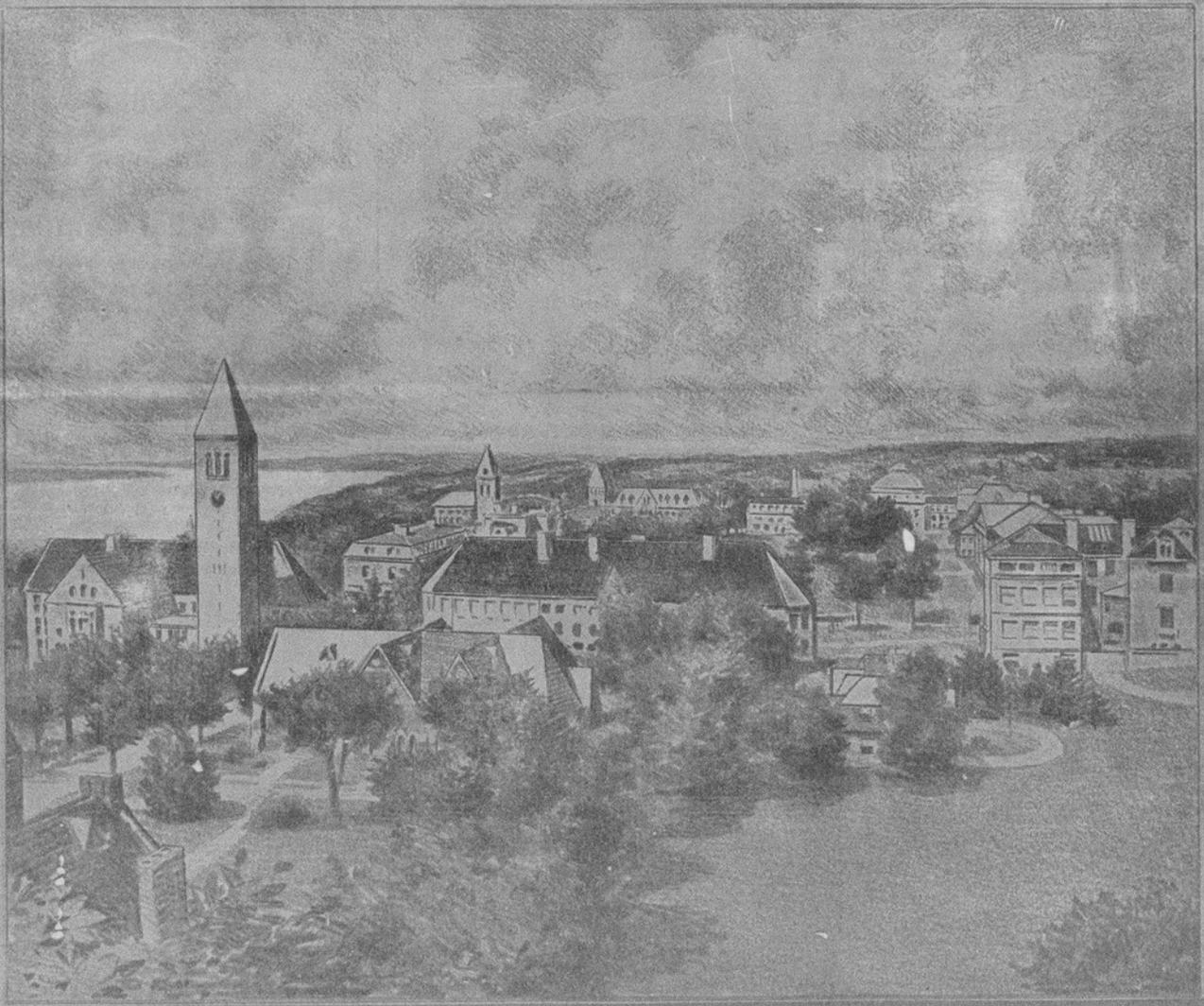


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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Great Need of a New Chemical Laboratory—Other Departments Crowded.

This year for the first time there is appended to the President's Report the full report of the Treasurer of the University.

In his own report, under the head of Needs, the President says:

"On the material side the greatest need of the University is a new chemical laboratory. For two years many students have been excluded from the courses in chemistry simply because there was no room for them in the laboratory, and in quite a number of cases the exclusion has been a source of great embarrassment as chemistry was a prescribed subject in the courses taken by these students. There is a large but steady increase of students in the course in agriculture in which chemistry is a prescribed subject. The situation is now so acute that additional space is an imperative necessity if these increasing numbers of students are to receive the instruction for which they come to the University. After a new chemical laboratory, the buildings most needed are a new Armory, new machine shops for Sibley College, a new testing experimental laboratory in Civil Engineering, and the new buildings already described for the colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

"For men of great wealth who desire to benefit the higher education of the United States on a large scale no investment could prove so profitable as the establishment of a score or more of research professorships in universities like Cornell. Incumbents of these chairs should be men of great eminence in their several specialties who should be given all the time they need for investigation and research, with the requirement of only a very small amount of teaching to undergraduates."

Chemistry is not the only department that is in need of more room.

In his report to the President the Director of Sibley College says:

"I wish to call to your attention one very serious, pressing need in Sibley College. Every resource has been exhausted in the effort to render the building accommodations adequate for the increasing classes in shops and laboratories. Basement rooms, heretofore considered only fit for storage, have been utilized. The Electrical Laboratory, instead of being, as it should be, in adjacent rooms of one building, is located in four widely separate places. The Mechanical Laboratory long ago outgrew the building assigned to it and its work is carried on under great and increasing difficulties. The Machine Shop, by reason of careful rearrangement, will serve for the junior classes of the next two years but not for succeeding classes at the present rate of increase. The Foundry needs a fifty per cent. increase in floor space.

"Because of these conditions it will be necessary soon to provide increased building accommodations or to limit the number of students in Sibley College."

And the Director of the New York State College of Agriculture says: "The College of Agriculture is now growing so rapidly, both in its local and extension work, that the mere physical lack of floor space for lectures and laboratories has come to be acute. We are now face to face with the problem either of developing the space and equipment in the College of Agriculture or limiting the number of students who shall be received."

A similar need is indicated by the Director of the College of Civil Engineering, who closes his report to the President as follows: "I cannot urge too strongly the enlargement of Lincoln Hall. During the year the building has been greatly overcrowded, handicapping in numerous instances the progress of the work of the College. We should have

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THE CALENDAR CHANGED.

Period of Instruction Made Longer—The Spring Vacation Cut Down.

By action of the Faculty and ratification of the Board of Trustees the University calendar has been revised. The change lengthens the period of instruction, shortens the spring vacation to four days, and condenses Spring Day and Navy Day into one. The following rules governing the calendar were adopted:

1. The first day of instruction shall be the last Thursday in September and Commencement shall be on a Wednesday in June thirty-eight weeks later.

2. The year shall consist of two terms, each of one hundred session days, including instruction days and days given to the examination period, known as block week, but not including Sundays or vacations.

3. Vacations shall be as follows: Thanksgiving and the Friday following, 2 days; at Christmas, average, 11 week days; Founder's day, 1 day; Junior week, 3 days following block week, the third day (Saturday) being for the second term's registration; spring vacation, 4 week days, beginning on a Thursday near the 1st of April; Navy and Spring day, 1 day, the Saturday nearest the 30th of May.

On account of arrangements previously made, two slight changes in the plan were adopted for the year 1910-11. Instruction will begin on Friday, September 30, 1910, but thereafter the change to Thursday will take effect. On account of proposed alumni arrangements, Commencement Day will continue to be on Thursday pending further action. The reason is that there is a desire to make a fair test of a new senior-alumni week program.

The new calendar provides just two hundred session days,—one hundred each term—excluding Sundays and vacations. The arrangement for

1910-11 is as follows, except for the two changes noted above:

FIRST TERM.

Entrance examinations, Monday, September 19, 1910.

Instruction begins, Thursday, September 29.

Thanksgiving and Friday, November 24-25.

Instruction stops before Christmas, Wednesday, December 21.

Christmas holidays, Thursday, December 22 to Wednesday, January 4, 1911.

Founder's Day, Wednesday, January 11.

Instruction ends, Saturday, January 28.

Examinations begin, Monday, January 30.

Examinations end, Wednesday, February 8.

"Junior Week," Thursday, February 9—Saturday, February 11.

SECOND TERM.

Instruction begins, Monday, February 13.

Instruction stops before spring vacation, Wednesday, April 5.

Spring vacation, Thursday, April 6—Monday, April 10.

Instruction resumed, Tuesday, April 11.

Navy Day, Saturday, May 27.

Instruction ends, Saturday, June 3.

Examinations begin, Monday, June 5.

Examinations end, Wednesday, June 14.

Commencement week begins, Thursday, June 15.

Commencement day, Wednesday, June 21.

Instruction will begin one day earlier in the fall than now. The first holiday is Thanksgiving Day, and the Friday after it, which has generally been made a holiday by special legislation of the Faculty, is now such by statute. The Christmas vacation is to consist of eleven week days, one less than now. Founder's Day, January 11, is a holiday. The first term ends with "block week" and Junior week a little later than now. The spring vacation is cut down from eight or nine week days to four.

One of the most interesting changes is the omission of Decoration Day from the number of University

holidays. In its place is provided a holiday on the Saturday which falls nearest to May 30. On this day it is proposed to hold the "Spring Day" show in the forenoon and to have a baseball game and boat races in the afternoon.

Concerts by Undergraduate Orchestra.

The University Orchestra gave a very successful concert in Sibley Dome last Thursday evening. Although none but undergraduates were admitted, the hall was filled to bursting, and several hundred were turned away. The amount of the applause indicated that the music gave the audience a great deal of pleasure. On the next night the concert was repeated for faculty and townspeople, and the hall was again filled. The program combined popular and classical music and included some difficult compositions. The orchestra is directed by George L. Coleman '95.

Faculty Appointments.

The following appointments were made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees held on November 30:

Assistants in the Military Department—George Edmund Robinson, George Walter Blair, William Brooks Clift, Walter Knapp.

Reader in English—Charles A. Carroll.

Winter Course—Ray Cross, assistant in dairy mechanics; Robert L. French to assist in separator room.

Assistant in department of soil technology—J. H. Phillips.

Assistant in biochemistry—Maurice H. Givens.

Winter Course Registration.

Up to the beginning of this week the total enrollment of students in the short winter courses in agriculture was 365, divided among the several departments as follows: dairy, 93; poultry, 55; agronomy and general farm crops, 155; home economics, 29; horticulture, 33. The registration at this time last year was 352. Undoubtedly there will be an increase over the present attendance before the course ends in February. As it is now, the college is hard put to it to find room in its buildings for the short course students.

NEW ENGLAND CLUB NIGHT.

*A Moving Account of Ross Marvin's Death
Given by Professor McMillan.*

(Contributed.)

That the name of Cornell and what the University stands for is held in high esteem in New England was demonstrated at the "football rally" held on the evening before the Harvard-Cornell game this fall. The enthusiasm of Cornell men in New England for their alma mater is too well known to need comment. It was a regular New England Club night. In all, about two hundred men were present at the Hotel Lenox during the evening.

Graduate Manager Garcelon of Harvard spoke of the growing friendliness and athletic rivalry between Harvard and Cornell—laying stress upon the "always fair" methods of the two universities. Nesmith, coach of Harvard's second eleven, said he believed thoroughly in a continuation of Harvard-Cornell relations.

The crowd from Ithaca made its headquarters at the Lenox and the gathering listened with interest to Mr. Hoy, Joe Beacham and many others. Jack Moakley was purloined from his charge, the team, for a few moments to meet the hearty greeting he always receives from Cornell men in Boston.

Probably the most gratifying incident, and one that will longest remain with those present, occurred when Charles W. Furlong '99 came in late with Professor McMillan of the Peary North Pole expedition. Professor McMillan was on his way to his train, but he kindly tarried to tell the Cornell boys about Ross Marvin. He described briefly and simply his close association with Marvin and told of the esteem in which Marvin was held by Commander Peary and the others of the party. He said that Marvin's enthusiasm for Cornell was made manifest at a time when the party was "hung up" for several days in a snow hut with the mercury sixty degrees below. At this time Marvin furnished entertainment for the whole party with songs and stories of his alma mater. Marvin's enthusiasm for his work was such that Commander Peary said Marvin was the best man he had ever had in

the North with him. Professor McMillan said that he had returned to the Roosevelt ahead of Marvin and had waited there. Marvin was overdue. The waiting was filled with anxiety. At last the Eskimos were seen approaching, their dogs at a walk, the men with their heads down. They told of Marvin's drowning, using the Eskimo word meaning "much new ice."

Professor McMillan spoke simply but impressively, and the complete silence in the room when he ended showed how the story of Marvin's death had moved every person there.

WINTER SPORTS BEGIN.

Now that the football season is over, other interests claim undergraduate attention. Only two weeks remain before the musical clubs will start on their long swing through the South, opening at Scranton on December 22 and closing at Brooklyn on January 4. Almost every evening now there is a rehearsal in the rooms over the Athletic Office in Tioga street, and loungers pause on the sidewalk opposite to hear the mandolins or the vocal choruses, the latter chopped short now and then by the crisp voice of Professor Dann.

In athletics, the winter sports now get columns in the *Sun*, where they got only paragraphs a week ago. There is no sign of ice on Beebe Lake yet, but the hockey men know that Harvard and Columbia have had rink practice for weeks and they are getting into training. Every afternoon the squad reports at the Armory for such practice as is possible. The men are taking long runs to get into condition. A meeting was held in Barnes Hall on Thursday evening to discuss hockey plans and about thirty men turned out. It is planned, as soon as there is ice, to lay out two rinks on Beebe Lake, one for the 'varsity and one for the freshmen. Practice will be held every afternoon, and there will be frequent games between the two teams. The management expects to engage a well known Canadian professional as coach. This is Cornell's first season in the intercollegiate hockey league, and Captain Matchneer and his team are naturally anxious to make a good showing.

Regular basketball practice has begun, with Coach Coogan of the base-

ball team in charge of the squad. He will not attempt to act as coach, leaving that duty to several professionals who are to be at the Armory from time to time. Thirty candidates reported at the Armory, including Captain Crosby and four other members of last year's team. Night practice has been begun, the squad having the use of the Armory from 7 to 9 o'clock.

An interclass fencing and wrestling meet is to be held on December 17. On the same evening there will be an exhibition match of three bouts, with foils, singlesticks and broadswords, between Mr. James Murray, jr., fencing instructor of the New York Athletic Club and Columbia University, and Mr. Gelas, Cornell's fencing instructor. The interclass bouts are open to all undergraduates who have not won a bout in any 'varsity contest. There are about fifty men out for fencing this year and an equally large number out for wrestling. It is reported that West Point and Annapolis expect to withdraw from the intercollegiate fencing league. They have led the league for several years and their withdrawal would make the league's annual contest more nearly equal. The wrestling team will have a dual meet with Yale in Ithaca this winter, and it is hoped to arrange for an intercollegiate fencing match to be held here at the same time.

In intercollege athletics the nearest event of importance is the 'cross-country race, to be held next Saturday. It will be run over the four-mile course, and after the race a board track meet, the first of the weekly board track try-outs of the season, will take place.

'Varsity soccer practice has been kept up, the men using the Playground every afternoon. Lacrosse practice has been discontinued till spring.

Trustees to Meet on January 8.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University will be held on Saturday, January 8, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the Cornell University Club, 65 Park avenue, New York. The members of the Board will have luncheon in the club.

The board track has just been laid north of the Armory.

GOLDWIN SMITH AT CORNELL.

Mrs. Hartt Writes Some Recollections of the University's Early Days.

Mrs. Charles Frederick Hartt, of whose husband, the professor of geology at Cornell from the opening of the University till his death in 1878, Cornellians retain an affectionate memory, contributes to the *Boston Evening Transcript* of November 27 some interesting recollections of Professor Goldwin Smith at Cornell. Some of her paragraphs are printed below. The paragraphs used were clipped at random and may fail to indicate fully the interesting nature of what Mrs. Hartt has written:

"A 'city' of ten thousand souls, lying in a basin at the head of Cayuga Lake, off the line of the great railways, the old town had been slumbering for fifty years undisturbed by the excitements and turmoils of the outside world. Twice a day a branch of the Delaware & Lackawanna brought in a train—a locomotive and a single car—which zigzagged for half an hour across the face of the surrounding hills before it reached the forlorn little wooden station. The site of the embryo campus, East Hill, rising 450 feet above the level of the town, was a stretch of virgin pastureland so remote and so little attractive to the pedestrian that not a few old inhabitants of Ithaca had never climbed its steep slopes.

"At the date of the opening of the 'University,' September, 1868, there was but one college building completed, no preparations had been made for housing the faculty and little if any for the students. No sidewalks or properly built roads crossed the campus between which and the only college boarding-house yawned the picturesque but steep and unbridged Cascadilla Gorge. Professors and students alike climbed down one side and up the other through all the rains and mud of the fall of 1868.

"Cascadilla House, sole refuge of the faculty which had been summoned to direct the new university, was a huge, ugly, barrack-like stone building which had been erected to house a prospective water-cure establishment and which stood on the brow of University Hill. A place more destitute of convenience, comfort and home-like attraction can scarcely be

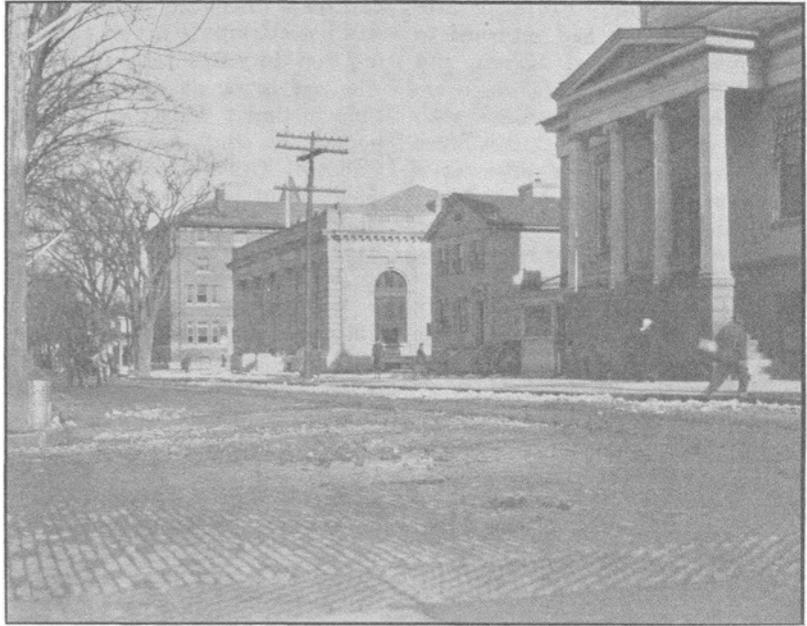
imagined than this abortive sanitarium. Yet it remained the home of the greater portion of the college faculty for several years. To make matters worse, it was so badly managed by successive innkeepers that discontent grew chronic and periodically insurrectionary.

"In this comfortless shelter Goldwin Smith found his first abiding place in Ithaca, and when the Cascadilla table proved intolerable, he solved the problem by walking daily down the steep declivity of East Hill to dine at the old Clinton House in the heart of the village. It was there that I saw him daily for many successive months in the unreserve of dinner sociability, and came to admire profoundly the modest, kindly, unselfish gentleman he was.

"He had a lively sense of humor which was never more keenly tickled than when he pursued and ran down a rare specimen for his collection of American slang. I remember to this day the expression of delight with which he welcomed the discovery of 'keep up with the funeral if it kills the horse,' and 'catawampusly chawed up.' The latter choice phrase stuck in his mind, for I saw it years later introduced as a quotation in an article contributed to a Canadian magazine.

"The typical Englishman away from home is generally understood to be fussy and fault-finding about his food, and intolerant of unfamiliar dishes. I never heard Professor Smith comment upon the menu or criticize the primitive service of the country hotel, though the cuisine must have held some surprises for him. Only the English of the buxom waitress who stood at his elbow and recited at lightning speed the list of dishes comprising each course baffled and disturbed him. 'Apple-mince-pumpkin-pie-suet-and-sago-pudding,' the voluble damsel would patter away without stopping to take breath, and a shade of ludicrous perplexity and concern would overspread Professor Smith's expressive face. Then having at last caught an intelligible word, he would gasp with relief and promptly order the dish.

"It seemed to me that Goldwin Smith took life in quite un-American fashion. Perhaps that has been one



View along North Tioga Street, showing Ithaca's new Post Office Building. In the picture this is the square, white building just beyond the old City Hall Annex. Beyond the Post Office, across Buffalo Street, is the new Y. M. C. A. Building.

reason why he has been misunderstood. He was heartily sympathetic with the young men on the Cornell faculty who suffered from the frugal policy of those early years, and who lacked, or thought they lacked, the appreciation of the university trustees. But to a man they were fuming with anxiety about their reputations, considering the effect of everything upon their precious 'careers.' It did not seem to trouble Goldwin Smith that in the prime of life he was burying his brilliant gifts in an obscure American town. Most men of his endowment would have felt that they owed it to themselves to entertain some large and definite scheme of life. Professor Smith seemed entirely contented with the role of leisurely, modest usefulness. In short, he seemed to me to live as if he had several lives to live—an attitude as dignified as it must be comfortable."

Paul K. Clymer '97, of Ithaca, spoke before the Cornell Congress in Goldwin Smith Hall last Friday evening on the government of cities by commissions, a subject with which the debating this winter will deal. Mr. Clymer is an advocate of municipal government by commission.

Readings in English Literature.

A course of readings in English literature, similar to that which Professor Sampson has been giving before the students of Sibley College for a year past, is to be given in the College of Agriculture by Mr. E. J. Bailey of the department of English. The readings began yesterday. They are to be given at 5 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Room 292, main building. The following selections have thus far been made:

Dec. 7.—New England Farm Life—Wilkins: *The Revolt of Mother*.

Lec. 9.—Early Persian War Life—Arnold: *Sohrab and Rustum*.

Dec. 14.—English Village Life—Tennyson: *Enoch Arden*.

Dec. 16.—East Indian Life—Kipling: *Without Benefit of Clergy*.

Dec. 21.—Early Italian Court Life—Longfellow: *King Robert of Sicily*.

Franklin Matthews '83, of the New York *Sun*, will lecture on Thursday, December 9, under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences, on the 'round-the-world trip of the United States battleship fleet.

OBITUARY.

O. F. WILLIAMS '69.

Oscar Fitzalan Williams, who was one of the members of the University's first graduating class in 1869, died at his home in Rochester on Wednesday night, December 1, after an illness of several months. He had been in the United States consular service for the past twenty years, having been successively consul at Havre and at Manila, and consul-general at Singapore.

Mr. Williams was born at Livonia, Livingston county, N. Y., on June 29, 1843. He was prepared for college in Methodist Episcopal seminaries at Linn, N. Y., and Cazenovia, N. Y., and attended the University of Michigan. When Cornell University was opened in the fall of 1868 he became a student here, and graduated with the first class in 1869. He was the president of the class.

During his year at Cornell Mr. Williams helped to organize the University Christian Association and was its first president. The first literary association in the University, the Philaethan, long since forgotten by undergraduates, was organized in Mr. Williams's room in Cascadilla Place and the association's constitution and by-laws were drawn by him. This society and its rival, the Irving, formed an important part of undergraduate life in the University's early years.

From 1872 to 1889 Mr. Williams taught in the Rochester Business Institute. During this period he published several commercial text-books, including a "Commercial Arithmetic," which came into general use; a book on journalizing and a speller, and he was associate author of a series of "Bookkeeping and Commercial Law."

In 1889 he was appointed by President Harrison United States consul at Havre, France, and he held the office for four years. Some years later Andrew D. White found occasion to write of him: "To my knowledge his service as consul at Havre was greatly to his credit and won for him the commendation of all who were conversant with the history of our relations with France at that time." In 1897 Mr. Williams was appointed by President McKinley

consul at Manila. He was the last man to hold this post, for the war with Spain took place during his term of office and the cession of the islands to the United States ended the consulship there. Mr. Williams was on board Commodore Dewey's flagship, the Olympia, during the battle of Manila Bay, having left Manila a few days earlier and gone to Hong Kong with maps and information for Commodore Dewey. In 1901 he was appointed consul-general at Singapore, Straits Settlements, and he had held this post until recently. Mr. Williams was president of the Associate Alumni of the University in 1903-04.

In 1872 he married Miss Arabella A. Sanford, of Livonia. Three sons, three daughters and seven grandchildren survive him, besides one brother.

Of the eight men who graduated in the class of '69 Mr. Williams was the second to die, the first break in the class ranks having been caused by the death of the Rev. Dr. George F. Behringer, of Nyack, N. Y., last March.

College Chess Tournament.

The eleventh tournament of the Triangular College Chess League will be held at the rooms of the Rice Chess Club in New York on December 27, 28, 29 and 30. This league is composed of the chess clubs of the University of Pennsylvania, Brown and Cornell, which will each enter a team of two men. Cornell's captain is Louis Tolins '12, of Brooklyn, and the junior member will be chosen by competition. Cornell won the tournament in 1907, but last year Penn took first place.

Binghamton University Banquet.

The fourth annual banquet of the university men of Binghamton, N. Y., will be held on Wednesday evening, January 19, at the Arlington Hotel. James S. Sherman, Vice-President of the United States, will be the guest of honor. All college men of Binghamton and vicinity are invited to attend and become members of the University Association. The only requirements for membership are matriculation at some college or university and the purchase of a banquet ticket. Tickets may be obtained from Robert B. Sears '03, 178 Court street.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Sanitary Science and Public Health—"The Influence of the Mind upon Private and Public Health," Edward Bradford Titchener, LL. D., Sage Professor of Psychology. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A, 12 m.

Readings in English Literature—Professor M. W. Sampson. West Sibley, 5 p. m. Mr. E. J. Bailey. College of Agriculture, Room 292, 5 p. m.

Deutscher Verein — Meeting. Reading of one-act comedy "Eigensinn," by R. Benedix. Miscellaneous musical program Barnes Hall, West Dome, 8 p. m.

Arts and Sciences Lecture—By Franklin Matthews '83. "Around the World with the Atlantic Fleet," illustrated by lantern slides. Rockefeller A, 8 p. m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Faculty Meetings — University Faculty. Boardman Hall, Room C, 4 p. m. Faculty of the Graduate School. Boardman Hall, Room C, immediately after the adjournment of the University Faculty.

Freshman-Sophomore Debate — Goldwin Smith B, 8 p. m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Annual Intercollege Cross Country Race—Starting from the Armory, 3 p. m.

Address—"Two Forces," by W. B. Young, A. B., B. S., under the auspices of the Cornell Prohibition League. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room 156, 7:30 p. m.

Basketball—Cornell vs. Rochester University. Armory, 8 p. m. Admission 50 cents.

Cosmopolitan Club — Entertainment by Chinese members. Admission by invitation. Club Rooms, 8 p. m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Sage Chapel — The Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Vesper service at 3:15 o'clock.

The second annual smoker of the Law School Association will be held at the Dutch Kitchen on the evening of Saturday, December 18.

Work is progressing on the inter-college boathouse.



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THE UNIVERSITY AND THE STATE.

"If with the increase of State appropriations in the future it seems desirable that the State should have a larger measure of . . . control [of Cornell University]," says President Schurman in his annual report, "the result can be very simply effected by a further amendment of the charter which would authorize the Governor of the State with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint annually, for a term of five years, one of the three Trustees still elected by the Board itself. . . . Or if the State desired complete control, this could be easily accomplished by converting all trusteeships now filled by the Board into trusteeships filled by the State."

That is to say, an entirely and radically different method of perpetuating the governing body of the University may be adopted and the character of the body radically changed, in consideration merely of money re-

ceived from a certain source. If the change is proposed because of a belief that it would provide better management of the University than can be had under the existing system, that belief should be avowed. A definite question would then be presented for the friends of the University to consider. The advocates of the change would be expected to prove their case not only *a priori*, but also from experience, that is, by demonstrating that state universities are by the nature of their government better managed than endowed universities.

In the absence of such an avowal, people will naturally conclude that the reason behind the proposed change is financial. And the question will naturally be asked: Is it prudent to make an experimental change in the government of the University and to divert the University's course for all future time just because of a financial difficulty which may be only temporary, and which quite possibly is so for the reason that the causes which produce the difficulty may be only temporary?

We have tried to indicate that the suggestion to yield to the State of New York a further voice, even to a controlling voice, in the management of the University, ought to be considered carefully on grounds quite distinct from that of the University's service to the people of the State.

It is by no means proved that the University will be better able to serve the people of the State than it is now if it is managed by men appointed by the Governor of the State. We believe that the state universities of the West are supported and controlled by the states not because that form of support and that form of control have been proved to be the best, but because they were established in communities whose comparative poverty at the time made co-operative or public benefaction the only form of endowment for higher learning that was possible. It is yet to be demonstrated that their form of management is intrinsically better than ours.

What would be the effect, with respect to future private benefactions, of making Cornell a state university? The gift of Colonel William F. Vilas to the University of Wisconsin will be cited to show that we

need have no fear that this source of support would be dried up. But the Vilas gift is almost unique in the history of state institutions. And the very reason that Colonel Vilas's bequest is so welcome to the University of Wisconsin is that it will tend, when it becomes available, to make that university independent of the legislature and so tend to take the institution out of the class of state universities so far as its finances are concerned.

Cornell is young, and there is reason to suppose that in the course of time she may have as wealthy and as generous alumni as the older universities of the East have. Would these future Cornellians be loyally generous if the University were the ward of the State of New York? The experience of state universities tends to prove that they would not. Among those institutions "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."

Cornell has two State institutions, the College of Agriculture and the Veterinary College. Can she not administer her trust in these, and in other schools which the State may establish here for specific purposes, without surrendering the larger trust which she holds?

Mr. Von Engeln's Book.

A review in *The American College* of Mr. von Engeln's book "At Cornell" says: "Cornell is only forty-one years old, and that is very young to have achieved traditions and buildings with a look of ancientry about them, but somehow she has contrived it. Perhaps the climate of the lake country has mellowed the stones with rain and luxuriant ivy, and quieted into calm the raw uproariousness of youth. There can be no question of the love with which 'At Cornell' has been written. The author does not disguise his partisanship; nor should he; he had a beautiful 'mother' and he has succeeded in expressing something of her charm, especially in the photographs which illustrate his fond contention." The publishers have devised a picturesque and "colleggy" package in which the volume will be mailed during the holiday season.

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"The University Library," says the President's Report, "now numbers nearly 370,000 (369,051) volumes and 55,000 pamphlets. Of this number nearly 320,000 (318,301) and all the pamphlets are in the general library, 40,000 (39,838) in the law library, the remaining 11,000 (10,912) being divided among the Flower veterinary library, Barnes reference library, forestry library, Goldwin Smith Hall library, Stimson Hall medical library, and the Agricultural College library. Aside from these special libraries volumes from the general library are from time to time deposited in the various laboratory and department collections in other university buildings, the total number so in use at the time of the Librarian's report being 17,335.

"Accessions to the library during the year numbered over 15,000 (15,-

413) volumes and 2,000 pamphlets. The most important purchase was the collection of works on economic entomology, numbering 787 volumes. made by the late Professor Slingerland and purchased for the library of the College of Agriculture, which is now being formed by purchases from the College funds. Of the total accessions to the University Library not quite one-third (4,924 volumes) were gifts. The most important of these, as well as of the purchases of the year made from the Sage endowment fund, are noted in the report of the Librarian. Special mention should be made of 798 volumes given by Theodore Stanton '76, which nearly completes his gift of a full set of the Tauchnitz collection of British and American authors, comprising over 4,000 volumes.

"The total recorded use of the general library during the year, excluding all special libraries, was 107,839 volumes. Compared with the total recorded use of the previous year, 109,625 volumes, this shows a slight falling off, but not as great as might have been expected in view of the facts that this was the first complete year in which the special library in Goldwin Smith Hall has been open and that such large addition was made to the library of the College of Agriculture. The open shelf circulating library continues to justify its establishment and is used largely by students in technical courses."

Of the work of the College of Arts and Sciences the President says in part:

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ers. But there has been an impression that if a student desired to graduate without much work it was possible for him to accomplish that result in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College, however, no longer has this reputation and the students themselves recognize the change. The improvement is probably due to the closer supervision which the Dean and Committees of the Faculty now exercise over the work of undergraduates and especially of underclassmen and the increasing help given by individual members of the Faculty to students enabling them to select their courses wisely and encouraging and stimulating them to perform their work regularly. All this makes demands, and heavy demands, upon the members of the committees, and especially upon the Dean. But it is work well worth doing in the interest of students. No one can read the Dean's report without being profoundly impressed by the great amount of time and energy which has been expended by him and his committee associates in devising means for improving the efficiency of the College of Arts and Sciences and enabling—one might also say *requiring*—students to secure the maximum of benefit from their undergraduate course."

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CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

'74, B. S.—F. P. Wheeler is with the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Company, 3912 Langley avenue, Chicago.

'78, B. Lit.—The first Year-Book of the St. Paul Institute of Arts and Sciences, of which Charles W. Ames is the first president, has been published. The Institute is a municipal organization formed by public-spirited citizens of St. Paul, Minn., to promote the intellectual life of the city. It conducts courses of lectures, night schools, art and science exhibitions, etc. The first Year-Book is a cloth bound volume of 225 pages.

'84.—Hudson P. Rose and Mrs. Rose will sail on the Lusitania on December 8 for a trip around the world, returning in May.

'94, B. Arch.; '97, M. E.—John P. Young is with the Youngstown Car Manufacturing Company, Youngstown, O.

'95, M. E.—George J. Krebs is superintendent of the Somerset coal department of the Reading Iron Company, at Somerset, Pa.

'96, M. E.—Harold F. Norton was married on November 20 to Miss Bertie Merritt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Henry Merritt, of Norfolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are now at home at 112 Twenty-seventh street, Newport News, Va.

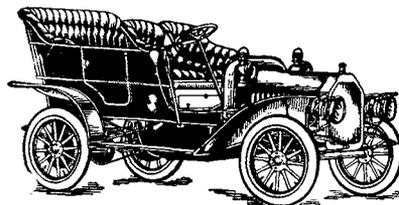
'97, LL. B.—Alexander Otis of Rochester, N. Y., is the author of "Hearts Are Trumps," a novel published by the John McBride Company, of New York. The fall edition is now being published.

'97, LL. B.—Captain Joseph W. Beacham, U. S. A., who has been de-

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'98, LL. B.—John J. Bryant, jr., is now manager of the Chicago office of James H. Oliphant & Company, bankers and brokers. The office is in The Rookery.

'00, B. S.—William Wallace Paterson was married on November 24 to Miss Evelyn Macfarlane Holliday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Holliday, of Indianapolis. They will be at home after January 15 at 5715 Callowhill street, Pittsburg, Pa.

'01.—Irvin F. Westheimer has announced his engagement to Miss Duffie Heinsheimer, of Cincinnati.

'01, D. V. M.—Charles F. Flocken is a bacteriologist in the bureau of animal industry of the Department of Agriculture and is located at 1810 Chicago avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

'02, A. B.; '03, M. E.—A daughter was born on November 25 to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Buckingham, of Hysham, Mont. Mrs. Buckingham is a daughter of Professor R. C. Carpenter, of Sibley College.

'03, A. B.—The address of C. G. Kinney has been changed from Paradox, Col., to Montrose, Col.

'03, C. E.—Ralph E. Marvin is with the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company, 336 Globe Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

'03, M. E.—Invitations are out for the wedding of Fred S. Yale '03 and Miss F. Irene Graham (class of 1911, Smith College) at Friendship, N. Y., on December 15. On February 5, 1910, they sail from San Francisco in company with William T. Yale '07 and Mrs. William T. Yale on a cruise around the world.

'03.—Robert Pitcairn has removed from Wilkesburg, Pa., to Denver, Col., where his address is Hampton Arms Apartments, Sixteenth avenue and Marion street.

'03, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Beals, of Milwaukee, Wis., announce the birth of a daughter on

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'03, Sp.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has purchased a farm of fifty acres in Delaware and will use it to make a practical demonstration of how "wornout" soil may be restored to fertility. The farm will be under the charge of H. S. Lippincott, of Moorestown, N. J.

'03, C. E.—J. H. Weidman has resigned his position as assistant division engineer of the Vandalia Railroad, at Logansport, Ind., to engage in a general engineering and contracting business. His office is in the Kirk Building, Syracuse, N. Y.

'04, M. E.—R. S. Trott's address is Box 963, Denver, Col. He is a designing engineer.

'04, A. B.; '06, M. D.—Dr. Charles George Koehler was married on November 6 to Miss Carolyn Frances Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nichols, of New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Koehler will make their home at 605 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn.

'04.—J. C. Sanderson is in the wholesale department of the White Sewing Machine Company. His address is 2046 East Eighty-eighth street, Cleveland, O.

'05.—F. Ashby Wallace's address is in care of Whetstone & Company, 911 Filbert street, Philadelphia, Pa.

'05, M. E.—G. M. Goldsmith is with the Mosler Safe Company, Hamilton, O.

'05, M. E.—Glen G. Durham is a salesman with the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company, 50 Church street, New York.

'05, LL. B.—Bennett F. Lies was married to Miss Edith Florence Argue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson Argue, of Lima, O., at the West Market Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in Lima, on November 9. Mr. and Mrs. Lies will make their home at 16 Inwood Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

'05, M. E.—"Jim" Lynah is district purchasing agent and chairman of the committee on standards for the DuPont Powder Company, with offices in the DuPont Building, Wilmington, Del.

'06, C. E.—R. H. Knowlton has removed from Cincinnati to 229 Fourteenth street, Toledo, O.

'06, C. E.—Herman F. Scholtz has changed his address from Seattle to Bremerton, Wash. He is with the C. J. Erickson Construction Company.

'06, C. E.—Ralph F. Shreve was married on October 6 to Miss Rachel Bricker, of Cleveland, O. Mr. Shreve is in the bridge department of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, and lives at 767 East 105th street.

'06, M. E.—E. B. Wagner is assistant electrical engineer with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

'06, C. E.—The address of Seth W. Webb is 3761 East Seventy-first street, Cleveland, O. He is with the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

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'07, M. E.—Henry O. Palmer is superintendent of the Empire Coke Company, Geneva, N. Y.

'08, A. B.—Edward A. Jesser is an instructor in Riverview Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

'08, B. S. A.—The address of E. C. Ewing is 1926 I street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'08, M. E.—C. D. Carlson, who is with the Niles-Bement-Pond Company, of New York, has removed from Hartford, Conn., and his address is now 495 Washington avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'08, M. E.—T. Carlile Ulbricht is assistant instructor in the department of applied mechanics of Pratt Institute. His address is 170 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'08, M. E.—Frank L. Weiss is living at 236 West 101st street, New York.

'08, B. S. A.—Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brooker announce the marriage of their daughter, Janet Harriet, to Vaughan MacCaughey, on Thanksgiving Day, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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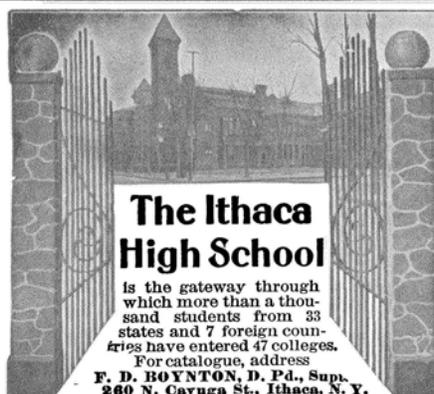
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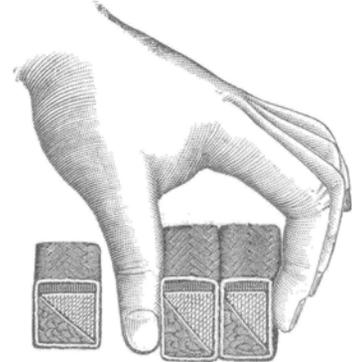
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