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UNIVERSITY MISCELLANY

Dean Irvine goes to Washington next week to attend a meeting of the American Bar Association's "special committee to suggest remedies and formulate proposed laws to prevent delay and unnecessary cost in litigation." Dean Irvine is a member of this body, which is commonly known as the Committee of Fifteen. It will meet at the Arlington December 17.

Dr. F. C. S. Schiller, fellow and senior tutor of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, has just published a new edition of his remarkable book "The Riddle of the Sphinx." This volume was published anonymously when the author was only twenty-seven years old. Naturally there are numerous changes in the light of the new theory of pragmatism, of which the author is now a leading exponent. Dr. Schiller was formerly an instructor in the department of philosophy at Cornell (1893-1897). Like the late Louis Dyer, who also lectured here, he is known for his great helpfulness to Americans who study at Oxford.

Reports from Boston show that Professor Titchener's lectures on psychology, before the Lowell Institute, met with distinguished success. The lectures were delivered in Huntington Hall, the large hall of the Institute of Technology, which will contain an audience of 800 persons. This hall was filled throughout the course.

Professor Hewett has been invited to contribute suggestions for the equipment of the new American Institute connected with the University of Berlin.

The Cornell Civic Club has been investigating the Ithaca Fire Department, which is still a volunteer organization. A committee of the club reported at a meeting last week that, considering the resources of the department, its work was generally satisfactory. It was admitted that the hills are a handicap to quick work, and that the department is also hindered by lack of funds. The assessed valuation of property in Ithaca is about \$20,000,000, but the University

property, assessed at a little over \$11,000,000, is exempt from taxation, leaving somewhat less than \$9,000,000 of property that is taxable for the support of the city. The city tax yields about \$164,000 yearly and of this only \$12,905 can be appropriated for the fire department. The committee suggested that a better distribution of the present equipment might be made and that the University should do something for its own protection from fire. Another committee of the club, which had been charged to investigate the record of Congressman John W. Dwight, reported in effect that Mr. Dwight was a "stand-patter." It found that he had introduced 288 bills in the House, and that 278 of these were pension bills.

Professor Wait, who retired from the chair of mathematics in June, was last reported at Villeneuve in Switzerland. He had visited England, spent considerable time in Paris, and was then exploring Switzerland. He will spend part of the winter in Italy and will then visit Egypt on his tour around the world.

The organ recital in Sage Chapel on Friday afternoon will be given by a pupil of Mr. Johnston, George Fowler, of Albany, a member of the sophomore class. He will play selections from Bach, Mendelssohn, Dvorak and others.

Subjects of essays in competition for the Corson French prize have been announced as follows: "The Pensées of Pascal; their place in French literature," "A comparison of Racine's Phèdre with Euripides's Hippolytus and Seneca's Phædra," "The social and political ideas of Voltaire in Émile," "Victor Hugo's pleas for social reform in Les Misérables," "Symbolism in the dramas of Maurice Maeterlinck."

Horace F. Major '08, who is now instructor in landscape gardening at the University of Missouri, writes that in Europe last summer he met Professor Karkovany of the Technical University at Budapest, who informed him that he used Professor Car-

penter's textbook in experimental engineering and that in European universities Professor Carpenter was considered to be the authority on this subject. Professor Karkovany said that he was contemplating a tour of inspection of American technical colleges and that he expected to spend considerable time at Cornell.

Professor Fetter and his class in modern philanthropy made their annual visit to the Willard State Hospital last week. Similar excursions will be made soon to the George Junior Republic, the Elmira Reformatory and the Auburn Prison.

The students of the College of Architecture are planning to have their Christmas tree in the drafting room at the top of White Hall on Friday night, December 16.

Wednesday, December 21, will be the last day of instruction at the University before the Christmas recess. Work will be resumed on Wednesday, January 4.

The class in advanced pomology in the College of Agriculture has been chosen to do the judging of fruit at the annual meeting of the New York State Fruit Growers' Association, to be held in Rochester on January 4, 5 and 6.

The total registration of the College of Agriculture, including the students in the short winter courses, is now 1230. This is an increase of 196 over the corresponding enrollment last year. In the total number of students to whom it gives instruction the college is now second to no agricultural college in the United States.

A joint concert of the musical clubs of the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell will be held at the Lyceum Theatre in Ithaca on January 7, soon after the return of the Cornell musicians from their long western trip. This concert was arranged in place of the one usually held in Philadelphia on the night before Thanksgiving. The Pennsylvania clubs were last entertained in Ithaca in January, 1907.

WHERE HAS "FISHER" GONE?

Last Heard from in Montgomery Charles J. Kehrhahn '09 Tells Why Swindler May Have Used His Name.

One of the names used by the swindler who has been posing as a Cornell man in various cities during the past seven months was "C. J. Khrhahn." This is very similar to the name of a thoroughly reputable graduate of the College of Civil Engineering, Charles J. Kehrhahn '09. While the swindler has been traveling about the country under various names, Mr. Kehrhahn has been employed as assistant engineer of the Huron Bridge at Huron, Ohio, a few miles from Sandusky, and under date of November 30 he has written to President Schurman asking that it be made perfectly clear that he is not the swindler. Kehrhahn himself has had an experience with the fraud, for "A. N. Fisher," as he called himself, was employed by the surveyor of Erie county, Ohio, at Sandusky, in the same office as Kehrhahn, some time before he turned up in St. Louis. "Fisher" departed from Sandusky suddenly, leaving behind him unpaid bills amounting to about a hundred dollars. Afterward Kehrhahn heard from a friend in a Western city—he does not say what city—that a man had tried to cash a check there with his name on it and had got into trouble. He believes that this rogue was the "Fisher" of his acquaintance, because when "Fisher" left Sandusky he had a grudge against Kehrhahn, thinking that Kehrhahn had tried to have him discharged. The circumstance seems to explain the swindler's choice of a name when he was in St. Louis.

No information of the whereabouts of Fisher, alias Chittenden, alias Crane, has come to us since he was in Montgomery, Ala., on November 26, but we have received particulars of his doings there and in Atlanta. In Montgomery he presented a letter, written on the stationery of a local hotel, to Lucien S. Loeb '08, of that city. The letter was as follows:

Mr. Lucien Loeb.

Dear Sir:—I am sorry I have to trouble you in this manner but you being a Cornell graduate you will understand my letter. I graduated from Cornell '09 at Lincoln Hall in Civil Engineering. I am employed

by the American Bridge Co. of N. Y. on my way to Pensacola, Fla., to superintend erection of a steel bridge. This morning I lost my purse here and I have tried to get Mr. Collins, our chief engineer at Pensacola, but they have not yet connected the phone at the camp. I want you to do this for me, as I shall promptly remit. Kindly advance me enough so I can get to Pensacola, and I shall return same to you at once. I came here from Vicksburg, Miss, where I was on a bridge job there. If you want references I shall submit same to you. I was on the track team with Porter, in '08.

Yours very truly,
Ryerson T. Crane.

c. o.
American Bridge Co. of N. Y.,
Pensacola, Fla.
Construction Dept.

Mr. Loeb recognized the man at once, by his stammer and his broken tooth, as the swindler described in the ALUMNI NEWS. He refused his request for money and warned other Cornell men in the city. Whither the fellow went from Montgomery we have not learned.

Before he visited Montgomery, the fraud spent several days in Atlanta. There he approached not only Cornell men but all the practicing engineers, among them the local manager of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, who is not a Cornell man, and the Solomon-Norcross Company, neither member of which is a Cornell man. He presented himself at the latter office under the name "Irving B. Chittenden" and asked for a job. Not getting it, he went back a day or two later and asked for money to go to Birmingham. In the meantime the company had heard that he had been borrowing money from other persons in town. They wired Mr. Hoy and learned from him that the man was doubtless an impostor, but before the reply arrived the man had left town. He is described by them as a young man about 6 feet 2 inches in height, weighing about 190 pounds, who stutters when he speaks.

We have received a letter from the Solomon-Norcross Company in which they say:

We are very sorry that we did not get a copy of the ALUMNI NEWS on yesterday. Had we done so we would have been able to turn over to the authorities "Alvin N. Fisher," who has been operating in Atlanta under the name of "Irving B. Chittenden" and "Alvin N. Fisher" for the past week.

He has approached the Cornell men and all of the practicing engineers, and put up the same kind of tale that you have recorded in the ALUMNI NEWS. He represented to us that he had just left Panama, where he had been for a year and a half, and was on his way to Chicago, his home, and that he had gotten off the train here, and his pocket-book containing his ticket, check and funds had been stolen. He had searched everywhere for a job, and had been offered one in Birmingham if he could get transportation there.

Fortunately we did not get stung. His tale was very plausible, but we had heard some gossip around town about a stuttering fellow named Fisher who was out looking for money, and this made us take the precaution to call up some of the men whom he had touched. We held him until they could get to the office and confront him with his misrepresentations. He admitted his guilt, but we having no further evidence than his actions here in Atlanta allowed him to leave town without placing the matter in the hands of the police. We are sorry indeed that we were so sympathetic, especially in the light of the articles published in the ALUMNI NEWS of November 16th and 23d.

He has doped up on Cornell, and has his tale down pat. I think that he has recently been in Chattanooga and Birmingham because of the references he gave in those points.

A. N. Bentley '04, of Atlanta, writes under date of November 26 that the hotel men of Atlanta are after "Fisher." This information might be used to hold him if he should turn up somewhere soon. The police of any city would probably be willing to detain "Fisher" if they knew of his record. Under most state laws it is a serious offense to "jump" a hotel bill. The Solomon-Norcross Company inform us that they have written to the police at Mobile, Birmingham, Pensacola and New Orleans, on the chance that "Fisher" may stop at one of those places.

A preliminary competition for the selection of contestants for the Ninety-Four Memorial Prize in debate will be held on Saturday. A committee consisting of Professors Burr, Winans, Everett, Fetter and Kemmerer will select twelve speakers, six of whom will be retained after a second competition. These six will take part in the prize debate in January.

The Cornell Congress will hold its annual debate on December 16!

"Nick" Johnson '73.

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This line in the 1908 Ten Year Book tells all that the compilers of that volume could learn about a Servian who attended Cornell in the early seventies. More has been learned about him recently through Mr. John N. Ostrom '77, whose eye caught the following in a St. Louis paper while he was in that city last August:

NICHOLAS YOVANOVITCH IS
NICK JOHNSON, CORNELL '73
Stranger at Hotel Jefferson Proves to Be Servian Diplomat, Educated in America.

There was a flutter at the Hotel Jefferson Friday when a tall, thin man, wearing a long black coat and several weeks' growth of bristling beard walked into the dining room and ordered breakfast.

A group of newspaper reporters met him as he came out of the dining room and inquired his name.

"I'm Nick Johnson, Cornell '73," he said.

He explained that his real name is Nicholas Yovanovitch, which translated into English, is nothing more than Nick Johnson.

Nicholas Yovanovitch is the special representative of the Servian Government in the United States. He was educated at Cornell University and has now been sent back here to promote trade relations between the United States and Servia and also to act in a diplomatic capacity when his services are required. He is now on his way to Washington, but says he has no official business to transact there.

Mr. Ostrom says he remembers Mr. Yovanovitch as a student, and used to exercise with him in the first Cornell gymnasium, in the basement of the South University Building (Morrill Hall). He roomed in the north hall of the North University Building (White Hall). His special stunt in the "gym" was to stand facing the parallel bars at the end, with a hand on the end of each bar, and then swing forward his body between the bars, keeping his hands against the ends of the bars and his feet on the floor, until his elbows met behind his back. He had narrow shoulders, abnormally thrown back, and a very deep, protruding chest, which made the stunt perfectly easy for him, but none of the boys of that day could follow him in this particular specialty.

The new addition to Morse Hall is now virtually enclosed.

W. J. DUGAN RESIGNS.

Gives Up the Graduate Managership on Account of Ill Health.

William J. Dugan tendered his resignation as graduate manager of the Cornell University Athletic Association last week, and the resignation was accepted. Mr. Dugan resigned on account of ill health. No successor has yet been appointed. John



WILLIAM J. DUGAN.

H. Scott '09, a member of the senior class in the law school, who has been assistant graduate manager for more than a year past, will have charge of the office for the present.

Mr. Dugan was a member of the class of 1907 and he was appointed graduate manager in that year after the resignation of John L. Senior, who had held the office since it was created in 1901 and who had also been made graduate manager of the Musical Clubs and the Masque. During Mr. Dugan's administration the "minor sports" have also been placed under the supervision of the graduate manager.

The Cornell Cross Country Club has awarded its insignia to eleven men and has elected forty men to membership.

The next meeting of the American Association of Anatomists will be held at Cornell University on December 28-30.

Lectures.

William Neff '03 delivered a lecture on "The Forest and Mineral Lands Belonging to the Federal Government" in Goldwin Smith amphitheatre at noon last Saturday. Mr. Neff has just been made a special agent of the Department of the Interior for the investigation of land titles. His address was of particular interest to the students who are preparing for the intercollegiate debate because of its close relation to the subject of that debate.

Captain E. L. Phillips '91, professor of military science, gave an illustrated lecture on the Philippine Islands in Goldwin Smith Hall on Friday under the auspices of the Christian Association.

The lectures before the class in sanitary science and public health last week were given by A. H. Seymour, secretary and legal adviser of the New York state department of health. This week R. A. Pearson '94, state commissioner of agriculture, lectured on "The Influence of Agricultural Products on Public Health."

Friedrich Michel, of New York, a poet and reader, read a number of German poems at a meeting of the Deutscher Verein on Thursday night.

H. F. Stratton '03, who is now general sales manager of the Electric Controller Manufacturing Company, delivered a lecture on lifting magnets before the Ithaca section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in Franklin Hall on Friday night. For demonstration in the lecture, Mr. Stratton used the large lifting-magnet which has been lent to the University by the Cramp shipyard in Philadelphia. One of the experiments that he performed was to make a 100-pound keg of nails jump upward six inches to the magnet.

Mortimer J. Brown, professor of chemistry in the Imperial University of China, will give an illustrated lecture on the work in chemistry that is being carried on in China before the Cornell section of the American Chemical Society at a meeting tonight in Morse Hall. Professor Brown is a graduate student in the Cornell department of chemistry.

Professor Burr gave a lecture in Goldwin Smith Hall yesterday afternoon on "Wilhelm Tell and the Freeing of the Swiss, in Legend and in History."

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.**Ithaca Alumnae Club Bazaar.**

The Ithaca Cornell Alumnae Club will hold a bazaar in the Sage parlors on Friday and Saturday of this week, afternoons and evenings. Besides six booths of fancy work and Christmas novelties, there will be a Christmas tree hung with "blind" packages; a Japanese tea booth fitted up by Dr. Tanimura of Japan, who holds a graduate fellowship here and who will sell articles on a commission; a gypsy fortune-telling booth and an ice-cream booth. There will also be a bake sale, a candy and a canned-fruit sale. The center of attraction in one booth will be five pictures in water color, painted by Mrs. Anna Botsford Comstock '85 and given by her for sale at the bazaar. The subjects of the five paintings are "Lake Cayuga, from Cornell Heights," "Twilight on the Inlet," "A Scene from Pliny's Villa, Lake Como, Italy," "In the Mountains of Washington," and a Venetian scene. There will be opportunity for dancing in the gymnasium both evenings. The proceeds of the bazaar will be used toward a foundation fund for housing the overflow from Sage.

Detroit.

Cornell men of Detroit will lunch together every Thursday at 12:15 o'clock at the College Inn, 164 Griswold street, where a private room has been reserved. The first lunch was held on December 1. All Cornell men in the city are asked to remember this meeting place.

Brooklyn.

President William A. Moss crop '88, of the Cornell Association of Brooklyn, has taken active charge of the alumni arrangements for the Brooklyn performance of the Masque on December 26. A list of patronesses is now being prepared, and will soon be announced. The play is to be given in the Opera House of the Academy of Music, the handsomest auditorium, as well as the largest, in Brooklyn. Since this is the only appearance of the Masque in New York City, it is planned to make the affair a gathering of all the New York Cornellians.

The Brooklyn association has abandoned this year its monthly dinners and meetings, and instead will hold about four affairs during the season. It is hoped in this way to

reach a larger number than heretofore. The Masque performance on December 26 will be the occasion of the first informal gathering, and during the month of December no program other than that of the undergraduate actors is to be arranged. An effort is being made to interest all Cornellians in the city and on Long Island in the presentation of "The Butterflies" at the Academy.

Portland, Oregon.

The Cornell Alumni Association of Portland, Oregon, held a dinner at the University Club on Wednesday evening, November 23. William J. Warner and "Sandy" Hunt, coach and assistant coach of the University of Oregon football team, were the guests of honor. In the absence of the president, W. J. Kerr, who is the president of the Oregon Agricultural College, Wells Gilbert, the retiring secretary, presided. William S. Turner was elected president and George R. Sailor secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following were present: Ralph R. Duniway, Merrill B. Moores, C. E. Murray, Leo J. Rose, George N. Pease, Lewis W. Metzger, H. Goodwin Beckwith, George R. Sailor, Lawrence R. Allen, William S. Turner, Ray B. West, Raymond D. Hoyt, John C. Burkhart, W. R. Cornell, W. J. Ryan, Frank M. McCormick, Harold Rands, H. G. Lanahan, W. T. Harrison, Alvin W. Baird, Shirley Hulse, John Dubuis, Gale S. Healy, Herman Smith and Wells Gilbert.

The Cornell men of Portland and vicinity meet the first Saturday of each month at 12:30 at the University Club for luncheon. Cornell men who may be in the city at that time are cordially invited to attend.

Kansas City.

The Cornell Association of Kansas City held its annual meeting and dinner at the University Club on Saturday, November 26. There are fifty Cornell men in the city and twenty-eight of them were present. The dinner was so successful that the association is looking forward without any misgivings to the concert of the Cornell Musical Clubs at the end of this month.

L. M. Wood '73, of Topeka, entertained the diners with his reminiscences, and stunts were given by J. F. Goodman '99, G. F. Mosher '07, C.

R. Cook '07 and C. L. Heflinger. Officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: President, J. C. Swift '93; vice-president, R. V. Jones '93; secretary and treasurer, A. H. Place '94. An executive committee was appointed, consisting of J. W. Prince '99, F. W. Freeborn '97 and H. F. Porter '05. One of its duties will be to revise the constitution and by-laws of the association. Those present were:

J. B. Lawrence '72, L. M. Wood '73, G. R. Jones '73, W. B. Richards '80, George B. Richards '87, J. von Briesen '87, R. V. Jones '93, J. C. Swift '93, A. H. Place '94, A. Hurlburt '97, F. W. Freeborn '97, J. F. Goodman '99, John W. Prince '99, George J. Mersereau '99, A. P. Denton '04, W. H. Kniskern '04, W. H. Price '04, H. P. Foote '05, H. F. Porter '05, N. L. Baker '05, F. Hume '05, J. F. Meister '05, E. A. Evans '06, G. F. Mosher '07, C. R. Cook '07, H. L. Snider '08, P. R. Buchanan '10 and C. L. Heflinger.

Northern New Jersey.

The annual banquet and business meeting of the Cornell University Club of Northern New Jersey will be held at Achtel-Stetter's in Newark on Saturday evening, December 10, at 7 o'clock. There will be an interesting speaker and a large attendance is expected and desired. Further information may be had of H. Ezra Eberhardt, secretary, 49 Baldwin avenue, Newark, N. J.

Cincinnati.

All Cornell men in Southern Ohio are invited to attend the smoker to be given by the Cornell alumni of Cincinnati at the University Club on Saturday evening, December 10.

New England.

The smoker of the New England Cornell Club, held on the evening before the Harvard game in Boston, was largely attended in spite of very stormy weather. It was not only a smoker, but a "reason why" meeting, and the program was arranged by the committee and ably carried out by Toastmaster Furlong with this object. Professor Rowlee spoke first and was followed by Head Coach Reed and "Jack" Moakley, who defined the conditions they believed necessary to insure a healthy success in athletics. By a rising vote the club passed a resolution endorsing the plea

of the coaches for alumni support and for broad-minded co-operation by members of the faculty.

In a talk on football at West Point, Lieutenant Rodney H. Smith showed how the well-known scholastic standing of the Military Academy is kept up, although the faculty or academic board, as it is called, feel the success or defeat of the football team almost as keenly as the cadets, and do everything in their power to help in the right way. Lieutenant Smith was captain of the Army team that played the game with Cornell in 1907.

Harvard was represented both by William F. Garcelon, graduate manager, and Paul Withington, assistant graduate manager. Mr. Garcelon made his usual felicitous speech. It was the first time the club had had the opportunity of entertaining Mr. Withington, and his ideas of the relation between the work and success of the university teams at Harvard and the work of general physical education made a marked impression, especially the point that they are equally important for the general good of the University and should be worked out together, neither being slighted nor forgotten in favor of the other.

The committee consisted of G. K. Woodworth, G. Houston Burr, A. D. Camp, C. W. Hunter, L. E. Palmer, F. E. Gallagher and Barrett Smith, chairman.

Death of Professor Alexander.

Dr. Samuel Alexander, professor of clinical surgery in the Cornell University Medical College in New York City, died on November 29 in the New York Hospital following an operation for appendicitis. Dr. Alexander was born in New York City on April 2, 1858. He graduated from Princeton University in 1879 and took the degree of M. D. at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1882. He served as house physician of Bellevue Hospital in 1882-83, and then went abroad for study in London, Leipzig and Vienna. On his return he was again appointed to the staff of Bellevue Hospital, and in 1889 he was appointed professor of surgery in the department of genito-urinary diseases in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College and he retained this chair after the college became a part of Cornell University.

OBITUARY.

F. W. PROCTOR '73.

Frank William Proctor, B. S. '73, a retired lawyer of Boston, died on September 21 at a private hospital in Franklin, N. H. He had been a resident of Fairhaven, Mass., since his retirement from practice a few years ago on account of ill health. Death was due to a general breaking down. Mr. Proctor was a native of Andover, N. H., and was about sixty years old. He was a grandson of John Proctor, a wealthy citizen of Andover, for whom Proctor Academy there was named, and a cousin of Edna Dean Proctor, the writer. He was unmarried. After a year's study at Dartmouth College, Mr. Proctor entered Cornell in 1871 and graduated in 1873. He was admitted to the bar in 1876 and practiced for two years in Kansas. Then he returned to the East and became a member of the firm of Upham & Proctor in Boston. Mr. Proctor was a man of high legal ability, but he was of a retiring nature and his abilities were not known by the general public.

W. M. STURGES '75.

Willis Merwin Sturges '75 died on October 13 at his home in Mansfield, Ohio, after an illness of several months from a complication of diseases. Mr. Sturges was born in Mansfield in 1852. He took the degree of Bachelor of Agriculture at Cornell and had been engaged in business in Mansfield ever since his graduation. He leaves a widow and two children.

FLORENCE E. DEARSTYNE '85.

Florence Evelyn Dearstyne, B. S. '85, died on September 30 in Burnsville, N. C., after a short illness, of influenza. Her home was in Sandy Hill, N. Y. She had taught school since her graduation from college and was a teacher in the Yancey Collegiate Institute at Burnsville at the time of her death.

S. E. STEARNS '95.

Sumner Everett Stearns, M. E. '95, died in Bison, Kansas, on July 28, 1910, of a stomach trouble. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on October 30, 1874, and was prepared for college in the Manual Training School of St. Louis, Mo. After graduating from Sibley College he entered the employment of the Bell Tele-

phone Company at St. Louis. In 1900 he became superintendent of construction of the Standard Underground Cable Company of Pittsburg. Three years later he resigned to enter the employment of the Murphy Varnish Company at St. Louis and in 1906 he returned to the Bell Telephone Company of St. Louis and was there employed as an engineer until the time of his death.

W. C. SNYDER '04.

William Clark Snyder, A. B. '04, died on April 30, 1910, in Binghamton, N. Y. He was twenty-eight years old. He took the degree of M. D. at the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1906. After a year as interne in the Cumberland Street Hospital, Brooklyn, he took up the practice of medicine in Binghamton.

R. S. MALLON '05.

Richard Sandford Mallon, M. D. '05, died on April 28, 1910, in Paterson, N. J. He was thirty-one years old. For two years after his graduation from the medical school he was house physician at the Paterson General Hospital and since 1907 he had been engaged in general practice. He was a member of the medical college fraternity of Alpha Kappa Kappa and was president of his class in its senior year.

EMMA F. SKINNER '08.

Emma Frances Skinner, A. B. '08, of Oswego, N. Y., died on September 30 in Rochester, N. Y. Her body was found in the Genesee river at Charlotte and she is supposed to have committed suicide. Miss Skinner took high rank in scholarship as an undergraduate, winning an election to Phi Beta Kappa. Overwork undermined her health and for the past two years she had suffered from melancholia.

The Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, of New Haven, Conn., who preached in Sage Chapel last Sunday, also lectured in Goldwin Smith Hall on Monday night on "The Significance of Nature."

Dr. James Law addressed the Society of Comparative Medicine at a meeting on Thursday. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the annual banquet of the society.



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THE QUESTION OF TAKING part of Alumni Field for new University buildings transcends considerations of expediency. There is a matter of trusteeship involved. The University cannot take a portion of what it has given except by giving an equivalent elsewhere—an equivalent in extent, in convenience of location and in general suitability to the purpose of the Field. There is also the matter of time to be considered. A change in plans would postpone the Field's completion, and so involve a further question of recompense. A little thought will show that in such a transaction the only safe course for the University to follow would be to

give more than an equivalent. It would hardly be practicable to seek the acquiescence of all the subscribers in a change of the terms under which they have pledged their money. And if a change is proposed it should be so advantageous on its face that no one will be likely to question its fairness. A course of action which might tend to raise in anybody's mind a doubt of the University's good faith would be a calamity. Benefactors of universities do not, as a rule, expect to have long oversight of the administration of their gifts, and this fact puts university boards of trustees under a peculiar obligation. They must create and foster the public's willingness to give, which is as the breath of life to the university, and they can do so only by painstaking care of every trust committed to them. Flies in a restaurant on a single day in summer may drive patrons elsewhere, never to return. The expression of a suspicion that a board of trustees is executing the letter but not the spirit of a trust may well be regarded by them as a danger signal.

TYPHOID FEVER is *not* epidemic in Ithaca. On the contrary, the city is almost wholly free from it. The following libelous paragraph was printed in a Brooklyn newspaper a few days ago: "Typhoid fever is having its way among the students of Cornell University, N. Y., and cadets at Annapolis, Md.; and, so far, nobody knows whether to blame the milk or the water. There should be an analysis of both at each place which would reveal the cause of the disease by tracing it to its source." The health officer of Ithaca, Dr. H. H. Crum '97, states that there have been fewer cases of typhoid in this city this year than in any year since the epidemic of 1902. In the month of October there were six cases, and investigation showed that every one of these cases had been brought into the city. Since the first of November there have been only three cases of typhoid in the city, and none of them is traceable to the city water.

Maryland undergraduates met last week, at the suggestion of the Maryland Alumni Association, to consider plans for the entertainment of the Masque, which will appear in Baltimore on December 28.

THE CORNELLIAN COUNCIL.

Warning.

The discovery that a swindler has been obtaining money from Cornell men makes pertinent the following warning on behalf of the Cornellian Council:

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EADS JOHNSON, Secretary.

1911 and the Alumni Fund.

At the suggestion of the secretary of the Cornellian Council, the president of the senior class, J. E. Bennett, has appointed the following committee to make arrangements for obtaining the pledges of members of the class of 1911 to the Alumni Fund for the general support of the University: A. W. Hawkes, chairman; Thomas Bradlee, W. C. M. Butler, C. C. Cheyney, A. W. Combs, W. L. Dauenhauer, S. O. Houser, R. F. Humphrey, Frederick Kühne, F. J. Maldiner, H. H. Miller, N. L. MacLeod, W. P. Rose, H. G. Seipp, O. C. Torrey, L. T. Wick and G. O. Zeller, jr. The classes of 1909 and 1910 both pledged large sums to the Alumni Fund before they graduated, there being about 300 contributors in each class. The class of 1911 is larger than either of them and it is being urged to outdo them in the number of pledges. The committee will meet soon to make its plans.

The Troy & Keith Calendar.

A beautiful calendar for 1911, consisting of about thirty new pictures of the University Campus, has been published by Troy & Keith. The cover picture is a colored view of the quadrangle in its spring foliage. The colors are true and are at the same time so subdued that the picture looks like an excellent print. This picture measures about 12½ x 4½ inches, and is loosely mounted so that it can easily be removed for framing. There is a page of photographic views for each month, and these pages show in

a most attractive way how the Campus looks at different seasons of the year. The publishers do not exaggerate when they call it the finest Cornell calendar ever published. An advertisement of the calendar may be found in this paper.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Campus Club—Meeting. Y. W. C. A. Rooms, Barnes Hall, 4-6 p. m.

Faculty Meetings—College of Agriculture, 4 p. m. College of Civil Engineering, Lincoln Hall, 5 p. m.

Y. W. C. A.—Regular mid-week meeting. Barnes Hall, 7:15 p. m.

Agassiz Club—Lecture by Professor Reddick on "Plant Diseases." McGraw Hall, South Wing, 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Arts and Sciences Lecture—By John Lovejoy Elliott, Ph. D., Cornell '92, of the Ethical Culture Society, Head Worker of the Hudson Guild, New York City, on "The New Opportunities that are Opening for Young Men." Goldwin Smith Hall, Room B, 8 p. m.

American Chemical Society, Cornell Section—Meeting. Morse Hall, Lecture Room 1, 8 p. m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8.

Sanitary Science and Public Health—"School Hygiene," G. M. Whipple, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of the Science and Art of Education. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A, 12 m.

The Deutscher Verein—Will present Friedrich Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell" in the Lyceum Theatre, 8:15 p. m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Bazaar of the Ithaca Cornell Alumnae Club—Sage College Parlors, afternoon and evening.

University Faculty — Meeting. Boardman Hall, 4 p. m.

Organ Recital—Sage Chapel, 5 p. m.

Cornell Bacteriological Association—"The Bacterial Flora of Cheddar Cheese," by Mr. M. J. Prucha. Agronomy Building, Room 152, College of Agriculture, 8 p. m.

Cornell Congress—Meeting. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room B, 8 p. m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Agassiz Club Demonstration—Professor Whetzel. "Slime Moulds." McGraw Hall, North Wing, 2 p. m.

Bazaar of the Ithaca Cornell Alumnae Club—Sage College Parlors, afternoon and evening.

University Orchestra Concert for Students—Sibley Dome, 8 p. m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Sage Chapel—The Rev. E. H. Hughes, LL. D. Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco, Cal. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Vesper service at 3:15 o'clock.

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'79, B. S.—Calvin Tomkins, Dock Commissioner of the City of New York, who spent the summer in Europe, studying the dock facilities of the great commercial cities, has prepared an elaborate report recommending enlarged facilities for the receipt and shipment of freight on the west side of Manhattan Island.

'81, A. B.—At the University Club in New York City last Saturday night friends and associates of Ira A. Place, vice-president in charge of the law department of the New York Central Railroad Company, met to do him honor on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the company. A silver punch bowl set was presented to Mr. Place.

'88, Ph. B.—Dr. John R. Mott has raised \$550,000 to meet the terms of an offer of \$450,000 from Mr. John D. Rockefeller to erect buildings for the Young Men's Christian Association in Constantinople, China and Japan.

'89, B. S. A.—Hoxie W. Smith is superintendent of the western bottling branches of Borden's Condensed Milk Company. His address is Genoa Junction, Wis.

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'94, Ph. D.—The Rev. J. A. Leighton, chaplain and professor of philosophy at Hobart College, has accepted a professorship in Ohio State University.

'95—Charles Sommers Young, who has been in charge of advertising for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway for almost eight years past, with office in Chicago, has resigned to become advertising manager of the San Francisco *Examiner*, and took up his new duties in San Francisco on December 1. Mr. Young's friends gave him a complimentary dinner at the Chicago Athletic Association on November 26.

'96, Ph. B.—Ginn & Company have recently published an edition of Macaulay's "Clive" and "Hastings," edited by C. R. Gaston.

'96, M. E.—John F. McGlensey is with the Union Electric Light & Power Company, 415 North Tenth street, St. Louis, Mo.

'99, C. E.—Ogden Merrill is head of the Merrill-Ruckgaber Company, general engineering, 50 Church street, New York.

'99, A. B.—William C. Richardson is teacher of Latin in the Manual Training High School, Brooklyn, N. Y. His address is 500 East Eighth street, Brooklyn.

'00, B. S.—Elbert A. Wilson, a graduate of the department of chemistry, who has been with the Procter & Gamble Company of Cincinnati for several years, has gone to Smyrna, Turkey, to take charge of the construction and operation of a large oil refinery for the company.

'00, A. B.—Helen L. Young has been appointed teacher of history in the Normal College of Columbia University.

'04, M. E.—George H. Bayne, who is with the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, 17 Battery Place, New York City, had an article in *Power* for November 29 entitled "The Engineer's Problem of Selecting Coal." A second article appears in the issue of December 6.

'05, A. B.—Curt B. Mueller sailed

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'06, M. E.—Harold Whiting Slauson was married on August 31 to Miss Helen Ford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Ford of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Slauson will be at home after December 15 at South Broad-

way and Post street, Yonkers, N. Y.

'06, M. E.—William H. Forbes's address is now in care of the Carnegie Steel Company, Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio. He is in the sales department of the company.

'06—W. L. Umstad is now employed in the sales department of the Universal Portland Cement Company. His address is 522 Frick Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

'06, A. B.—Jessie E. Dunbar is teacher of German in the high school at Johnstown, Pa.

'07, A. B.—Robert Schurman was married on November 29 to Miss Bernice Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander W. Wilson, of San Francisco. The wedding ceremony took place in Shanghai, China, whither Miss Wilson had gone, accompanied by her mother and several of her friends. Mr. and Mrs. Schurman will make their home in Tientsin, where Mr. Schurman is employed by the Standard Oil Company.

'07, M. E.—Norman M. McLeod has changed his address to 49 East Walnut Lane, Germantown, Pa. He is with the Bell Telephone Company, 1230 Arch street, Philadelphia.

'07, A. B.; '08, A. M.—Edgar Stehli has an engagement with Charles Frohman in "Arsène Lupin" and has been playing in the larger cities of the Southern and Middle Eastern states. Before Christmas the company returns for a week to Brooklyn, playing at the Grand Opera House. Mr. Stehli as an undergraduate was in the Masque and took part in the production of several plays by Les Cabotins and the Deutscher Verein.

'07, B. Arch.—A daughter, since named Muriel Cowing, was born on October 31 to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Mackintosh at Kingston, N. Y.

'07, C. E.—A. P. Holloway's address is 216 North Fourth street, Steubenville, Ohio. He is in the claim department of the LaBelle Iron Works.

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'08, A. B.—Edith L. Wilkinson is teaching biology in the high school at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

'08, M. E.—F. S. Brannon will be married on December 15 to Miss Margaret Calhoun Lischey, of Owensboro, Ky. They will make their home at 602 St. Ann street, Owensboro.

'08, C. E.—H. C. Law, who has been employed on irrigation work in Colorado during the past year, is at the home of his father, B. W. Law '74, in Collins, N. Y., recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

'08, B. S. A.—A. W. McKay, assistant in investigations of fruit transportation and storage with the United States Department of Agriculture, spent the past summer in California and will be in Florida this winter, with headquarters in Tampa.

'08, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern of Millington, Md., announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary, to Francis E. Fitch on November 7. Mr. Fitch is an officer in the United States Revenue Cutter Service.

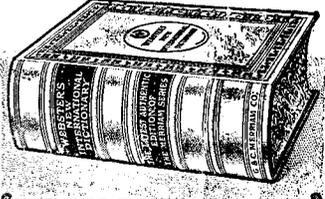
'09, M. E.—G. C. Decker is with the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company. His address is Box 254, Prince Bay, N. Y.

'09, C. E.—N. E. Hildreth's address is 286 Amity street, Flushing, L. I. He is at present with a private engineer, in charge of highway improvements for the town of Port Washington, L. I.

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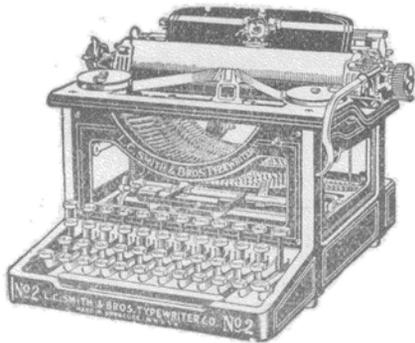


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'09, M. E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ethel Mae Names, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Names, of Syracuse, and George F. Benson. Mr. Benson is with the Maxwell Briscoe Company of Tarrytown, N. Y., and his address is 151 North Washington street.

'09, C. E.—Avery J. Pratt's address is Falls City, Neb. He is with the Federal Office of Public Roads.

'09, M. E.—Ellis J. Finch's address is Box 736, Crystal City, Mo.

1911

Berwick B. Wood, formerly of the class of 1911, was married recently to Miss Alice Howe of Portland.

E. L. Gates, formerly of the class of 1911, was married on October 15, at the bride's home in Nyack, to Miss Millicent Sandison. They are now at home at 222 Percy street, Flushing, L. I.

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