideal—an asset which must be preserved in collegiate athletics if they are going to live. There is a wide difference between the two, and it is a difference which should be preserved. The manager of college athletics must have an understanding of and a belief in the ethics of sport; and at Cornell and sister institutions I am impressed by the faith of undergraduate managers in clean athletics. The reason is plain. If I were to tell you the most valuable asset that Cornell has possessed in her athletic career—and it is entirely outside the realm of victories, championships, and all-American teams—I would say that it is clean athletics; and no body of men are so jealous of the maintenance of this standard as those who deal with the representatives of sister institutions. The manager knows the practical value, as well as the ethical weight of amateur sport. No one force or influence can contribute more to the building up and the preservation of true sport in our American college system than a management with ideals; on the other hand, no influence will degrade your standards faster and more completely than a management without ideals. You should see to it that your official representatives in this department work along the right line."

Romeyn Berry, '04, succeeded the Mandolin Club on the platform. He made a witty speech about track athletics, contrasting Cornell's position

in this sport now with the meagre honors won only a few years ago.

Dean Irvine, '80, president of the Athletic Council, then awarded seventy-five 'varsity C's, won in baseball, football, track, rowing, cross-country and lacrosse during the year 1908. Applause greeted every athlete as he stepped forward to receive his "shingle," and there were several minutes of loud cheering for Captain "Dud" Walder of the football team.

**Northern California Club.**

The Cornell University Club of Northern California held its meeting for the annual election of officers at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, on the evening of February 6. A dinner was served in the grill room at which twenty-one men were present. After this the meeting was called to order, President John M. Chase, '72, presiding. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, R. B. Daggett, '94; vice-president, R. O. Moody, '91; secretary, H. L. Terwilliger, '97, 2865 Devisadero Street, San Francisco; treasurer, Ransom Pratt, '82. In taking the chair Mr. Daggett spoke of the high esteem and deep affection in which his predecessor, Mr. Chase, is held by all members of the club, and praised the things done under his administration. C. L. Cory, '91, was elected a committee of one to draft a constitution for the club, with instructions to report at the next meeting. It was voted to invite members' wives and friends to be present at the next meeting, which is to be held in the early spring. It was also resolved to send an expression of appreciation and thanks to G. H. Marx, '93, for the able work done by him in behalf of the club and in the interest of better salaries at Cornell. The following members were present: John M. Chase '72, Charles W. Raymond '76, Ransom Pratt '82, H. A. Carolan '86, George R. Weeks '88, C. L. Cory '91, R. O. Moody '91, R. B. Daggett '94, C. S. Downes '96, S. M., Hauptmann '96, J. H. Blair '01, Don E. Smith '01, Joseph H. Russell '01, Henry L. Chase '02, G. A. McDougald '03, C. W. Evans '03, F. S. Forster '03, W. G. Vincent, jr., '04, L. A. Rally '04, Alan Macdonald '05 and A. J. Grier '06.

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**STATE AID.**

A State university generally finds itself between the devil and the deep sea when it outgrows its appropriation and wants more money. On the one hand is the legislature with its "leaders"—men who are, as a rule, not inclined to place a high valuation on the services of a mere college professor, and on the other hand are the alumni of the institution and wealthy individuals. And there is little hope in that direction. Persons with money to give for higher education do not give it to State institutions except in rare instances. Why should they? Let the State support its own, is their attitude. There are other institutions that can make better use of the money because they have no legislature, with millions of money at its disposal, to look to for help. And the indifference of the average graduate of a State university toward the in-

stitution that educated him is notorious. The *New York Evening Post*, speaking of the handicap under which State institutions in the Middle West compete with privately endowed institutions for first-class instructors, says some pertinent things.

"The blame for niggardliness," says the *Post*, "must be divided between Legislatures and the graduates of State universities. President James of Illinois drove this home to his Chicago alumni the other day when he told them that, instead of protesting to him against the departure of a favorite dean to a more liberal institution, they should wring higher salary appropriations from the State. But this the alumni of Illinois have hitherto attempted no more than have the alumni of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Indiana. The graduates of the smallest New England college accomplish ten times as much for their *alma mater* as those of all these great universities combined do for theirs—and not in the matter of salaries or buildings alone, but in the development of an educational policy and the search for teachers. Minnesota and Michigan men today are thinking less about the successors of Angell and Northrop than about next autumn's football schedule. Why should they do otherwise? *Alma mater* is a public charge, as much as any old hag in the almshouse; it is the State's business to look after her wants, and the private citizen who intrudes only takes work off some thankless official's back."

Two departments of Cornell University, the Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges, are supported by the State. Another promising department, the College of Forestry, was allowed by the State to die. The alumni of this institution should consider very seriously whether it would be profitable for the University to go much farther than it is now going in seeking aid from the State of New York. In view of our own experience and the experience of other universities, is the State likely to be more generous than the growing body of alumni? And what would be the effect upon our alumni of making Cornell more and more a State institution?

**NEW BOOKS.**

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY AND OTHER VERSES, by Francis M. Finch; with preliminary word by Andrew D. White and a portrait of the author; Henry Holt & Company, New York.

Cornell literature has been enriched by a new book which will find its place next to the Autobiography of Andrew D. White on the shelves of Cornellians. To be sure, Judge Finch's volume contains poems written for Yale, some, even, like the "Smoking Song," composed in his undergraduate years; but this publication belongs to Cornell. It was by the repeated insistence and under the pressure of his Cornell friends, in fact by the hands of some of them, that these verses were wrung from their diffident and too modest author, collected and, finally, a year after the Judge's death, handed over to Mr. Henry Holt, the publisher.

Most of these poems that have been recited and sung in homes and schools throughout the country were composed here, in the city of Ithaca, where Judge Finch was born and to which he always returned to rest from the labors of his industrious life. The scenery of the Cayuga valley—

The blue lake sleeping in the bronze-dark  
arms  
Of circling hills—

has inspired him with some of his best efforts, like "Aurora Bay," "Taghkanic," "October," and "Blinding Leaves." Ithaca's streets, swarming with book-laden youngsters, suggested the stanzas entitled "School Children." To his loyalty to Cornell's founder we owe the dirge entitled "Ezra Cornell" and the melodious song of "The Chimes," which rings in the memory of every graduate. It was here also that he wrote the stirring rhymes of "Gettysburg," "The Bronze Liberty," "General Orders," "Engine Number 658," "The Home-Coming of the Oregon"—all inspired by some event that had, aroused the patriotism of this sturdy American. Even "The Blue and the Gray" was composed in Ithaca, one day in 1867, after he had read in the *New York Tribune* of the act of magnanimity of the women of Columbus, Mississippi, who strewed flowers on the graves

of Confederate and Union soldiers alike. The eloquent call to reconciliation, sounded by the Ithaca lawyer, was printed in the *Atlantic Monthly* that year and has echoed ever since in the hearts of the new generation.

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Professor Hewett has said that President Woolsey of Yale declared Judge Finch to be the "only poet that Yale ever produced." Whether there is truth in this assertion or not, those who read this book will not hesitate to call Francis Miles Finch the greatest poet of Cornell.

THE RHETORIC OF ORATORY, by Edwin DuBois Shurter '92, associate professor of public speaking in the University of Texas; The Macmillan Company, New York; pp. viii, 309; \$1.10 net.

This is the third book on the subject of public speaking that Professor Shurter has published within the past year. The others were "Science and Art of Debate" and "Oratory of the South." This volume is intended primarily as a school and college text-book, and it is adapted to the use of public speakers in general. The author says that, so far as he is aware, there is no modern text-book which covers the same ground as the present volume. Oral discourse, he says, has a rhetoric of its own which should not be neglected in the work of instruction in English composition. But oral discourse receives scant attention in treatises on rhetoric; the subject of Persuasion is usually treated in a single chapter, or not at all. The book has chapters on the definition of oratory, kinds of oratory, the divisions of the oration, style in oral discourse, the general preparation needed to make an orator, and the writing of an oration. An appendix contains several specimen college orations, and the first of these is "The Modern Tendencies of American Athletics," by William Winthrop Taylor '07, the oration which won the contest of the Central Oratorical League, held at Ohio Wesleyan University on May 11, 1906.

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**OBITUARY.**

Ludlow Eliakim Lapham, '84.

The Rev. Ludlow Eliakim Lapham, professor of English in St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., died on February 16 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. He had been in ill health for several years. Father Lapham was born in Penn Yan, N. Y., forty-nine years ago. He was a member of the class of 1884 at Cornell. His chief interest, as an undergraduate, was in his studies, and he won distinction in scholarship. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and in his senior year he was one of the editors of the *Era*. Two years after his graduation Mr. Lapham returned to Cornell as the holder of the Erastus Brooks fellowship for a year's further study of the Romance Languages. In 1887 he was appointed instructor in French, and he held this post until 1893, with the exception of one year, 1891-92.

Cornell University has reared many noble and self-sacrificing men and

women who are numbered with the dead, but surely none of more spotless and useful life than the one over whose body the solemn words of hope, "Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine," were pronounced last Friday at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

Ludlow Eliakim Lapham was born and educated in Penn Yan and came in 1880 to Cornell University, entering the Course in Arts. He was a most lovable youth, with lofty ideals of life, deeply religious, taking an active part in student life and making his influence felt on his comrades for purity and righteousness. He early came under the influence of Professor Corson and his wife, a woman of extraordinary literary and social gifts, and the tender and lasting friendship which ensued was broken only by death. When Lapham graduated in 1884 he had studied Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, German, English, as well as mathematics, history, etc., and had acquired a lasting love for letters. He taught for a year or two and was then given a fellowship

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in Romance Languages (1886-7) and made after it instructor in French, which position he held from 1887 to 1891. In the summer of 1890 he went to Germany to study and while at Wolfenbüttel took the decisive step of his life and entered the Catholic Church. He returned to his duties at Cornell but with the determination to enter the priesthood of his church. The next year, 1891-92, he went to Innsbruck to study theology. It was characteristic of him that he would not be parted from his aged mother and took her with him. They returned to this country the following year, Lapham, in much doubt as to his future, resuming his position as instructor of French. Another year of teaching convinced him that his true vocation was the priesthood, and he entered in 1893 St. Bernard's Seminary, a theological school just founded at Rochester by the late Bishop McQuaid.

In the chapel of St. Bernard's he was consecrated a priest in 1899 and in that chapel his funeral services were held last Friday.

His life, with the exception of an occasional journey to Europe or a visit to his friends, was passed within the walls of St. Bernard's Seminary. His Church recognized that his true vocation was teaching and did not burden him with parochial duties. For the last ten years Father Lapham had taught German, French and English to the students of the Seminary and recently he added lectures on the History of Art and on Dante. He had hoped to prepare a work on Dante for English readers but death has interrupted this plan.

Those who have visited Father Lapham at St. Bernard's know how busy and happy his life was, and what a potent influence for good he exercised upon his students. He was indeed the model teacher—the man of unblemished life, sincere scholarship, and consuming love of his profession. He was devoted to his Alma Mater and never forgot the debt he owed her. He came back at frequent intervals to use the University library and visit the friends of his student days. He had a genius for friendship and held his

friends to death. How could it be otherwise? He was unselfish and sweet-tempered, generous to the very limit of his slender means, and ever seeking ways of doing kindly acts. His religion had brought him peace and comfort and one could not be long in his presence without feeling the benediction of his spiritual life. He was buried in the cemetery near the scene of his earthly labors and his memory will live in the hearts of his devoted pupils and affectionate friends.

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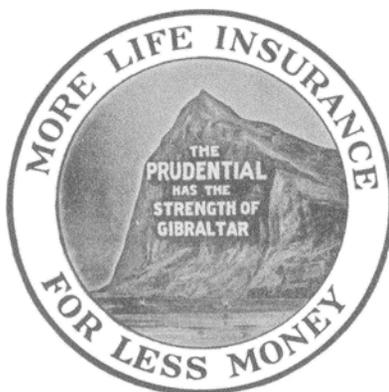
President's Busy Week.

President Schurman delivered several addresses outside of Ithaca last week. On Thursday afternoon he spoke before the students of the Penn Charter School in Philadelphia and on Thursday evening he was one of the speakers at the banquet of the Cornell Club of Philadelphia. On Friday morning he addressed the students of the Brooklyn Girls' High School. After attending the founding meeting of the National Committee on Mental Hy-

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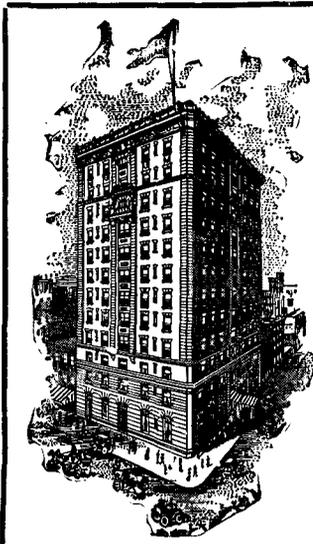
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giene at the Hotel Manhattan on Friday noon, he attended the meeting of the Medical College Faculty on Friday evening and the regular monthly meeting of the Medical College Council on Saturday morning. On Saturday noon he was present at the annual luncheon of the Cornell Alumnae Club of New York as one of the principal speakers. He returned to Ithaca in time to deliver the final lecture of Darwin Week in the Armory on the morning of Monday, Washington's Birthday, on the subject of "Darwinism and Modern Thought."

**The Cornellian Council.**

The first meeting of the Cornellian Council has been called by the committee on organization for March 5, at 3:30 p. m., at the Cornell University Club, 58 West Forty-fifth street, New York. The courtesies of the club will be extended to members of the Council not members of the club, and visitors' tickets will be issued to them upon request. Notice of the meeting has been sent to members of the Council by John Frankenheimer, chairman of the organization committee.

**1903 Gives a Banner.**

A handsome banner has been provided as a trophy for the under-class track meet, which will be held at the Armory in about a week. The trophy is the gift of the class of 1903. This meet is one of the events on which Coach Moakley depends for the discovery of promising track material, and the gift of a trophy will assist him in getting up interest in the event.

Mr. E. P. Andrews gives an illustrated lecture on the Olympic Games before the Classical Club on Thursday.

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'89—At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Car Wheel Company, in Pittsburg, on January 14, E. H. Chapin was elected vice-president and director of the company. He is now in charge of the New York office of the company at 556 West Thirty-fourth street. Prior to the forming of the National Car Wheel Company in 1903, Mr. Chapin was secretary of the Rochester Car Wheel Works. When the Rochester Car Wheel Company was merged with a number of other car wheel concerns, forming the National, he went to New York as sales agent, which position he held until his election as vice-president.

'95, B. L.—A daughter was born on February 15 to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Atkinson, of Brooklyn. She has been named Jean Bacon Atkinson.

'97, A. B.—Herman J. Westwood announces that he has resigned as confidential clerk to Mr. Justice Hooker, and has opened offices for the general practice of law on the third floor of the City Hall in Fredonia, N. Y.

'98, C. E.—Philip B. Hoge, who is employed in the survey of the New York State Barge Canal, has changed his address from Spencerport to 45 Triangle Building, Rochester.

'99, A. B.—Henry H. Foster has removed from Bellingham, Wash., to Peoria, Ill., where his address is 512 Bradley avenue.

'01, C. E.—Lloyd G. Gage is civil engineer and superintendent of leasers for the Butte & Boston Consolidated Mining Company. His address is 519 North Alabama street, Butte, Mont. A daughter was born

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'05, A. B.—Benjamin O. Williams is agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee at Los Angeles and Pasadena, Cal. His business address is 545 Douglass Building, Los Angeles, and he lives at 485 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena.

'06, M. D.—Thomas G. Tousey was married on January 6 last, at Pittsford, N. Y., to Miss Emily G. Crump of Pittsford. He expects to open an office for the practice of medicine at 39 Hudson avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

'06, M. E.—I. Seeley Jones has removed from Steubenville, O., to New Comerstown, O. His address is Box 128. He is a signalman with the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburg.

'07, C. E.—Paul B. Lum has removed from Philadelphia to Cleveland, O., where he is employed by the Lake Shore Railway. His address is 1942 East 101st street, Cleveland, O.

'07, M. E.—Charles R. Cook is an engineer with the Cutler-Hammer Manufacturing Company. His address is in care of the University Club, Milwaukee, Wis.

'07, M. E.—James C. Rockwell is superintendent of the Kanawha Valley Traction Company and his address is Ruffner avenue and Kanawha street, Charleston, W. Va.

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