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## UNIVERSITY MISCELLANY.

Lieutenant Twesten, the proctor, has taken possession of his office in Room 25, Morrill Hall, overlooking the quadrangle. Undergraduates generally are showing a disposition to meet him more than half-way and to treat him as a friend and not as an enemy. He is living in Sheldon Court and is receiving so many invitations to dinner at fraternity houses, clubs and boarding houses that he has not found it necessary yet to obtain a regular boarding place. Monday afternoon he addressed the third battalion of the Corps of Cadets on "Engagements with the Indians."

A plan similar to that of the classes of 1909 and 1910 will be followed by the present senior class in providing for contributions by its members to the Alumni Fund. The pledge committee of the class has decided upon the form of pledge to be used in making subscriptions. Eads Johnson, secretary of the Cornellian Council, is expected to be in Ithaca soon to consult with the committee. The usual contribution will be \$100, upon which the contributor will pay five per cent interest until he is ready to pay the principal.

John W. Peters, of Brooklyn, a sophomore in the College of Architecture, fractured his skull last Wednesday in an upset on the toboggan slide. He was taken to the Infirmary and will recover. Wednesday was Founder's Day and there were many toboggans at the lake. Peters is a member of the Cerberus Club.

The Cosmopolitan Club had a smoker last Wednesday night to celebrate the completion of its sixth year. Dean Smith '78, as toastmaster, declined to be perfectly serious for the time being about the promotion of international peace, which is one of the club's objects. He told the Cosmopolitans that it would be a simple matter of engineering to put an end to war. "In all the wars I have heard about," he said, "there has been involved either an army or a navy or both. Now, for the existence of a navy, an

ocean is necessary. Likewise, for an army, land is required. It can be seen that peace resolves itself into a problem of the steam shovel. Get the engineers to set their shovels to work cutting down the land and filling up the seas. When they have finished there will be about four feet of water over the surface of the earth. This would not support a navy, and an army could not operate very well. So we should have peace. However, under the conditions I have suggested, a man might have a native scow, or a native flatboat, or even a native side-wheeler, but he couldn't have a native land. So there would be an end of patriotism, too."

Nine more rowing machines have been placed in the crew room at the gymnasium, making twenty-five in all. The increase was made necessary by the large number of men registered as candidates for the varsity crews. Eight of the new machines are arranged as a combination and the ninth is for individual instruction. On Monday of this week the period of regular varsity training began, although many of the oarsmen have been taking regular exercise on the machines all the fall. With the exception of Simson, all the members of last year's varsity eight have registered for work this year. Mr. Courtney said the other day that with only one pair of eyes he was afraid he wouldn't be able to watch twenty-five men all rowing at once. But he will.

It is possible that a Cornell crew will enter a race with Princeton on Lake Carnegie this spring. Cornell has been invited to send a crew and the Athletic Council is in favor of doing so if a mutually convenient date can be arranged.

A course in agriculture may be offered at the Summer Session of the University this year. There is a demand for the instruction on account of the introduction of agriculture into public school curricula and the need of qualified teachers.

Professor William A. Finch '80, of the College of Law, has been unable

to meet his classes since the Christmas recess on account of an attack of the grip which has compelled him to keep to his rooms in Coscadilla Place. He is recovering and expects to resume his lectures at the beginning of the second term.

Dr. George T. Moore of the Shaw Botanical Gardens at St. Louis gave a public lecture before the Society of Sigma Xi last night on "Some striking advances in botanical science and the application of these in practical affairs."

The week of February 20-25 will be the fourth annual Farmers' Week at the College of Agriculture. This is the one time of the year when the extension department of the college is properly "at home" in Ithaca. A corn congress will be one of the chief events of the week, but every department of the college will have some part in the program.

On the invitation of the Cornell Catholic Club, the Rev. Thomas F. Burke, of the Paulist society, came from New York and spoke in Barnes Hall on Sunday evening. His topic was "Social Effects of Catholicism."

Mr. Arnold Haultain, the secretary and literary executor of the late Goldwin Smith, lectured before the University last Thursday on "Style in literature, with especial reference to that of Goldwin Smith." With a stereopticon he showed manuscripts and proofs to illustrate the care with which Professor Smith revised what he wrote. He said that although Goldwin Smith was a master of word and phrase he always said that it was unnecessary to think about style and his only care in writing was to attain clearness of expression.

On Wednesday and Thursday of last week the third annual Conference for Veterinarians was held at the Veterinary College. About 125 were present. Among those who spoke were Dr. F. D. Holford of Sidney; Dr. E. A. A. Grange, principal of the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto; Dr. Louis A. Klein, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of

Pennsylvania; and Dr. A. D. Melvin, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C. The rest of the program was composed of lectures by the veterinary faculty. On Wednesday evening there was a smoker. This is the third conference of the kind that has been held at the Veterinary College. Last year's meeting was attended by more than ten per cent of the practitioners of the state.

About two hundred men interested in track athletics attended a dinner given in the Dutch Kitchen Friday night in honor of the champion cross-country team. Captain MacArthur of the track team, Captain Brown and Captain-elect Berna of the cross-country team and Coach Moakley were among the speakers.

Colonel Walter S. Schuyler, 5th Cavalry, U. S. A., who was professor of military science and tactics at Cornell in 1883-86 and again in 1896-98, has been promoted to the rank of brigadier-general. Shortly before his promotion he was detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps and appointed chief of staff of the Department of California. General Schuyler was born at Ithaca. His father was George W. Schuyler, one of the charter trustees and first treasurer of the University. He graduated at West Point in 1870. He served in various Indian campaigns, was colonel of the 203d New York Volunteers in the Spanish War, and was military attaché with the Russian army in Manchuria in 1904.

Twenty-seven students of the College of Agriculture entered the first preliminary competition, held Friday night, for the Eastman Prize for Public Speaking. Twelve men were chosen from whom the six contestants will be selected. The prize is \$100 and was established by Mr. Almon R. Eastman of the Board of Trustees.

Ithaca citizens are raising a fund for building a new hospital. Subscriptions were first asked for about three weeks ago, and already more than \$100,000 has been subscribed. It is hoped to raise \$150,000. Dr. Andrew D. White headed the subscription list with a gift of \$5,000.

The intercollegiate debate will be held on February 25.

#### THINNING THE CAMPUS ELMS..

##### Four Reasons for Removing Some of the Trees—The Elm Leaf Beetle

For the good of the elms on the campus the University authorities are thinning them out. Along President's avenue several trees have just been cut down, and the cutting of elms along East avenue is in progress. Last spring some of the trees on the west side of the quadrangle were removed. The felling of large trees has called forth protests from persons who did not understand the reasons for the operation. When Professor Rowlee of the department of botany, who is superintendent of grounds, was asked about the matter, he gave the ALUMNI NEWS the following statement which he had prepared for the *Sun* in answer to a letter of protest which that paper had published:

I have the same sentiment as your correspondent "Senior" about cutting down the trees on the University campus. There are, however, potent reasons for thinning the trees on the campus. These are briefly:

First, the opening up and preservation of the views across the valley and down the lake. The views from the University campus are most impressive and unique. The growth of trees has cut off, especially in summer, many of the best views of the lake and valley.

Second, the trees on the avenues look better when spaced as far apart as those on the west side of the quadrangle.

Third, the elm leaf beetle has become a serious menace to the elm trees on the University campus. It would not only be more expensive to spray the greater number of elms but much more difficult to do so effectively when they are close together. The University authorities are making elaborate preparations to protect the elms from the elm leaf beetle next spring.

Fourth, the thinning of the elms also has an important bearing on their future welfare. Elm trees require more moisture in the soil in which they grow than any other native tree. In the wild they thrive best in wet soils. The soil on the campus has a scant moisture content and is not favorable to the growth of elms. When moisture is scant in the soil, the roots of moisture loving trees like the elm spread out to a considerable distance, and it has been evident for some years that the elm trees have been robbing each other of moisture. Some of our trees are suffering from this condition and are as large as they will ever become unless conditions are changed.

In view of all these considerations, a committee of the Board of Trustees, which included Ex-President White,

called in non-resident experts for advice with which to supplement their local advisers, and the committee went over the University grounds with these experts and decided what should be done. The University authorities are now carrying out their recommendations.

Professor Rowlee said that the elm leaf beetle made its first appearance on the campus last summer. Only a few trees were injured, but the University authorities know how serious a menace it is and will be ready to fight it at the proper time next spring. Two large spraying outfits have been bought for especial use in protecting the elms, and Professor G. W. Herrick '96, of the department of economic entomology, will have charge of the work.

The elm leaf beetle is a yellowish green insect a little smaller than its relative, the potato bug. During the winter the beetles hibernate in buildings, and Professor Rowlee said he had found many of them in campus buildings this winter. Early in May, when the elms are just coming into leaf, the beetles fly to the trees. The females deposit their eggs on the leaves, and the larvae appear late in June. It is the larvae or worms that cause the most destruction by devouring the leaves. Later in the summer the larvae crawl down the limbs and trunk to the base of the tree and enter the pupal stage. Pupae have been gathered by the bushel at the base of a large elm. The adult beetle feeds on the leaves until fall, when it finds some shelter for hibernation.

The most effective known means of combatting the insects is to spray the trees at certain times with arsenate of lead. The spraying is done when the beetles first appear in the spring and is repeated when the larvae leave the egg. The spraying must be done promptly to save the trees from harm.

Mr. Warren H. Manning of Boston and Mr. Charles N. Lowrie of New York were the landscape experts who advised the Trustees' committee to thin out the elms. As a rule every other tree is removed from the row, but the form and health of the tree are considered in selecting those which are to be retained. On East avenue the trees were spaced only about thirty feet apart, and the removal of every other tree leaves no more than room enough for the elms to reach a full and shapely growth.

**A Presidency for Professor Tarr.**

Professor Ralph S. Tarr, of Cornell University, was chosen president of the Association of American Geographers at its recent meeting in Pittsburgh. Professor Tarr was appointed assistant professor of geology at Cornell in 1892, and has been professor of physical geography here since 1897.



PROFESSOR R. S. TARR.

From a Photograph by Robinson, Ithaca.

He is a graduate of the Lawrence Scientific School at Harvard in the class of 1891. He has led several United States Geological Survey parties to Alaska for the study of glaciers, and is the author of a number of text books. He is associate editor of the *Journal of Geography* and also of the *Bulletin of the American Geographical Society*.

**No News of "Fisher."**

"Fisher," the man with a stammer, has not been heard from since he left Houston, Texas, early last month. We have added to his record the story of a Cleveland alumnus who says he lent the man five dollars last summer on his representing that he was a Cornell man in financial distress on his way to take a position with the Burton Construction Company of Fort Wayne, Ind. The lender of the money afterward investigated the story and found that there was no such concern.

Swimming.—Pennsylvania 48, Cornell 5; Princeton 46, Cornell 7.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

**Omaha and the Musical Clubs.**

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:* Upon behalf of the Cornell Alumni Association of Omaha, and at its request, I am writing to express the genuine pleasure we had and the inspiration we derived from the visit of the boys last week. The concert which they put up was an eye opener to the people here, as previous concerts given by various university glee clubs had taught them to expect something in the line of amateur work. The boys simply came, saw and conquered, and I violate no confidence in saying that they left in their wake a trail of desolation and broken hearts among the femininity of our city that it will take months to mollify or assuage.

When Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Kent told me in Ithaca last spring that Omaha would surely be on the musical map this trip, I came back and spread the news, and Jack Battin '90, who engineers all these things, made the Omaha bunch get busy. The coming of the boys brought us together every week in the Olive Room at the Rome, enkindled the old-time enthusiasm and reawakened interest in old Cornell. It was the best thing that has happened to us old grads for a long time. And as for the University, let me say that the visit of the boys with their truly artistic performance, the atmosphere of college life which they brought along, and their gracious and dignified bearing during the little round of festivities which their visit enabled us to extend, was a splendid advertisement for the University and one which has already borne fruit. These are the things which make life worth living. So we say: Here's to Cornell and to the Glee Club! Not farewell, but *auf wiedersehen*.

When you come again, bring Dean Irvine with you. The Judge may not be able to qualify for first tenor, but otherwise he is a good fellow and we all like to see him.

ARTHUR C. WAKELEY '78.  
President, Cornell Alumni Assn.  
Omaha, Jan. 7, 1911.

**Victory and Sportsmanship.**

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:* Why do we play football at Cornell? One would think from the tenor of your recent correspondence that we

played to win games. Maybe some would so answer the query. Virtually a professional coach is proposed, and from Yale! Again, we propose to transform the "Grand Old Man" of Cornell rowing into a football coach, hoping he may bring with him that winning habit he has. Never mind about the game—"Anything to win" is the slogan. Now allow me, as the Methuselah of Cornell football, to say that any man who thinks that way is in my judgment a poor sportsman and not a worthy Cornellian. Cornell stands for scholarship and for manhood. Cornell is a man factory. To make manly scholars, Cornell needs athletics to preserve and improve the health of her students. Her fame rests on the scholarship and efficient manhood and womanhood of her students and alumni. And athletics helps an able-bodied man or woman to be a better student in the University and a more useful citizen when an alumnus. It has been my privilege to tell Cornell's football squad just that each year for several years now. It seems that I did not begin soon enough, or that "98" was not on the squad.

We made a creditable showing the past season. I challenge anyone to show the contrary. We did the best we have for some time. We beat the Chicago team by outplaying them fairly. We scored on the best team Harvard ever had when that team was at its best and before it was over-trained and met Yale. We played a game against Pennsylvania of which no Cornellian need be ashamed. Put me down in capital letters as satisfied with our showing in 1910. And if that be treason make the most of it. Alma Mater, forever!

WILLARD BEAHAN '78.  
Cleveland, Jan. 13, 1911.

**Football and Alumni Field.**

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:* I have read the two latest copies of the NEWS with great interest. The remarks on football coaching and the changes in Alumni Field occurring at the same time raise a point that I have not seen mentioned: Could Cornell win from Penn in Ithaca, as she did from Princeton in 1907? I have seen most of the big games for some years and have had the privilege of seeing part of the practice each fall, commencing with Glenn Warner. I have played the game, and did some

work on the field under the old Alumni Field Committee.

In the first place, Mr. Heizmann '05 speaks for the majority of the alumni. They see the Penn game, or read a newspaper account of it, and get mad. Games in Ithaca are seldom noticed and it would be a safe statement to say that 75 per cent of the alumni do not know the score of the recent Chicago game. This game was as brilliant a piece of football as was ever turned out by a Cornell team.

The coming of Dan Reed as head coach marked the greatest change we have ever had in football circles, as far back as I can learn. The election of Messrs. Fennell and Young to the field committee is another step in the right direction. The time is passed when a quarrel between two candidates for the same position will be allowed to ruin a good team. The coaches who used to assist in local politics are gone, some years ago. The writer heard one of the signers of a recent article as an alumni committee-man say to two of the coaches, late one election day: "Now you boys have done enough. You had better go footballing down to the field."

The head coach flung down the gauntlet to the various faculties last fall in connection with the eligibility of players. The response was all that could be wished for with the present schedule of studies. The action of the C. E. faculty was only accounted for by the absence of one of its leading members of unrest. This gentleman is a typical office engineer and a close student. He has little sympathy with a field man, for in his branch of work such a man is no more than a skilled mechanic. The long, grinding walks while railroading and the roughness of summer camp do their share in making a good civil engineer, but they fall very far short of being all that is necessary. Every man, unless he is a hermit, needs to co-operate with his fellow men. Team work is another name for intimate co-operation, and there is no profession where it is in greater need than civil engineering. The lack of it is seen all the way from howling freshmen on the campus to a faculty meeting. The game of football develops team work to a great degree and also gives the players nerve and push, two very desirable qualities which many of the C. E. graduates lack.

As regards the new field, it may be well to call attention to a professor's pet scheme for a stadium in the amphitheatre of Cascadilla Creek just south of Garden avenue. If the stream could be controlled, the grading question would soon vanish and the stadium is ready with the exception of seats. It is true that the coeds use the spot, but the new field would most likely break up their games.

No matter where the field is placed the question of drainage should receive more attention than it did on the playground and the abandoned field. A surface slope of one per cent is not enough to carry off rain water, and tile underdrains should be provided for in the plans. In this connection the College of Agriculture can give more practical advice than the C. E. professors, as it has some successful drainage systems on the farm.

With a new field and suitable accommodations it is natural to suppose that the Penn game will be played in Ithaca every other year. The monetary loss will be great, of course, but what of it? When we beat Princeton in 1907 the pure pleasure was worth \$5 to me. If we ever expect to start a consistent winning system it will have to be through an exchange of games, as it seems to be definitely understood that the faculty will allow no games on neutral ground. The writer has seen it work before, and the keynote of winning against Penn will be on some field other than Franklin Field. When once started we can expect to do something in Philly.

It is up to the Alumni Football Advisory Committee to decide on the head coach. If no Cornell man knows how to turn out a winning team, then get an outsider. In any event get more candidates, the new field, an exchange of games, and a coach like unto the "Old Man."

C. E.

#### *An Alternative Suggested.*

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:* In the ALUMNI NEWS of December 14 there appeared a letter by an alumnus discussing the football enigma as it exists at Cornell. In the same number of the NEWS was an editorial devoted to the same subject. There seems to be no doubt

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## ATHLETICS.

### *Hockey.*

The hockey team defeated one of its most dangerous rivals for the inter-collegiate championship Saturday night, when it won a victory over Princeton by the score of 4 to 1. The game was played at the St. Nicholas Rink in New York. Princeton won the championship last year and had not been defeated for two years. The Cornell team did all its scoring in the first half, and Princeton's single goal was obtained just before the game ended. Malcolm Vail, the Cornell goal tender, warded off many shots at the netting, especially in the second half. Cornell's team was outweighed, but seemed to be superior in team work and in accuracy. Vincent scored the first goal after about one minute of play, and a minute later Captain Wagner made another point. Toward the end of the half Kalbfleisch, the Princeton goal tender, was ruled off the ice for two minutes for slashing, and while he was out of the game Wagner and Vincent each shot another goal. The Cornell players were: Goal, Vail; point, Warner; cover point, Haist; rover, Crassweller; center, Wagner; left wing, Scheu; right wing, Vincent.

Three games have been played thus far for the league championship. Cornell has beaten Princeton, Princeton has beaten Columbia, and Columbia has beaten Yale. Harvard and Dartmouth have not had any league games yet.

Next Saturday night at the St. Nicholas Rink in New York, Yale and Cornell will play their league game.

### *Football Negotiations with Princeton.*

The *New York Tribune* said last Monday:

"The football elevens of Princeton and Cornell will face each other on the gridiron next fall. This statement may be too bold, and rather than that it should be misleading I might better say that Princeton and Cornell are negotiating for a game, which, from my information, is almost sure to be played. In the words of the poet, 'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished.' The secret has been jealously guarded, not even the faintest rumor having drifted out of Princeton or Ithaca. Even the undergraduates, so I should judge, are in the dark, but

I am convinced that negotiations have reached a point where little danger can now exist of the well laid plans of the two managers going amiss. There is the chance, of course, that the choice of a date may prove a barrier, but this is not likely if the managers of the elevens are as earnest in bringing about a meeting as I am led to believe. \* \* \* \*

"Much satisfaction was expressed by both Princeton and Cornell when athletic relations were resumed some time ago in the arrangement of two baseball games for the coming season. The probable meeting at football will be hailed, no doubt, with even more satisfaction by the undergraduates of both institutions. If a dual regatta also is arranged relations will be established of the closest and most cordial kind. Cornell and Princeton should be natural rivals, as they are so well situated territorially. Further than that, they can boast of about the same strength, as Cornell reached a point several years ago when its athletic teams were worthy opponents for the best in the East or West. It is satisfying to be in a position to applaud the effort being made to bring about the football meeting, and it is hoped that nothing now will stand in the way."

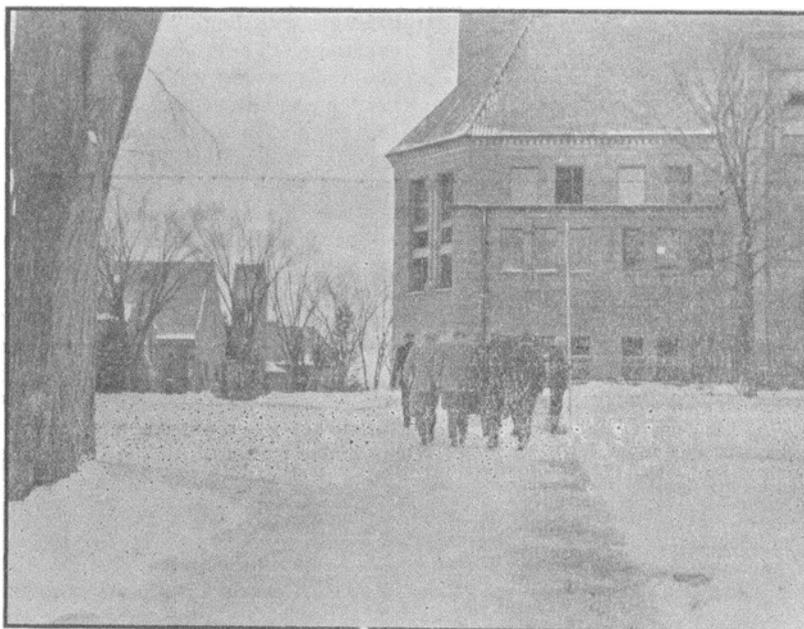
Graduate Manager Scott said on Monday afternoon that it was true the Cornell and Princeton managements were negotiating for a resumption of football relations. He had no official knowledge that an agreement had been reached.

Princeton and Cornell last played football at Ithaca in 1907, when Cornell won by a score of 6 to 5. It was Cornell's first victory over Princeton since 1900.

**Basketball.**

The varsity basketball team easily defeated Dartmouth at the Armory Friday night by a score of 34 to 18. Twaddell had sprained his ankle early in the week, and it was expected that his absence would weaken the team seriously, but Simson, the oarsman and football captain, handy man generally in Cornell athletics, took his place at center and played a remarkably good game, although it was his first appearance in the sport since he entered college.

In the first half the play was very even, the half ending with the score 12 to 11 in Cornell's favor. The



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Cornell five were superior to the visitors in the second half. Excellent team work coupled with accurate basket shooting and Blumenauer's unerring aim at the basket on throws from fouls piled up score after score until at the end the Cornell team was 16 points ahead. In the second half Blumenauer was successful in six out of seven tries for goals from fouls.

The form of the Cornell team is encouraging and chances at present look good for one of the best places in the intercollegiate league. The real test will come Friday and Saturday of this week, when Princeton and Columbia are to be played in New York. In the game with Columbia here on January 7 Cornell was defeated by a score of 16 to 20, but the Cornell team had the New Yorkers "on the run" at the finish.

Cornell's line-up Friday was: Left forward, Elton, W. H. Bennett; right forward, Blumenauer; center, Simson, Whyte; left guard, Heath; right guard, J. E. Bennett, Parnes.

The basketball team of the College of Law leads in the intercollege series, having won five games and lost none.

Director Bailey of the College of Agriculture is on a lecture tour in the eastern part of the state this week.

**Midyear Entrance Examinations.**

Cornell University will give entrance examinations at midyear this year for the first time in its history. Students have been admitted in former years on high school certificates, regents' examinations and college board examinations, but the University itself has never before given examinations.

One hundred and twenty persons have applied for admission to the examinations, of whom 68 are old students who wish to pass off entrance conditions and 52 are new students. The 52 new students who take the examinations may not all enter this year but may be passing off examinations in certain subjects now so as to make it easier when they take the final examinations. More than 52 students will enter in February, however, as admission will still be made by high school certificates.

The students who enter at midyear may take up work in the college of arts and sciences, in agriculture, civil engineering or mechanical engineering. As the subjects in the law, veterinary and architectural colleges are year subjects, it is impossible for students to enter these courses at midyear. The students who enter at midyear are expected to take up work in summer school.



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THE STATEMENT MADE by Professor Rowlee about the thinning of the campus elms is convincing. Of the four reasons which he gives for the operation, the one relating to the devastation caused by the elm leaf beetle is perhaps the most potent just at the present time. These insects are so destructive that every precaution that will aid the trees to resist their depredations should be taken. In the experience of Harvard University, which has lost many of the fine old elms that stood in the Harvard yard, the elm leaf beetle was the forerunner of other insects more destructive yet. A writer in the *Harvard Crimson* last year said: "The trees in the Yard have been practically free from insect pests in past years and it is only during the last few years that there has been any trouble at all. The first troublesome insect was the elm-leaf beetle. The trees

in the west part of the Yard were attacked by this pest and considerable damage was done before they were overcome. These elm-leaf beetles undoubtedly weakened the elms to a very great extent and it may be that this paved the way for other destructive insects which have followed. The leopard moth, which was first noticed in June, 1909, is an imported European pest, and is only injurious in its larval stage. The life of the larva is two years. It makes its way into the tree by boring through the bark, where it may make great furrows in the growing layer, thus girdling the limbs, or it may burrow deeper into the heart of the tree. Its burrows show that it migrates often, from one part of a branch to another or to a different one altogether." Still a third pest, the European elm bark borer, has been discovered at Cambridge. Central New York can hardly hope for immunity from these pests, and the University authorities are wise to take early steps to save the campus elms.

BY DECIDING to hold entrance examinations in February, the University has made it possible for a larger number of students to matriculate in the middle of the year. This does not mean that the rule requiring four years' residence for the A. B. degree will be relaxed. A student who enters the University in February and who expects to receive his degree three and one-half years later will be required to take work in two summer sessions of the University to make up the requirement as to residence.

STILL ANOTHER undergraduate organization has had itself taken under the wing of the Athletic Association. The latest addition to the colony on North Tioga street is the Cornell Dramatic Club. Graduate management was successful in the case of the four "major sports," and it was sought and obtained by the Musical Clubs and the Masque and the several "minor sports." The Dramatic Club, the latest recruit, does not mean to trespass on the field of the Masque. It announces that it plans to foster serious study of the drama among undergraduates, and hopes to stage some of the productions of the members of Professor Sampson's course in playwriting. One-act comedies and farces from this source will be produced from time to time.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.**

*New England*

The Cornell Club of New England announces its thirteenth annual dinner, to be held on Saturday, February 14. Professor R. C. H. Catterall will be the club's guest from the University. Further information will be given later. The club also calls attention to the Harvard-Cornell hockey game to be played at the Boston Arena Rink on Saturday, January 28. The chairman of the dinner committee is George K. Woodworth, 60 Congress street, Boston.

*New York.*

The committee in charge of arrangements for the thirty-first annual dinner of the Cornell University Club of New York, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday evening, February 23, announces that Professor J. W. Jenks has accepted an invitation to be one of the speakers. It has already been announced that Governor John A. Dix '83 will be the guest of honor and that Professor Catterall will be toastmaster.

*The Philippines.*

The Cornell Alumni Association of the Philippines is planning to hold a big meeting and banquet next month at the time of the annual Philippine Carnival in Manila. No less than fifty Cornell men may be present.

*Cleveland.*

Cornell men of Cleveland lunch together every Monday at noon at the Chamber of Commerce Club. There has been an average of fifteen at these lunches for the last year.

Board track meets were held on Wednesday and Saturday. Although no "stars" have been discovered in the winter work many of the men have been improving and events at the meets have been closely contested. Coach Moakley is working hard to increase the team's strength in the field events. There are plenty of good runners in the squad.

President Schurman made an address in favor of a permanent tariff commission at the convention of the National Tariff Commission Association in Washington last week.

The Athletic Association has subscribed \$300 to the Ithaca hospital fund.

**G. H. Brown Wins '94 Prize.**

The seventeenth annual contest for the Ninety-Four Memorial Prize in Debate was held in the Armory last week Tuesday night and the prize was awarded to Gay Harbin Brown, of Buffalo, a member of the senior class in the College of Law. Brown was the leader of the team that defeated Pennsylvania last year and a member of the team that was sent to California. He was an unsuccessful contestant for the Ninety-Four Prize last year. Honorable mention was given to Lawrence Morehouse '12, of Utica. The judges were William Hazlitt Smith '73, of Ithaca; Professor George N. Lauman '97, of the faculty of the College of Agriculture, and George G. Bogert '06, of Elmira.

The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, that the ownership of the forest and mineral lands now belonging to the United States should be retained by the federal government." This is the subject which has been chosen for the intercollegiate debate next month. Brown upheld the negative side of the question. He argued for a plan by which the forest and mineral lands might be sold under a restricted deed. Morehouse was on the affirmative side. The other speakers were L. E. Neff, of Walton; R. E. Pierce, of Rock Rapids, Iowa; R. W. Hamlet, of Sheridan, and F. P. Murphy, of Stamford.

Within the past year the class of '94 has so increased its memorial fund that the prize has been increased from \$25 to \$94. This follows a precedent set by the class of '86, which established a prize in declamation amounting to \$86 annually.

**OBITUARY.**

RAY E. MIDDAGH.

Ray E. Middaugh, a graduate of the college of law of the class of 1892, died in Washington, D. C., on November 23, 1910, after a long illness. He practiced law in Washington for several years after his graduation and later engaged successfully in real estate development and building.

IRENE VAN KLEECK.

Irene Belle Van Kleeck, A. B. '02, died on December 28 at Lewiston, Mont., from injuries received in a fall from a horse. She was a teacher in the high school at Lewiston.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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that Mr. Heizmann's letter and the editorial both voice the feeling and the consensus of opinion that prevails amongst the alumni, and we are glad to see the matter brought squarely out for open discussion.

It is true that a thing that is worth doing at all is worth doing well. The Cornell spirit of indomitable determination ought to enter into and animate the game of football and create a new tradition in it as it has done in other fields of both scholarship and sport.

There is, however, one alternative that will solve the football problem at Cornell, and that is, if no other solution can be found, the game can be dropped and abandoned.

P. H. POWELL '95.

Bridgeport, Conn, Dec. 20, 1910.

### *Favors Professional Coaching.*

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*

The succession of defeats that has befallen us on the football field, in contradistinction to our succession of victories in crew, track and cross-country, not to mention baseball and the so-called minor sports, in which Cornell at least has held her own, is, I admit, a trifle galling, and drives one to the conviction that there must be "something rotten in the state of Denmark." There is no question but that we have the material for as good a team as any university.

Granting this, then, let us honestly examine ourselves and learn the reason why we are continually failing to develop this material.

I for one am not so sure but that the main fault lies in the coaching system, that we are with mistaken gallantry clinging to an impossible ideal. Personally I would favor the adaptation to football of the same system that has proven so successful in other branches, notably crew and cross-country. With an "old man" to guide our destinies on the gridiron from year to year, I am not so sure but that victory would presently perch upon our banners in the realm of football as in the other major sports. What crime we would thereby commit I for one am at a loss to understand, for to me the so-called "professional coach," carefully selected for his manhood as well as his knowledge of the game, is on every bit as high a plane as any other member of the instructing corps. On the other hand, to shoulder the burden of developing a good, if not a winning team, upon volunteers, no matter how loyal and willing, men who should be devoting every bit of their time to getting ahead in the world and gaining distinction for Cornell as well as themselves by as marked success in the realm of affairs as in their day they achieved in the realm of athletics, seems, if not a crime, at least a sad mistake. If a mistake, then let us make haste to correct it, and get into line.

HARRY F. PORTER '05

Kansas City, Dec. 18, 1910.

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**UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18.

Agassiz Club—Talk by Mr. F. M. Kilburn on "Taxidermy." McGraw Hall, south wing, 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

Barnes Hall—Lecture by Mr. Courtenay H. Fenn of Peking, China, on "Present Conditions in China." Auditorium, 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19.

Sanitary Science and Public Health—"The Value of Antitoxins in Certain Infectious Diseases," W. S. Magill, M. D., Director of State Hygienic Laboratory, Albany, N. Y. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A, 12 m.

Readings in English Literature—Professor M. W. Sampson. Sibley College, Room 13, 5 p. m. Mr. A. R. Kirk. College of Agriculture, Room 192, 5 p. m.

Campus Club—Sibley Dome, 8 p. m. Deutscher Verein Recital—Of German organ music by Mr. Edward F. Johnston, University Organist. Sage Chapel, 8:30 p. m. Admission by invitation only.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20.

Organ Recital—Sage Chapel, 5 p. m. University Championship Wrestling and Fencing Meet—The Armory, 8 p. m. Admission 25 cents. Minor sports tickets good.

Lecture—By the Rev. Dr. C. M. Tyler on "Scientific Methods in the Discussion of the Future Life," under the auspices of the Society of Comparative Theology and Philosophy. Barnes Hall, Auditorium, 8 p. m.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21.

Agassiz Club Demonstration—Mr. F. M. Kilburn, "Taxidermy." McGraw Hall, north wing, 2 p. m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22.

Sage Chapel—The Rev. Edward Judson, D. D. Memorial Baptist Church, New York City. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Vesper service at 3:15 o'clock.

The name of the Rochester Club has been changed to Genesee Valley Club. L. B. Swift '11, of Rochester, has been elected president for the year.

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**CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.**

'92, B. L.—*Science* says that Professor M. V. O'Shea, professor of education at the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed chairman of the American committee of the International Congress on Childhood and Youth. The next session of the congress will be held in the United States, probably at Washington in 1912.

'96.—John Hill is a mill architect and engineer, with office in the Grant Building, Atlanta, Ga.

'98, B. Arch.—The city of Atlanta, Georgia, recently authorized an issue of bonds to the amount of \$300,000 to pay for the erection of twelve new public school buildings. After a competition the commission as architect of five of these buildings has been awarded to Edward E. Dougherty (École des Beaux Arts, 1905), of Atlanta. Mr. Dougherty is also the architect of the new Imperial Hotel in Atlanta.

'00, A. B.—George W. Bauder is

practicing medicine at 1225 North Second street, Harrisburg, Pa.

'00, LL. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Thies J. Lefens announce the marriage of their daughter, Marie, to Frank Scouller Porter, on January 14, at Chicago.

'01, C. E.—Mr. and Mrs. John Schram, of Seattle, Wash., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Ruth, to George Alexander Ferguson, on January 14, at Seattle.

'01, M. E.—Hughes Massie is a member of Curtis Brown & Massie, literary and dramatic publishing agents, 5 Henrietta street, Covent Garden, London, W. C., England.

'08, B. Arch.—William Gray Purcell and George Feick, jr., both graduates of the college of architecture in the class of 1903, have formed a partnership with George Grant Elmslie and have moved their offices from the New York Life Building to 422 Auditorium Building, Minneapolis. The new firm, the members of which have been more or less closely as-

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'03, M. E.—Robert C. Fenner has been placed in charge of the Chicago office of the Cutler-Hammer Manufacturing Company, with office in the Monadnock Building.

'04, LL. B.—Hugh Jennings was married on January 10, at Scranton, to Miss Nora O'Boyle. Jennings's best man was Senator John F. Murtaugh '98, of Elmira.

'04, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Henry Perkins, of 710 St. Paul street, Baltimore, Md., have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Jean Falconer, to Walter Stevenson Finlay, jr., on February 4.

'04, M. E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Clarence G. Spencer and Miss Helen Ashley Hunt of New York City. Mr. Spencer is with Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., and is engaged on work which the company is doing for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Kansas City. His home address is 320 South Elmwood avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

'05, M. E.—James S. Knowlson, formerly manager's assistant with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, N. Y., is now business manager of the Electro-Magnetic Tool Company, 115 South Clinton street, Chicago. His home address is 127 North Catherine avenue, La-Grange, Ill.

'05, M. E.—W. M. Baldwin is connected with the Rogers-Baldwin Hardware Company, Springfield, Mo.

'06, M. E.—Howard A. Holmes was married on December 27 to Miss Lela Vail Corbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene N. Corbin, of Ithaca. They will make their home in Washington, D. C.

'06, LL. B.—A daughter was born on January 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roger Jones, jr., of New Hartford, Conn. Mr. Jones is editor and publisher of the *New Hartford Tribune*.

'06, M. E.—J. F. D. Hoge is engineer with the American District Telegraph Company, with office at 198 West Broadway, New York.

'06, LL. B.—Robert V. R. Bassett has severed his connection with the

law firm of Herendeen & Mandeville, of Elmira, N. Y., and has opened an office for the general practice of law in the Post Office Building, Owego, N. Y.

'06, M. E.—Harold G. Stern's address is changed to Box 1694, Spokane, Wash.

'07, C. E.—Joseph Gallagher is a junior engineer in the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, and is at present stationed at Manila. He is also a member of Ray, Gallagher & Nelson, a firm recently incorporated at Mobile, Ala., to engage in real estate, insurance, contracting and building.

'07, M. E.—A. F. Stillman's address is Hampton Hall, Cranford, N. J. He is works manager of the Watson-Stillman Company, machinists, New York City.

'08, M. E.—F. A. Cook is now on duty aboard the United States Revenue Cutter Seneca, at Tompkinsville, N. Y.

'08, M. E.—Mrs. A. M. Day has issued invitations for the wedding of her daughter, Ruth Olive, to Herbert

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'08, M. E.—W. B. Sturgis has left the Dover White Marble Company and is engaged in engineering in New York City. His address is 138 East Thirty-sixth street.

'08, C. E.—R. A. Smallman has resigned from the Cummings Structural Concrete Company of Pittsburg and is now with the Fred A. Jones Building Company of Houston, Texas.

'09, M. E.—A daughter was born on January 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Curry, jr., of Pittsburg. She has been named Elizabeth.

'09, M. E.—Everett A. Palmer's address is Y. M. C. A., Newark, N. J.

'10, M. E.—Frank H. McCormick is in the engineering department of the Pacific Power & Light Company of Portland, Ore.

'10, M. E.—Harold F. Welch is with the Niles-Bement-Pond Company and is living at the Farmington Avenue Hotel, Hartford, Conn.

'10, D. V. M.—Dr. Morton Lown has changed his address to 11 Cornell street, Kingston, N. Y.

'10.—Floyd N. Darling was married on December 28 to Miss Margaret Perry Stanion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stanion, of Ithaca.

'10, M. E.—Arthur S. Martin's address is 1 Columbia street, Hartford, Conn.

'10, C. E.—Leon T. King's address now is 714 Eighteenth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'10, C. E.—C. F. Seifried's address is changed to Box 674, Denison, Texas.

'10, C. E.—Howard F. Bronson is now employed on the Panama Canal. His address is in care of C. M. Saville at Culebra, Canal Zone.

'10, M. E.—Malcolm S. Jones has changed his address to 853 North Twenty-third street, Philadelphia.

'10, A. B.—John B. Smith, jr., is teaching in Hamilton Institute, West Eighty-first street, New York City, and lives at 844 St. John's Place, Brooklyn.

I. Avery Turner '12, of Auburn, is a member of a civil engineering corps at work on the Panama Canal.

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