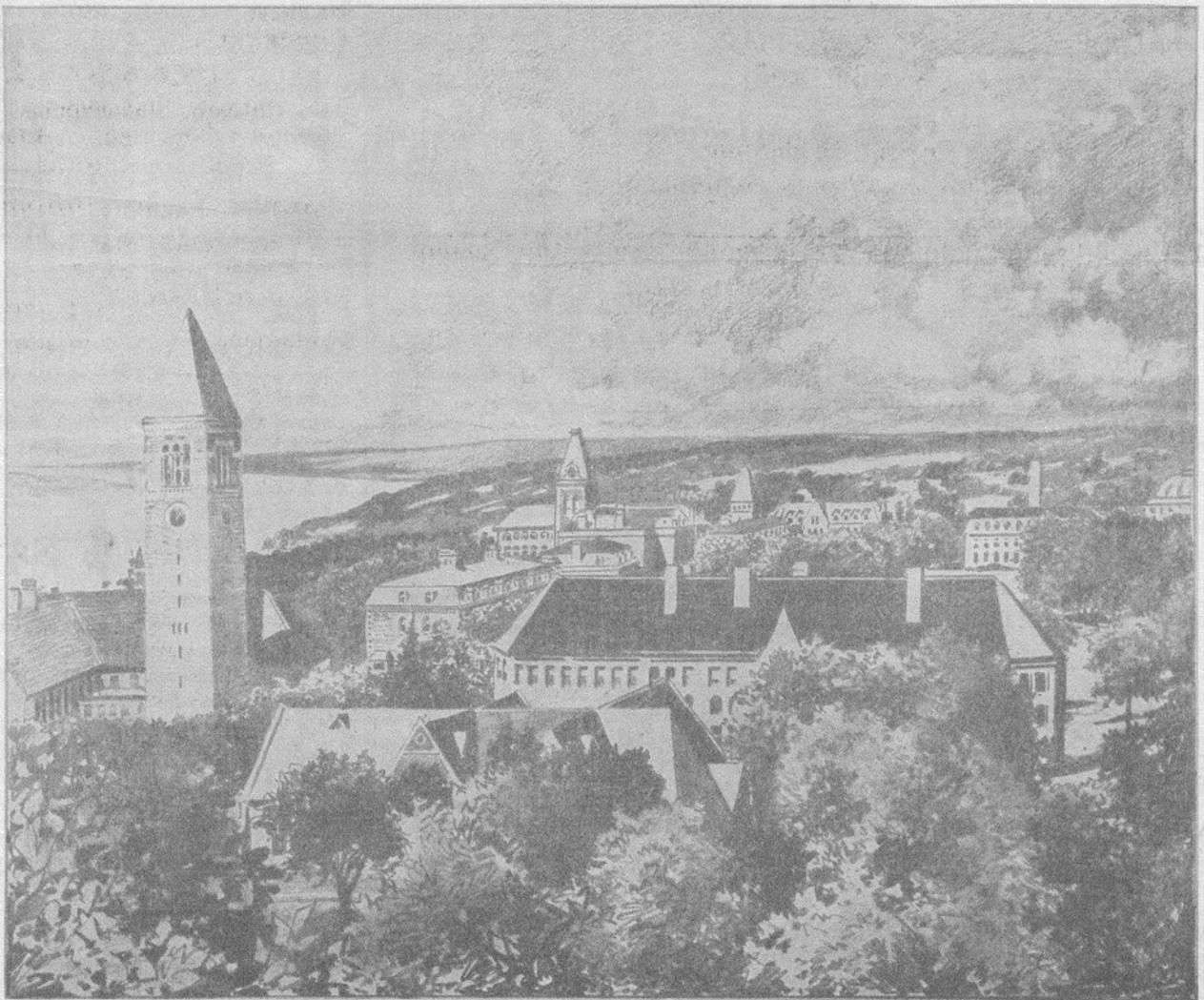


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Alumni Field Equipment Fund All Pledged and First Call Sent Out.

George W. Bacon '92, chairman of the trustee and alumni committees in charge of the new athletic field, mailed, last Thursday, notices to the subscribers that the \$100,000 Alumni Field Equipment Fund was completed in subscriptions and that the pledges thereto were thus rendered binding. This marks the completion of the second step in the project of the alumni of Cornell to furnish the University with a 'varsity field and playgrounds on the campus.

The first fund, started in 1901, amounted to about \$40,000 in cash and was used in grading and draining about thirty acres. In the entire area turned over by the Trustees of the University for playground and athletic purposes there are fifty-seven acres. The Equipment Fund of \$100,000 is to go toward the equipment of these fields and playgrounds. While the committee does not expect to complete this equipment with this sum, sufficient equipment can be completed with \$100,000 to make the 'varsity field ready for use. The present playground of about eight acres was provided out of the first \$15,000 given by the alumni several years ago.

Most of the subscriptions included in this \$100,000 Equipment Fund have been obtained since March 1, 1909, under the immediate direction of John O. Dresser '01. Under a new system of personal solicitation, contributions have come in much faster than ever before, and the committee has been able to complete the fund in less time than it anticipated.

The Trustees Committee in charge of construction is composed of the following men: George W. Bacon '92, chairman, New York; Henry W. Sackett '75, New York; Robert H. Treman '78, Ithaca; Charles H.

Blood '88, Ithaca; Willard W. Rowlee '88, Ithaca.

The following men compose the Alumni Committee in charge of finances: George W. Bacon '92, chairman; Clyde P. Johnson '93, Cincinnati; William F. Atkinson '95, Brooklyn; Clinton R. Wyckoff '96, Buffalo; Robert J. Thorne '97, Kansas City, Mo.

New Clubhouse in Full Use.

The Cornell University Club of New York has sent cards to members announcing that the new club house at 65 Park avenue is now in full operation. Non-residents can find pleasant outside rooms with bath, telephone and all hotel conveniences. The club is about three minutes walk from the Grand Central Station.

Next Saturday the Board of Trustees of the University will hold its regular midwinter meeting in the clubhouse and Trustee George C. Boldt will give a luncheon there to the members of the board and a few other persons.

Last Wednesday evening about forty men, present and former teachers or students in the President White School of History and Political Science, held their seventh annual dinner in the clubhouse. They were in New York attending the meetings of the American Historical Association.

Last Saturday evening the Long Island Cornell Club held its annual dinner in the house.

The University reopens today for the strenuous two weeks preceding the beginning of term exams. The first term will end on Wednesday, January 26, and then the Junior Week doings will begin. The Junior Ball will be held on Friday, January 28.

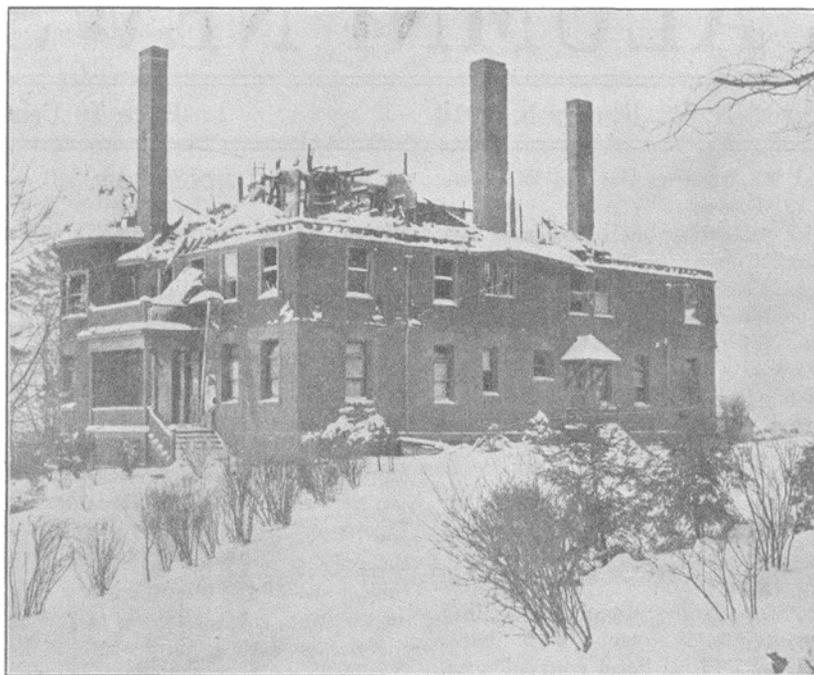
Mr. P. L. Williams, of Salt Lake City, general attorney for the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company, was in Ithaca a few days ago, visiting his two sons, who are members of the senior class.

THE D. U. HOUSE BURNED.

Almost Totally Destroyed by Fire During the Christmas Vacation.

Fire almost destroyed the home of the Delta Upsilon fraternity, situated on the campus at the intersection of South and West avenues, on Friday, December 24. The fire was discovered about 5:30 o'clock in the morning by Harold S. Bennett '12, son of Professor C. E. Bennett, and David A. Stoddard '08, who were the only persons in the house at the time, most of the chapter being away on vacation. After trying to put out the flames with a hand extinguisher they sent in a still alarm, and time was lost which might have been gained had the alarm been sounded at once from a box. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. The house was insured for \$16,000 and there was \$3,000 insurance on the furniture. The first floor and basement were almost uninjured except by water. While the fire was burning in the upper stories all the books in the library and practically all the furniture on the first floor were carried out of the house and saved.

The cause of the fire is not known; members of the chapter said that it might have been started by rats gnawing matches. Stoddard and Bennett were sleeping in a room known as "the harem," on the second floor at the west side of the house. They were awakened by smoke, and went into the hallway, where they found a little flame on the west wall near the head of the stairs. After playing a chemical extinguisher on it they telephoned to the Huestis street hose company and the hose cart and chemical engine from that station came at once. The driver of the hose cart, as soon as he saw the fire, turned in an alarm from box no. 56, near the Sigma Chi house. That brought several of the downtown companies and also, which was even more important, signalled the city pumping station in Six-Mile Creek



RUINS OF THE DELTA UPSILON HOUSE, AS SEEN FROM SOUTH AVENUE.



RUINS OF THE NORTHWEST TOWER, WHERE THE FIRE WAS FIERCEST.

gorge that there was a fire on the hill, and pressure was then supplied to the hill mains by starting the pump. But by this time the fire had got such headway that the apparatus summoned could not get enough streams on the blaze to check it, and at 6:15 o'clock Chief Bishop sent in a general alarm which brought all the available apparatus from down town, including two steamers. The roof fell in about 7:20 o'clock, but it was after 8 o'clock before the fire was under control.

The house was built in 1891 at a cost of about \$25,000. Plans for rebuilding have not yet been completed. Up to the height of the second story the structural walls are probably sound, and the house may be rebuilt practically on the former lines. It will possibly be enlarged by the addition of a wing on the northeast corner.

For immediate use the chapter has leased the home of Professor R. C. H. Catterall, on Central avenue, next to Sage Cottage. Professor Catterall and his family are going abroad in a few weeks for a year. This house will provide temporary headquarters for the chapter and living quarters for about a dozen men.

COSMOPOLITAN CONVENTION.

National Association of Students Becomes Part of a World Wide Body

The third annual convention of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs was held with the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club in Ithaca on December 22, 23 and 24. At this convention the association unanimously voted to affiliate with the International Federation of Students, a European organization which is also known as the "Corda Fratres." The delegates also took part in the ceremony of breaking ground for the new house of the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club.

Delegates, about fifty in number, were here from the twenty-one chapters of the association in this country. They assembled in the rooms of the Cosmopolitan Club on Eddy street on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of Alan Campbell Towers '10, of Montevideo, Uruguay, president of the local organization, Harry Lubin '08 made an address of welcome. George W. Nasmyth '06, the national president, responded in behalf of the delegates and extended a further welcome from the University and the city. The convention then organized and listened to re-

ports. In the evening Edwin D. Mead, of Boston, a leader in the movement for international arbitration, made an address, and Professor Frank A. Fetter also spoke.

On Thursday, at a business session it was voted unanimously to affiliate with the Corda Fratres. That organization is much the older and larger of the two, having more than sixty chapters with 15,000 members in the European universities. The American section will still be known as the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, but it will also be called the United States Branch of the Corda Fratres. Both organizations have made it one of their objects to promote, by educational means, the movement for international peace, and they will continue to do so, hereafter working in unison. It is proposed to hold an international convention every year. Another step which has been suggested to promote international amity is an exchange of students.

On Thursday evening Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, secretary of the American Peace Society, delivered an address on "War a Thing of the Past." Dr. Trueblood said that it might seem very bold to assert that international war was practically at

an end when so many millions were being spent for armament, but he gave these reasons for his thesis:

"1. The material unity of the world through the great trans-continental railways, great ocean steamship lines, telegraph and cable lines, and the new wireless means of communication.

"2. The meeting together of the nations at The Hague Conference and other conventions and conferences.

"3. International arbitration has already triumphed. During one hundred years more than 260 important disputes among the nations have been settled by this means. There are now nearly one hundred arbitration treaties between the nations, two and two.

"4. The political organization of the world on a peace basis has been initiated and considerably developed in The Hague Conferences.

"5. The burdens of the great armaments are becoming so heavy that the people are not likely to endure them much longer."

On Friday morning ground was broken by President Schurman, in the presence of the delegates, for the new home of the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club in the Bryant Park addition near Dryden Road. At a business session five-minute reports from the chapters were made. In the afternoon Professor and Mrs. John Craig gave a reception to the delegates, and in the evening Dr. Andrew D. White delivered a public address on The Hague Conference. He reviewed the causes that led to the calling of the first conference and summarized what was done at the several meetings held at The Hague. After Dr. White's address a farewell banquet was given at Sage College. Professor Catterall was toastmaster.

The Illinois Cosmopolitan Club was selected as the executive chapter of the association for the coming year. That chapter will elect the president and treasurer of the association and will entertain the convention next year. Louis P. Lochner, of Wisconsin, who was the first president of the association, was elected general secretary and editor of the association's publication, which will hereafter appear every month.

THE MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION.

Opposition to State Control—New Officers Elected—Hockey Club Formed.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.

The annual meeting of the Cornell University Alumni Association of Milwaukee was held at the University Club on Friday evening, December 17. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William L. Bliss, '93, chief engineer of the United States Light & Heating Company; vice-president, Willis Collins '95, engineer with the Allis-Chalmers Company, Gas Engine Department; treasurer, E. C. Welborn '03, of the credit department, Allis-Chalmers Company; secretary, E. T. Foote, '06, engineer, the Cutler-Hammer Manufacturing Company.

Those present at the annual meeting were Willis Collins '95, W. L. Bliss '93, Henry Schoellkopf '02, L. M. Whitwell '01, B. E. Fernow '04, R. B. Williamsón '96, George Blankenhorn '07, R. E. Friend '09, Emil Adler '09, J. C. Davis '02, Richard E. Bishop '09, Howard See '09, Fred Schley '07, L. L. Tatum '97, G. H. DeWein '97, E. T. Foote '06, R. N. Krause '09, E. C. Welborn '03.

At this meeting the Alumni Association organized the Cornell University Hockey Club of Milwaukee, and elected Henry Schoellkopf '02, captain, and Fred Schley '07, manager. The Hockey Club is one of ten or twelve clubs in the city of Milwaukee which have recently organized the Milwaukee Hockey League, and a complete schedule of games has been arranged for the present season. The team of the Cornell Hockey Club of Milwaukee is now made up of the following alumni: Harrison Reed '09, left wing; Dick Bishop '09, center; Henry Schoellkopf '02, right wing; E. T. Foote '06, rover; B. E. Fernow '06, cover point; L. L. Tatum '97, point; Dud Walder '09, goal.

Others taking an active interest in the club and playing regularly are R. E. Friend '09, J. C. Davis, '02, Emil Adler '09, C. E. Andrews '08, Fred Schley '07, and E. D. Beals '03.

The club played its first game of the season last Sunday morning, when it met the Gordon Hockey

Club and was defeated by the score of 9 to 0. This is not indicative of the ability of the team, inasmuch as this game was the first in which the teams had been together, and as the opponents were the champions of the city and had amongst their players three first class Canadian forwards. Games will be played every Sunday morning throughout the season.

Another topic of interest brought up at this meeting was the President's recent report relative to the State of New York being given the control of the University. This topic brought forth some lively and animated discussion from the members, and it was the general feeling of the meeting that it would not be to the University's interests to have such a proposition go through. While no definite action was taken, a committee has been appointed by the president of the Association to draw up resolutions to be presented at the annual banquet of the Association and addressed to the Board of Trustees of the University, protesting against any modification of the present Board of Trustees which would make possible the control of that board by the State of New York. The Association has also communicated with the University requesting that a representative be sent to the annual banquet, who will talk on the above subject.

The Association has been in flourishing condition during the past season, and its activities for the ensuing year bid fair to excel those of any previous year.

E. T. FOOTE, Secretary

Western Pennsylvania Smoker.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 19.

The Cornell Club of Western Pennsylvania held a very successful smoker last Saturday night at the Pittsburg University Club. After a short business session, about thirty men gathered around a table, and it did not take long for every one to get into the spirit of the evening. In the gathering there were quite a few of the oldtime songbirds, and they proved to everybody present that they had not lost any of their musical ability since leaving college. "Doc" Umstad's tenor could be heard two blocks away.

The next smoker will be held on

Saturday evening, January 22, and it is hoped that many more Cornellians will be present. A good time is guaranteed. Notices are always sent out to Cornell men throughout Western Pennsylvania about two weeks previous to a smoker. Any Cornellian who is not receiving these notices will be placed on the mailing list if he will be kind enough to send his name and address to the undersigned at 1608 Frick Building, Pittsburg.

R. R. LALLY, Secretary.

Chicago Association's New Officers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.

The Cornell Alumni Association of Chicago held its annual meeting for the election of officers at the LaSalle Hotel on December 9, when the following officers were elected for the coming year: Charles W. Hinkley '79, president; Robert L. Gifford '91, vice-president; F. N. Bard '04, secretary and treasurer; Norman Mason '07, assistant secretary, Paul P. Bird '00, director; Erskine P. Wilder '05, director. The secretary may be addressed at the University Club.

The Association holds weekly luncheons on Thursday noon at the La Salle Hotel, and all Cornell visitors to the city are urged to attend.

F. N. BARD, Secretary.

Meetings of Troy Alumnae.

The Troy *Times* of December 20 said that the Cornell Alumnae Club was entertained on the previous Saturday afternoon by Miss Abbie F. Potts '06, at her home in Lansing avenue. The members read short stories and a pleasant social session followed. It was decided to give a reception on Wednesday afternoon, December 29, at the home of Miss Mary B. True '09, in Lansingburg, for women undergraduates who were at home for the holidays. The next meeting of the club will be held on Saturday, January 15, at the home of Miss Anna Fogarty '08, in Watervliet.

Gay H. Brown, of Buffalo, a junior in the law school, won the Cornell Congress gold medal in a debate competition held just before the holiday recess. J. C. O'Brien '10, of Rochester, received honorable mention.

TO SUPREME COURT BENCH.

Randall J. Le Boeuf '92 Appointed by Governor Hughes.

Randall James Le Boeuf, LL.B. '92, of Albany, was appointed last week by Governor Hughes to be a justice of the Supreme Court of the



RANDALL J. LE BOEUF.

State of New York. He was named to fill the vacancy in the Third District (Columbia, Rensselaer, Sullivan, Ulster, Albany, Greene and Schoharie counties) caused by the death of Justice George H. Fitts, of Albany. His appointment is for a term ending January 1, 1911. Next November the unexpired term will be filled by election.

Mr. Le Boeuf was born at Cohoes, N. Y., in 1870. He entered the Cornell law school in the fall of 1889, and graduated in 1892, taking high rank as a student. He won the second thesis prize for a graduation thesis on "The rights and remedies of abutting owners in streets in the city of New York over which elevated railroads have been constructed." He also won the second prize for excellence in debate.

After his admission to the bar in 1892 Mr. Le Boeuf engaged in general practice with Sackett & Bennett, and later with Carter, Hughes & Kellogg, in New York city. Of this latter firm Charles E. Hughes, now Governor, and formerly one of Mr. LeBoeuf's teachers in the law school, was a member. In 1895 Mr. Le Boeuf removed to Albany and formed the law firm of Burlingame & Le

Boeuf. He was identified with the organization of the Albany, Troy, Syracuse & Schenectady Trust Company and has been counsel and director for the Albany Trust Company and counsel for the Albany & Hudson Railroad Company. In 1896 he married Miss Katharine Washburn of Albany, and has one son, Randall J., jr. Mr. Le Boeuf is a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Other Cornellians on the bench of the State Supreme Court are John Ford '90, New York city; P. C. J. DeAngelis '71, Utica; Albert H. Sewell '71, Walton; George A. Benton '71, Spencerport; Cuthbert W. Pound '87, Lockport, and Louis W. Marcus '89, Buffalo.

To Conduct a Boys' Camp.

C. V. P. Young '99, professor of physical culture, and Dr. Samuel A. Munford, the University's medical examiner, are to conduct a camp for boys next summer on Otter Lake, in the highlands of Ontario, Canada. The camp will be open during July and August. Its purpose is to furnish an out-of-door life, under proper supervision, and to teach the boy how to take care of himself when away from civilized haunts. Under the guidance of an experienced forest ranger the boys will be taught how to pick out a good camp site, to build a camp fire, cook, follow a trail, etc. Among the expected visitors for the summer of 1910 are Louis A. Fuertes '97, ornithologist, and Dr. A. T. Kerr '95, secretary of the Cornell Medical College at Ithaca. Professor Young and Dr. Munford have published a booklet which they send on application.

OBITUARY.

FRANK JAMES SHORT.

Frank James Short, M. M. E. '07, died at Denver, Col., on December 22, of tuberculosis. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. A widow and two children survive him.

A score of Cornell undergraduates attended the annual convention of the student Christian movement in Rochester last week. John R. Mott, '88, international secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, was one of the principal speakers.

PENN WINS CHESS TOURNEY.

Cornell a Close Second and Brown Third—First Tournament of New Series.

The University of Pennsylvania chess club won the first leg on the new Isaac L. Rice intercollegiate trophy in the eleventh annual tournament of the Triangular College Chess League, contested in the rooms of the Rice Chess Club in the Café Boulevard, New York, last week. Cornell was second and Brown was third. The players were: for Pennsylvania, Norman T. Whitaker and Harold L. Bauder; for Cornell, Louis Tolins '12, of Brooklyn, and C. E. Simonson '12, of Port Richmond; for Brown, W. J. Emmons and F. H. Guild. Tolins and Whitaker were the only players who took part in the contest a year ago.

Pennsylvania won 6½ points and Cornell 5½. Brown went through the tournament without a single tally; the team's poor showing being due to the fact that it had been able to get very little practice before the intercollegiate event began. Following are the college and individual scores:

College and Player.	W.	L.	P'ts.
Penn.....	{ Whitaker.....4	0	} 6½
	{ Bauder.....2½	1½	
Cornell..	{ Tolins.....3	1	} 4½
	{ Simonson.....2½	1½	
Brown....	{ Emmons.....0	4	} 0
	{ Guild.....0	4	

Soon after the tournament began it became a dual contest between Penn and Cornell. In the first day's play Penn gained a lead of one point through Whitaker's defeat of Tolins, who mismanaged the defence to the Ruy Lopez in such a way as to enable Whitaker to win a pawn on the eighth move; this gave the Pennsylvania player an advantage which he made the most of, and Tolins, facing the loss of his queen, resigned after thirty-one moves. Simonson defeated Guild of Brown after fifty-six moves, and Bauder disposed of Emmons of Brown.

The feature of the second day's play was a great struggle between Simonson of Cornell and Bauder of Penn. Cornell needed the point in order to tie the leading team, and Simonson tried hard to win it. Bauder however, put up such a game defence that he achieved a draw after fifty-two moves.

On the third day Whitaker continued his victorious career by defeating Simonson and this gave Penn a lead of two points, which was cut down to one again on the fourth day when Tolins defeated Bauder, matting after thirty-four moves.

The new trophy is a shield with gold and silver ornamentations, including the seals of the several universities combined with chess designs. The trophy will become the property of the club which wins it three times.

Penn has won six of the eleven tournaments, those of 1899, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908 and 1909 and tied with Brown in 1906. Cornell won in 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1903. Cornell won the first Rice trophy and Penn the second. In total number of points Penn leads with 51, Cornell being second with 49½ and Brown third with 25½.

Cornell Man for Oxford.

Gordon Bennett Dukes, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the class of 1910, in the Collège of Arts and Sciences, has been selected to go to Oxford University as one of the two Rhodes scholars from New York State. Dukes is twenty-two years old and was prepared for college at the Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn. As a Cornell undergraduate he has been interested in pole vaulting, and although he never scored in an intercollegiate meet, he won points for Cornell in dual meets. He is also a member of Les Cabotins, the French dramatic club.

Association of Universities.

Professor Ernest Merritt '86, Dean of the Graduate School, is representing Cornell University at the annual meeting of the Association of American Universities in Madison, Wis., this week. Among the subjects to be discussed at this meeting are "the problem of the assistant professor," to be presented by a representative of Leland Stanford University; "university extension," to be discussed by Director L. E. Rober of the extension division, University of Wisconsin, and "the position and importance of the arts course as distinct from the professional course," to be read by President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton.

LINGUISTS IN CONVENTION,

Successful Meeting of the Modern Language Association at Cornell.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America was held at Cornell University on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. There were 155 members registered, of whom fully 125 were from out-of-town, representing almost as many universities and colleges. So far as the Cornell delegates were able to judge, it was a very successful meeting, a very profitable and enjoyable one. All the sessions of the association were held in the amphitheatre of Goldwin Smith Hall. President Schurman delivered an address of welcome at the opening session on Tuesday morning.

Four fraternities, Theta Delta Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Delta Phi, opened their houses for the use of delegates, and fifty-odd men were quartered in these houses as the fraternities' guests.

On Tuesday evening the President and Mrs. Schurman gave a reception to the members and guests of the association; on Wednesday afternoon a similar reception was given by Ex-President and Mrs. Andrew D. White; on Wednesday and Thursday the University entertained the association at luncheon. On Wednesday evening, while the ladies of the association were being informally entertained at the home of Mrs. E. W. Olmsted, the men were entertained by the members of the departments of modern languages of Cornell at the Ithaca Hotel. A talk was given by Professor James Morgan Hart; L. A. Fuertes '97 told his "gorilla" and "tiger" stories; Professor John A. Lomax, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, sang cowboy songs, and Professor M. W. Sampson read a parody of "The Frogs" of Aristophanes.

On Tuesday evening Professor Marion Dexter Learned, president of the association, delivered an address on "Linguistic Study and Literary Creation." His theme was that American literature has not developed a sense of form to compare with the great classics of other modern literatures; these masterpieces

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BY SUBSCRIBING \$100,000 to equip the new athletic field, which has been graded by them at an initial cost of almost \$50,000, the alumni of Cornell have demonstrated their readiness to help the University financially. This is their first large undertaking of the kind. Most of the \$100,000 equipment fund has been pledged within a year. Its completion may be said to prove not only that Cornell has a source of permanent and generous support in her alumni, but that the way to get this support is to go after it. The Cornellian Council was formed about a year ago for that purpose. Now that the Field Committee has completed its fund, the Council should be able to commence its larger work as soon as it has engaged a permanent secretary.

IF THERE is any body that has a right to ask the Board of Trustees what its purpose is with regard to the President's suggestion of in-

creasing state control, that body is the Cornellian Council. For if the University is to become more and more dependent upon the state treasury and more and more subject to dictation from Albany, the Cornellian Council might as well go out of business now; for in such an event it would have no field in which to work. The sense of proprietorship which our alumni or a large body of them have acquired toward the University would speedily pass away. To future students Cornell would be only an agent of the state, providing them with that instruction for which they would conceive the state to be in their debt. Can a university have a greater moral asset than the loyal affection and guardianship of a body of alumni? Can the people of the state or the members of the legislature feel a like jealousy for the University's welfare, or acquire a like sympathy with its needs?

UNTIL BETTER MEANS of stopping fires on East Hill are provided, either by the University or by the city of Ithaca, residents of that district should at least know how to get as much protection as possible. This is especially so of the occupants of fraternity houses, which seem for some reason or other to be peculiarly liable to get afire. The first thing to know is how to send in an alarm. A person who wishes to sound an alarm of fire should go at once to a fire box. Every freshman in every fraternity house should be taught where the nearest fire box is and what its number is. When an alarm is sounded from a box on the hill several hose companies are summoned from down town, and pressure is applied to the hill mains by coupling on a pump at the city water works. If sounded from a hill box, the alarm is automatically repeated in the pumping station and there is plenty of water by the time the hose is laid. But if an attempt is made to give the alarm by telephone there may be a fatal delay. For, if the telephone message is sent to police headquarters, the officer on duty may misunderstand the location of the fire and give a wrong signal. If a single fire company is called by telephone, it may arrive to find itself helpless for want of water.

CORNELL AND THE STATE.

Letter from Another Alumnus Who Sees Danger in State Control.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.

To the Editor of the *Alumni News*: I am very reluctant to oppose any suggestion made by our highly esteemed President; however, this proposition of State control, I believe, would eventually result in such dire disaster for Cornell University that I feel I am justified in submitting my unqualified disapproval. Probably during the administration of President Schurman no great evil would come; but control by the State—that is, by the servants of the State—would soon not only check the University's progress and its freedom, but eliminate many, if not all, the high ideals it now stands for, and relegate it into a State institution controlled and conducted by politicians where patronage and methods for private and personal benefit would largely enter. Controlled and regulated by these public servants,—a few competent, but the great majority utterly incompetent and absolutely ignorant of the needs of a great university—this would mean not only incompetent management but greater sacrifices to be borne by the University; it would be hampered and handicapped in its policies; and its Faculty and Trustees dictated to by selfish and many times ignorant political bosses. What would the University gain by State control? Possibly some temporary financial aid—in the long run, nothing. She has kept her trust and fulfilled her obligations to the State, and if she cannot do this in the future, or she needs further financial aid, I believe she has enough loyal and true sons who will rally to her support and do anything necessary to keep her from State control, State dictation and State politics.

CHARLES W. HINKLEY '79.

As this paper goes to press the Cornell musical clubs are closing their annual Christmas tour, having gone as far south as New Orleans. We hope next week to find room for a detailed account of the trip.

The sophomores have won the underclass series in debate.

LINGUISTS IN CONVENTION.

(Continued from page 161.)

should be used more than they have been used for the study of form.

Officers for the year were elected by the association, as follows: President, Brander Matthews, of Columbia; vice-presidents, John W. Cunliffe, of Wisconsin; J. M. D. Ford, of Harvard, and A. B. Faust, of Cornell; secretary, C. H. Grandgent, of Harvard; treasurer, W. G. Howard, of Harvard.

Members of the Cornell Faculty and former Cornellians who read papers were Professors Strunk, Cooper, Guerlac, A. Leroy Andrews, E. G. Cox, Faust, Northup and Sampson and Dr. Gordon; W. W. Florer, Ph. D. '97, of the University of Michigan; Arthur Beatty, '95 G., of the University of Wisconsin; Lewis P. Shanks '99, of the University of Tennessee; E. E. Hale, jr., of Union College, formerly of Cornell, and F. W. C. Lieder '02, of Harvard University.

Action was taken by the association looking to the publication of a periodical bulletin.

In the course of his address of welcome to the association President Schurman said:

"There has been a great change in our conception of liberal culture since the fight was first made for the introduction of modern languages into the college curriculum. Latin and Greek were then regarded as essential conditions of a liberal education. However warmly these languages may enlist our sympathies and our interests we must as a matter of fact recognize that Greek is practically gone as a college subject and that Latin even though holding its own today, occupies no such pre-eminent position as it possessed a generation ago. If French and German were meant to be substitutes for Greek and Latin the question I am asking is whether both should be retained as essential elements of the college curriculum from which one of the ancient languages has disappeared and in which the other holds only a subordinate position.

"Or, putting the question otherwise, if French and German and other modern languages are to be retained not as substitutes for Greek and Latin, but for their own sake, what are the grounds and reasons.

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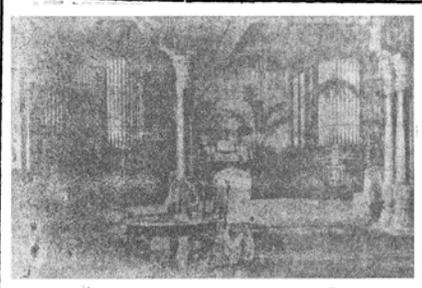
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"The position of modern languages in a college curriculum, therefore, must in the main be defended by their value as linguistic and literary disciplines. They must avail themselves of the old arguments which were used in defense of Greek and Latin. And unless they can contribute a kind of literary and linguistic training which Greek and Latin failed to furnish I predict they will not be able to hold unchallenged the place they now occupy in our American scheme of instruction.

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At Rochester on Wednesday evening, December 22, the 'varsity basketball team was defeated by the University of Rochester five, for the sixth time in three years. The score was 33 to 14

On the following evening, at Niagara Falls, the Cornell team was defeated by the Niagara University five by a score of 24 to 12.

The Macmillan Company has just published a book on soils by Professors T. L. Lyon '91 and E. O. Fipin.

NOTICE OF BOSTON DINNER.

The twelfth annual dinner of the Cornell Club of New England will be held at the Copley Square Hotel in Boston on Saturday evening, January 15, 1910, at 7 p. m. Director A. W. Smith '78, of Sibley College, will be the club's guest of honor from the University. All Cornell men who may be in Boston at the time are asked to attend the dinner. Tickets, at \$2.50, may be obtained from the secretary, Warren G. Ogden, 53 State street, Boston.

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CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

'72.—George K. Birge is the president and largest stockholder of the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Manufacturing Company, of Buffalo.

'73.—Edwin Gillette has been elected a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Ithaca to fill the unexpired term of Alderman E. H. Bostwick, '85, resigned.

'76, A. B.—Theodore Stanton's "Life of Rosa Bonheur" will be brought out by the Appletons in the spring.

'77, B. S.—Charles S. Francis, Ambassador to Austria, after visiting Paris, has returned to his post at Vienna.

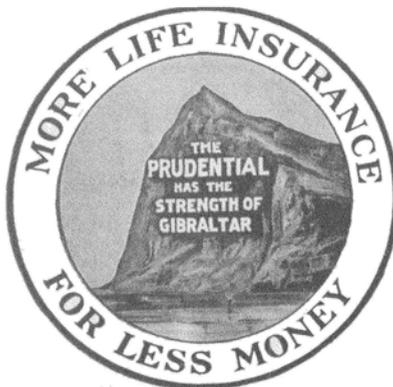
'79, B. S.—Mayor Gaynor of New York city has appointed Calvin Tomkins Commissioner of Docks of the city. Mr. Tomkins is president of several companies owning quarries and brick kilns and dealing in building materials. He is a Democrat and a member of the Citizens' Union.

'85, B. S.—Edward H. Bostwick has been elected City Judge of Ithaca by the Common Council, to suc-

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'86, B. S.—Henry C. Charpiot, of Paris, France, expects to visit the United States during the coming summer.

'86—Edward G. Wyckoff writes from Italy to the *Ithaca Journal* that he and his family expect to spend the next two months in Egypt, Greece and Turkey, and after a further sojourn in western Europe to sail for home in August.

'94—William A. Larned, of New York, once more heads the list of lawn tennis players of America, being placed first in the annual ranking announced last week by the National Association.

'94, B. S. A.—In an editorial article on Bulletin no. 9, of the State Department of Agriculture, a volume of statistics, the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* says: "It is pleasing to record that the agricultural policy of the State, in education, protection and information, is wise and progressive—never more so than under the present Commissioner, Raymond A. Pearson, of Ithaca, who is, by the way, another of Governor Hughes's finds."

'95, LL. B.—William H. Tompkins is a member of the law firm of Medcalf, Averill & Tompkins, Rochester, N. Y.

'97, M. E.—E. P. Rowlands is mechanical expert with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, Aurora, Ill.

'99, M. E.—J. W. O'Leary is secretary and treasurer of Arthur J. O'Leary & Son Company, Chicago.

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'01, A. B.; '02, A. M.—The new address of Sao-Ke Alfred Sze is Customs Taotai Yamen, Harbin, Manchuria, China.

'03, M. E.—C. W. Ott is chief draftsman of the Oregon Short Line, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'03, M. E.—The address of S. Evans Hodge is R. F. D. 2, Selah, Wash.

'03, B. S. A.—W. J. Ward is forester for the Brookings Lumber & Box Company, of Highland, Cal. His address is Gold Beach, Ore.

'04, A. B.—The address of Robert W. Fullerton is Fullerton, La.

'01, M. E.—John G. Crawford is fuel engineer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. His address is 209 Adams street, Chicago.

'04, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gilbert Watson announce the marriage of their daughter, Sarah Gould, to Henry Fowler Vincent, on Tuesday, December 21, at Lake Forest, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent will be at home after April 1 at 12 Summit avenue, Summit, N. J.

'05, B. S. A.—At the request of Mrs. Mary Harriman, widow of the late E. H. Harriman, G. Wendell Bush was recently elected a director in the company which controls and operates a large portion of the agricultural lands in the towns of Tuxedo and Woodbury, Orange county, N. Y.

'05, C. E.—A. S. Brainard is engineer for the Connecticut State Highway Commissioner. His address is 9 Burnside avenue, East Hartford, Conn.

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'07, C. E.—H. A. Patten is deputy state engineer of Wyoming. His address is Box 894, Cheyenne.

'07, M. E.—Herman H. Van Fleet was married on December 29 to Miss Christine Eilenberger of Towanda, Pa.

'07, M. E.—William B. Cornell is living at 118 West Ninety-fifth street, New York.

'07, A. B.—At a dinner given last week by Mrs. Claude H. Smith at her home in Ithaca, the engagement of her sister, Miss Bernice Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander W. Wilson of San Francisco, to Robert Schurman, was announced. Mr. Schurman is now employed by the Standard Oil Company and will leave San Francisco for China early this month in the interest of the company.

'07, C. E.—John H. Rice has resigned his position in the office of the State Engineer of Wyoming to become assistant engineer of the Buffalo Basin Land & Water Company. His address will be Meeteetse, Wyoming.

'07.—Trumbull G. Burnham has removed from Willimantic, Conn., to 840 Park avenue, Beloit, Wis.

'08, C. E.—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Armstrong announce the birth of a son, John E. Armstrong, jr., on December 26, at Cleveland, O.

'08, A. B.—Kinsley W. Slauson has just joined the editorial staff of *Motor*, at 2 Duane street, New York.

'08, B. S. A.—J. Vincent Jacoby's address is now Springtown, Bucks county, Pa., R. F. D.

'08, M. E.—Robert E. Friend is in the machine shops of the Nordberg Manufacturing Company, of Milwaukee, Wis. He lives at 657 Astor street.

'08.—A. M. Sobieralski, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, may now be addressed at 412 Federal Building, Seattle, Wash. He is attached to the steamship McArthur.

'09, C. E.—Horace S. deCamp is a salesman of automobile tires and his address is 103 West Fifty-ninth street, New York.

'09, C. E.—H. G. Lanahan is engaged in business at 701 Board of Trade Building, and lives at 230 Tenth street, Portland, Ore.

'09, M. E.—G. C. Decker's address is 50 Bond street, Port Richmond, N. Y.

'09, M. E.—Charles E. Montague is with the Engelberg Huller Company of Syracuse, and is also instructor in mechanical drawing at the Syracuse Artisan School. His address is 115 West Castle street.

'09, B. S. A.—S. P. Hollister is teaching agricultural subjects in the Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., and has charge of the gardens and orchard of the Institute.

'09, C. E.—R. V. Banta is with the Hennebique Construction Company, contractors, and lives in Ridgewood, N. J.

'09, M. E.—Howard L. Seaman is mechanical engineer with the Lobdell Car Wheel Company, Wilmington, Del. His address in Wilmington is 1308 West Fourteenth street.

'09, A. B.—Walter M. Goldsmith is studying at the Columbia Law School. He lives at 320 West 105th street, New York.

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'09, M. E.—Joseph S. Wilson is located at 160 South New street, Bethlehem, Pa.

'09, Ph. D.—Burton J. Ray is engaged in chemical research at Raleigh, N. C.

'09, LL. B.—George W. Chandler is in the office of Gray & Archer, attorneys, of 104 Market street, Camden, N. J., and also has an office of his own at 25 Liberty street, New York, where he spends a part of each week.

'09, M. E.—R. C. Germond is in the Stanley works at New Britain, Conn.

'09, LL. B.—Philip A. Sullivan, of Dunkirk, N. Y., and Miss Rosetta Farland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Farland, of East Randolph, N. Y., were married on November 1 in the parlors of St. Mary's Church, at Randolph, by the Rev. Father White.

'09, M. E.—J. J. Miles is now located at 502 Kelly street, Wilkesburg, Pa.

'09, C. E.—Hart Cummin has been with J. G. White & Company of New York since September and is at present on a survey near Kentville, Nova Scotia.

'09, M. E.—G. Vail Hartwell is with J. G. White & Company and is employed on development work for the Canadian Light & Power Company in Saint Timothée, Beauharnois county, Quebec.

'09, C. E.—Robert W. Clark's address is 309 Humphrey street, New Haven, Conn. He is doing designing and estimating on reinforced concrete work for the Sperry Engineering Company of New Haven.

'09, M. E.—John E. Fredericks is located at 382 Warburton avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

'09, LL. B.—J. P. O'Donnell was elected justice of the peace at Herkimer, N. Y., in the fall election.

'09, LL. B.—Charles H. Clark is with Ritch, Woodford, Bovee, & Butcher, 18 Wall street, New York.

'09, LL. B.—D. S. Cutler and E. F. Lindsay are in the legal department of the New York office of the Philadelphia Casualty Company.

'09, M. E.—T. J. Hollenberger has removed from Chicago to 259 South Main street, Akron, Ohio.

'09, C. E.—F. J. Biele, of the United States Lake Survey, has been transferred from Put-in-Bay, Ohio, to Detroit, Mich., with headquarters at 205 Old Federal Building.

'09, C. E.—Walton Gibb has been transferred by the Turner Construction Company of New York from Brooklyn to Niagara Falls, his address now being 244 Fifth street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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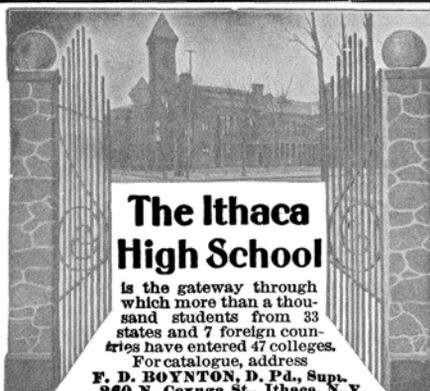
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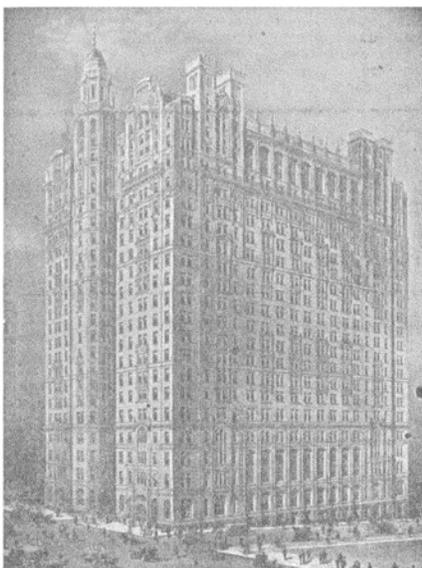
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