ACTION OF THE TRUSTEES.

New Heads of Departments Appointed and Promotions Made—College Preparation to Be Required of Three-Year Law Students—New Five Year Optional Courses in Arts-Engineering.

Important business was transacted at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University, held in Ithaca on Saturday morning, April 3. Several appointments and promotions were made in the Faculty; a five year course combining work in the College of Arts and Sciences and either of the colleges of engineering was adopted, and a recommendation of the law faculty was adopted requiring, after 1910, a year of college work for admission to the three year course in law.

Trustees Present.
The Trustees from out of town who attended the meeting on Saturday were Messrs. Morris, Sackett, Shepard, Westinghouse, Pearson, Boldt, Barr and Edwards and Miss Putnam.

New Appointments.
The vacancy in the department of Romance languages and literatures caused by the retirement at the close of the present academic year of Professor T. F. Crane was filled by the appointment of William Wistar Comfort as professor of Romance languages and literatures and head of the department.

Charles Tracey Stagg was appointed assistant professor of law in the College of Law.

In the College of Arts and Sciences the headship of the department of English, which has been vacant since the retirement of Professor James Morgan Hart, was filled by the appointment of Martin Wright Sampson, now acting professor, as professor of the English language and literature and head of the department.

Similarly, in Sibley College, Professor Henry Hutchinson Norris was appointed professor of electrical engineering in charge of the department.

Promotions.
The following promotions were announced:

Everett Ward Olmsted, from the rank of assistant professor to that of professor of Romance languages and literatures.

Henry Augustus Sill, from the rank of assistant professor to that of professor of ancient history.

William Strunk, Jr., from the rank of assistant professor to that of professor of the English language and literature.

Joseph Quincy Adams, Jr., now instructor in English, to the rank of assistant professor of the English language and literature.

To Require College Work for Entrance to the Three Year Course in Law.

An important enactment of the Trustees concerns the entrance requirements in the three year course in law. The President has been recommending in his reports that these requirements should be advanced, and the law faculty has voted that its ideal is at some future time to require two years of college work and to begin, in September, 1911, by requiring one year of college work. On January 18 last the law faculty recommended unanimously:

"That after the academic year 1910-1911, without changing the requirements for admission to the combined Arts and Law course, there shall be admitted to the three year course only graduates of universities and colleges and students who have met the entrance requirements and satisfactorily completed one year of study in a university or college of approved standing."

This recommendation the Board of Trustees, last Saturday, adopted. It is not likely to make any serious change in the attendance of students in the College of Law, as at the present time 60 per cent of students pursuing the first year work in law had upon beginning that work already met the above mentioned requirements.

Five Year Course in Arts-Engineering.

Another important action was the establishment of an optional course of five years in engineering (civil or mechanical) including two years in arts and science subjects. At a meeting on Friday the Faculty of Arts and Sciences adopted a report of the Committee on Educational Policy recommending that that faculty cooperate with the Faculties of Civil and Mechanical Engineering in the establishment of these five year courses. A student who takes one of these courses will, upon entrance, meet the entrance requirements, not of an engineering course, but of the arts course. He will spend his first two years in the College of Arts and Sciences and the other three in the engineering college of his choice. In the first two years (those in Arts) he will get, besides languages and literature and history and philosophy, his mathematics (advanced algebra, solid geometry, trigonometry, analytical geometry and calculus, descriptive geometry and drawing) his chemistry and his physics, now taken by freshmen and sophomores in the regular four year engineering courses. His third year, if he then elects to pursue an engineering course, will be devoted to engineering studies, and will be like the second year of the four year course, with minor differences. The fourth and fifth years of the new course are identical with the third and fourth of the four year course. A student may, if he choose, upon reaching the end of his second year, continue as an Arts student and take the degree of A. B. at the end of four years. For he will have had in his freshman and sophomore years sixty hours' work...
Biographical Sketches.

William Wistar Comfort, who has been appointed professor of the Romance languages and literatures and head of the department, comes to Cornell from Haverford College. After completing his preparatory work in the Penn Charter High School in Philadelphia, where he early won distinction for scholastic ability, Mr. Comfort entered Haverford, where he graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1894. He then entered Harvard University, receiving the Harvard degree of A. B. in 1895 and the master's degree in 1896, and after some years spent in travelling abroad he returned to Harvard to take the degree of Ph. D. in 1902. While in Europe he traveled extensively in France, Germany, Spain and Italy, and at Berlin and Paris he continued his studies in Romance literature under such distinguished scholars as Töbler and Gaston Paris. Professor Comfort is an accomplished linguist, and since his return from abroad has been very active in the Modern Language Association of America and has been a frequent contributor to Modern Language Notes. At the present time he is completing his term of service as associate professor of French in Haverford College, and, although a comparatively young man, he comes to Cornell with an already established reputation among the scholars of the country.

Martin Wright Sampson, the new head of the English department, has been acting professor of English literature for a year past. He has had a wide experience as a teacher of English. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati of the class of 1888. By special permission of the faculty his senior year was passed in Germany, chiefly at the University of Munich. In 1889 he was called to the University of Iowa as assistant professor, and in 1891 he became acting head of the English department at that university. Afterward he was an associate professor at Stanford, whence he was called in 1894 to take charge of the English department at the University of Indiana. He held this position for twelve years and brought his department to a high degree of efficiency. While at Indiana Professor Sampson took an active interest in athletics and represented that university in the Western Conference. He was secretary of the Conference for several years and for one year was its president. He is the author of a manual of composition and has edited several volumes of English classics.

Charles Tracey Stagg, the new assistant professor of law, graduated from the Cornell College of Law in 1902, having during his senior year held the Boardman Prize Scholarship, which is awarded at the end of each year to the junior who, during the two preceding years, has, in the judgment of the Faculty, done the most satisfactory work. Mr. Stagg was admitted to the bar immediately after graduation, and was from that time until January, 1904, confidential clerk to the Hon. Walter Lloyd Smith, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Department. Since 1904 he has been engaged in the active practice of the law, first as a member of the firm of Gibson & Stagg of Elmira and later as a member of the firm of Newman & Stagg of Ithaca. Since November last Mr. Stagg has been instructor in procedure in the College of Law.

Joseph Quincy Adams, jr., who has been appointed assistant professor in the department of English, is a graduate of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, of the class of 1900. In 1901 he took his master's degree at the same college and then studied in the University of Chicago. In 1903 he entered Cornell for advanced study and in 1906 he took the degree of Ph. D. here. His thesis was "Studies in the Elizabethan and Jacobean Drama: Sources and Authorship." Since 1904 he has been an instructor in English. He is a frequent contributor to Modern Language Notes.
PROPOSED HOUSE OF THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB.

I. Goldsmith '03, Saratoga Springs; G. Edward Gibson '03, Albany; L. S. Hurlburt '03, Albany; John W. Davitt '03, Troy; J. T. McGinity '03, Green Island; J. H. Middleton '03, Albany; C. H. Sears '03, Hoosick Falls; H. E. Green '04, Peterborough; H. C. Hasbrouck '04, Troy; Edmund L. Warden '03, Troy; Thomas S. Jones '04, Utica; J. H. Sturdevant '04, Albany; H. G. McDonald '04, Granville; C. A. Sleichler '04, Troy; Moncure C. Carpender '05, Albany; J. F. Dorrance '05, New York city; Joseph H. Ramsey '06, Albany; J. L. Braman '06, Albany; G. W. McIver, jr., '06, Schenectady; N. J. Darling '07, Schenectady; F. D. Fowler '07, Glens Falls; C. S. Gwinn '07, Glens Falls, and C. O. Ullrich '08, Albany.

Elmira Cornell Dinner April 17.

A banquet of Cornell men of the Southern Tier is to be held in Elmira on Saturday evening, April 17. Many invitations have been sent out and a large attendance is expected. One of the speakers will be Professor R. C. H. Catterall.

CLUBHOUSE PLANNED.

What the New Home of the Cosmopolitan Club Will Be Like.

We print a copy of the architect’s drawing of the proposed home of the Cosmopolitan Club, which is to be erected this summer on the lot which the club has bought near Dryden road. The club hopes to have the house ready for use next fall. Next winter the national convention of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs will be held there. The building is to be of reinforced concrete. The basement floor will be occupied by the dining room and kitchen in the south or right wing, an auditorium in the middle and the heating plant in the north wing. The first floor will ultimately be devoted entirely to club purposes, though portions of both wings will at first be fitted with temporary partitions, so as to give four living rooms to each. The purpose of this arrangement is to provide additional revenue until the debt assumed by the club in building the house is reduced. During this period the entire central portion will be used at general club quarters. The second and third floors will be alike, each containing fifteen sleeping rooms. The attic will be used for storage. In the auditorium will be seats for 250 persons. Thus far the canvass for funds has been successful and the club has every hope of financing the scheme so that work may begin this spring. The cost of the house is estimated at $25,000 and the cost of the furnishing at $5,000.

As indicated by the plans, living quarters are to be provided for thirty to forty men. It is planned to provide board for about a hundred. The club will farm out the privilege of conducting the dining room. This house will put the club in far better position than it now is to provide comfortable and pleasant surroundings for Cornell's many foreign students.

Joseph Walter Bingham, who was acting assistant professor of law at Cornell in 1905-07, and who has been assistant professor of law in Stanford University since that time, has been promoted to the rank of associate professor.
OBITUARY.

G. F. BEHRINGER '69.

The Rev. Dr. George Frederick Behringer, a member of the class of '69, the first class graduated from Cornell, died at his home in South Nyack, N. Y., on Wednesday evening, March 31, after a lingering illness from cancer. Dr. Behringer always said that, owing to his alphabetical position in the class, he was the first man to receive a diploma from Cornell University. His death causes the first break in the ranks of the class. Of the eight who were graduated Behringer alone is dead.

Mr. Behringer was born on October 13, 1845, in the old Tenth Ward, New York city. He attended the private school of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, in Broome street, and Grammar School No. 7, in Chrystie street. He then entered Gettysburg Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and remained there until the opening of Cornell University in 1868, when he became a student at the new institution. He took high rank in scholarship, being the winner of one of the President's Prizes, and after his graduation he was appointed assistant professor of the German language and literature in the University. He was one of the founders of the Cornell chapter of Delta Upsilon. After teaching at Cornell for one year, Mr. Behringer spent several years in Europe, studying at Tübingen and Halle and traveling. Soon after his return to New York in 1874 he was ordained a deacon of the Protestant Episcopal Church and for a short time was assistant to the rector of the Church of the Ascension in West New Brighton, Staten Island. On November 26 of the same year he was married to Miss Mary Vail Coburn, of New York, who survives him, with six sons and four daughters.

For one year Mr. Behringer was a member of the faculty of Howard University, at Washington, D. C. In October, 1876, he was ordained in the Lutheran ministry. He served as pastor of churches in Indianapolis, Ind.; Mendon, Ill., and Des Moines, Ia., leaving the last named city to accept a call to Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. He then organized Grace English Lutheran Church in the Eastern District of Brooklyn and obtained an edifice for it. After five years he gave up his pastorate there on account of ill health and became teacher of church history and languages in Hartwick Seminary. This institution afterward conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1891 he removed with his family to Saddle River, N. J., and for nearly two years acted as pastor of Saint John's Lutheran Church in New York city. This was his last active charge in the ministry. Fourteen years ago he became a resident of South Nyack, N. Y., where he devoted himself to writing for church papers and to indulging his taste for study. He translated from the German and edited a life of Martin Luther.

JASPER R. RAND '97.

Jasper Raymond Rand, one of the best known and most popular members of the class of '97, died at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Tuesday evening, March 30, of pneumonia. He had been taken ill several weeks earlier and had been removed to the hospital, where, despite the efforts of several physicians, he continued to fail until his death. He was 34 years old.

Mr. Rand was vice-president of the Ingersoll-Rand Company, having succeeded, upon the death of his father, about seven years ago, to the presidency of the Rand Drill Company, which was afterward absorbed in the Ingersoll-Rand Company. His home was in Montclair, N. J., but he had mining and other interests in the West which made it necessary for him to spend much of his time in Salt Lake City. He was president of the Rendock Powder Company, the Southport Mining Company, Black Diamond Mining Company, and West Quincy Mining Company of Park City, Utah.

Rand entered Sibley College in 1893 and was a student there for five years. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and of Quill and Dagger and belonged to the Masque and to many undergraduate social organizations. When the war with Spain began, Rand volunteered as a member of the First Regiment, Volunteer Engineers. This regiment contained many university men, including about thirty Cornellians. It was ordered, late in the campaign, to Porto Rico, where Rand, who had been made a non-commissioned officer, obtained a commission as second lieutenant of volunteers. After the war he was mustered out of service with the regiment.

Rand was a member of several clubs in New York, including the Army and Navy, Engineers', Automobile, Salmagundi, Cornell University and Alpha Delta Phi. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Henry Lang.

Plans for the Sixth Music Festival.

The official announcement of the sixth annual Music Festival has been issued. There will be five concerts this year instead of four as in previous years. Several well known soloists are to take part, and, in addition to the festival chorus of 185 voices, there will be a children's chorus of 200 voices. The soloists will be: Sopranos, Grace Bonner Williams, Josephine Knight and Florence Hinkle; contraltos, Florence Mulford and Adelaide Griggs; tenors, George Hamlin and Glenn Hall; baritones, Gwilym Miles and J. Humbird Duffey; bass, Oscar Huntting.

An introductory lecture will be given on Wednesday, April 28, by Albert A. Stanley, professor of music in the University of Michigan, on "The Function of the Concert Room." The festival proper will begin on the following evening, when Sullivan's "Golden Legend" will be rendered. On Friday afternoon the Boston Festival Orchestra of fifty pieces, under Emil Mollenhauer, will give a popular concert. Mendelssohn's "First Walpurgis Night" will be the chief attraction on Friday evening, and that program will include also orchestra selections and solos. Pierre's "The Children at Bethlehem" will be rendered on Saturday afternoon, May 1, with eight soloists and a chorus of 200 children. On that evening will be given Verdi's "Aida," which, with eight soloists, should bring the festival to a brilliant end. All the concerts will take place in Sage Chapel.
ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS.

New York Club Smoker, May 7.

The Cornell University Club of New York city will hold a smoker on Friday evening, May 7, at 9 p. m., in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria. The price of tickets will be $2.00. They may be purchased at the Cornell Club, or from George H. Turner, Treasurer, 154 Nassau street, New York. All Corneliains are invited and may bring guests. The Committee is as follows: Franklin Matthews '83, Dr. H. P. DeForest '84, F. O. Affeld, jr., '97, A. H. Sherwood '01, W. R. Couch '02, H. F. Vincent '04, Roger Lewis '95, President Cornell University Club, ex-officio, Edward Burns, jr., '03, Chairman, George H. Turner '03, Treasurer.

Ninety-Four!

Answer that first circular which we sent to you! The second circular is almost ready to send out, but we wish as many answers as possible to the first one. When you receive the second one you will be able to see a little into the great preparations we are making for you in June.

Now then, men: Begin to put aside the things you will take to Ithaca. Begin to talk about it to your wife, to your children, to your employer, to your employees, to your friends and to all your classmates in Ninety-Four, so that when the long looked for time does arrive no one will be surprised to see you going away for a week’s vacation with your little hand satchel. That’s all you’ll need. Why? Watch for the second circular.

Do you know who your classmates are in your own town? No? Well, write E. E. Bogart, our Class Secretary, 154 Nassau street, New York, and ask him who are in your own town? No? Well, now look, and see a little into the great preparations we are making for you in June.

But, by the beard of the Prophet, lolling will not be all, for entertainment such as the oasis has never been will be furnished, and shrieks who have not seen each other for years will meet together. The Camels are coming. Start now to get the days of the week so arranged that back you will ride. For we must have, in the words of the later prophet, THE BIGGEST AND BEST OR BUST.

Fraternity Rush Rules Amended.

A meeting of the fraternity rush committee was held in Barnes Hall last Thursday evening and the rules adopted last year for the regulation of the annual rushing were slightly amended. This committee has been composed of delegates, two from each fraternity. One amendment adopted provides that each fraternity shall have three delegates. This will be a great relief to the delegates, because under the rules they alone are permitted to meet freshmen prior to a certain day for the purpose of “making dates,” and last fall some of the delegates were almost too busy to eat. Rule 3 was defined so as to mean that no engagements with freshmen are to be made outside of Ithaca or by others than delegates. Officers for next year were elected, as follows: Stanton Griffis '10, chairman; R. K. Blanchard '10, secretary.

Delta Chi Convention.

The fifteenth national convention of the Delta Chi fraternity was held in Ithaca on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Convention headquarters were in the Ithaca Hotel. Twenty active chapters and five alumni chapters were represented. Herman J. Westwood, Cornell '97, was permanent chairman of the convention. Among the Cornell alumni present were A. S. Barnes '91, A. T. Wilkinson '91, R. H. Haskell '97, G. H. Russ '03, C. P. Rose '06, C. W. Cunningham '06, W. W. Taylor '07, E. L. Haskell '07, H. N. Harrington '08 and W. E. Scripture '08.
is now quite generally recognized. The difficulty of giving anything in a four years' technical course beside technical work is also recognized.”—Director Smith.

“The modern engineer, if he is to be truly educated, needs a training broader than physical science and technical study. He too, because he is a man, needs the culture of the humanities—that liberalizing and expansion of mind which comes from the study of literature, history and philosophy. This, however, he can no longer secure in a four years' technical course. With the constant increase of professional subjects rendered necessary by the advance of engineering science and the practice of modern engineering, the curriculum of the four year course has grown more and more technical, and less place than ever now remains for any of the liberal arts. The result is that, all over the country, men are graduating in the engineering courses with an ignorance of literature, history, and the other liberal arts so dense that no proficiency in science and technology can save them from the charge of being uncultured, especially when, as so often happens as a necessary result of their limited reading of literature, they are unable to express themselves, either in speech or writing, in correct English prose.”—President Schurman.

The foregoing paragraphs express concisely the reason for the establishment at Cornell of optional five year courses combining liberal study and technical training. On another page is given an outline of the arrangement of studies in the new courses and a suggestion as to how they may work out. There are several respects in which the new courses are expected to work advantageously. In the first place, they are more diversified than the shorter courses and for that reason the training they will afford is likely to be broader. A director of one of the engineering colleges has said that their present courses, crowded as they are with technical studies, tend to make men “sharp but narrow.” If the new plan realizes its ideal it will go far at Cornell to make possible the great gain which Professor Karapetoff.

"The need of the modern engineer for a training much broader than that given by purely technical study
of enthusiastic engineering alumni, and yet others because of their parents' desire that they shall get a "practical education." In this way boys are misled. It is said that not half of Sibley's graduates are now practicing engineers. Such students as these may, if they choose, continue and complete the course in Arts. Some of them find that one or another of the vocational courses in the Arts college is better suited to their tastes and needs than is the training of an engineer.

1908 Rejuvenation a Record.


The 'varsity association football team was defeated by the Yale team in New Haven last Thursday by eight goals to none.

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"Varsity Nine Opens the Season with a Victory in the South.
The varsity baseball team opened its season auspiciously last Saturday by defeating the strong Georgetown University nine in Washington by a score of 6 to 3. Howes and Williams were the Cornell battery. Cornell played an errorless game. Following is the score by innings:

Cornell......... 0 3 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 — 6 0
Georgetown..... 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 — 3 6 6

On Monday the team was to meet Georgetown again. This was too late to be reported in this issue of the News. The team will return to Ithaca on Saturday and will play its first home game with Niagara at Percy Field on April 15.

Thirteen men were taken on the Southern trip, as follows: Pitchers, E. E. Goodwillie '10, Murray Howes '11, catchers, P. Williams '10, C. V. Lally '10, infield, C. W. Fulton '09, W. W. Matchneer '10, E. E. Thompson '11, E. B. Magner '11, D. A. Howard '11, outfield, R. K. Caldwell '09, captain: W. L.

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R. E. Treman Secretary of 1909.

Robert Elias Treman, of Ithaca,
has been elected life secretary of
the class of 1909. He is the son of Rob-
ert H. Treman ’78. He was chosen
at a meeting of the senior class held
last Wednesday. At the same meet-
ing the class instructed its president,
R. E. Coulson, to appoint a reunion
committee. Treman will graduate
in the course in Arts. He is a mem-
ber of the Kappa Alpha society.

Coach Courtney and the rowing
squad are taking advantage of the
Easter recess to do double work.
Practice is held on the Inlet morn-
ing and afternoon. The weather has
been favorable.

The Easter recess began on Fri-
day morning, and the streets of Ith-
aca have a deserted look. Instruc-
tion will be resumed on Tuesday
morning, April 13.

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CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

'79.—Anna Louisa Head '79, widow of N. A. Randolph '79, has been spending the winter with her children in Berlin and is expected soon in Paris.

'80, B. S.—The American Naturalist for March contains a paper by William Trelease, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, on "Darwin as a Naturalist: Darwin's Work on Cross Pollination in Plants." This was one of the papers read at the Darwin Memorial Session of the Baltimore meeting of the Botanical Society of America.

'88, A. B.—At the annual dinner of the Legislative Correspondents' Association in Albany on All Fools' Day, which was attended by many public men, including Governor Hughes, and which was conducted in accordance with the association's motto, "Mallets for all and charity toward none," a skit written by Albert E. Hoyt, editor of the Albany Argus, was enacted. It was entitled "The Trial of Miss Democracy."

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