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## *Cornelliana.*

Nearly 2,000 visitors were registered for the fourth annual Farmers' Week at the College of Agriculture last week and many persons who were not registered attended lectures. A number of conferences and annual meetings of societies interested in agricultural betterment were held. The college was so crowded that the need of new buildings and particularly of an auditorium was emphasized. The week marked the end of the short course in agriculture.

A new record was set at the Infirmary last week when sixty-three cases were cared for. An epidemic of mumps is the principal cause for the large amount of sickness.

The Cornell Navy has been invited by the midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy to send a crew to Annapolis this spring. In the letter of invitation, which was received from Annapolis last week, it was suggested that the Cornell crew spend a week in training on the Severn as the guests of the midshipmen and have a race with the Academy eight at the end of that period. The suggestion is a thoughtful as well as a courteous one, because the Cornell oarsmen might get some good practice in the climate of Maryland at a time when the weather in Ithaca is still wintry. It is not likely, however, that Cornell will be able to accept the invitation, for the rowing schedule for the season is already full.

Mr. Johnston's organ recital in Sage Chapel last Friday included Bach's prelude and fugue in F major, the Death of Ase and Anitra's Dance from the Peer Gynt Suite, a Guilmant sonata, the Offenbach barcarolle, Gabriel Marie's "La Cinquantaine" and a toccata by Boellmann.

Professor J. E. Creighton, who is on sabbatic leave during the academic year 1910-11, is now in Munich, residing at Ludwigstrasse 22. He will

spend the remainder of the winter in Germany and will then go to Switzerland for the summer.

Miss Mary Fowler '82, curator of the Dante and Petrarch collections in the University Library, is the author of an article in the January number of *The Library*, a quarterly review published in London, entitled "The Autographs of Petrarch's *Rerum Vulgarium Fragmenta*." In this article Miss Fowler gives a sketch of the vicissitudes of this manuscript, which, after being used by Cardinal Bembo for the first Aldine edition of Petrarch in 1501, disappeared and was rediscovered in the Vatican Library in 1886 almost simultaneously by P. de Nolhac, a French scholar, and A. Pakscher, a young German scholar.

The first of this year's regular series of lectures on professional opportunities for women was given at Sage College on February 20 by Miss Caroline B. Dow, dean of the national training school of the Young Women's Christian Association. She spoke on "training for the Christian Association secretaryship." The second lecture, on February 23, was by Miss Jessica Donnelly '07, of the United States Bureau of Labor, on "women as social investigators."

Although the mandolin displaced the banjo several years ago in the Cornell Musical Clubs, the banjo cult has not died in Ithaca. Since the Pennsylvania banjo players were heard here early in January devotees of the instrument have formed a club, twenty-two applicants for membership having appeared. The club proposes to give some concerts in the spring.

Two organ recitals were given in the chapel last week, an extra one being given by Mr. Johnston on Wednesday especially for the Farmers' Week visitors. At both recitals the chapel was crowded.

On Tuesday evenings in March Professor Vladimir Karapetoff will give four lecture recitals on the music of Liszt. The money received by the

sale of seats will be given to the Christian Association.

Professor Charles E. Bennett of the department of Latin has just published "Syntax of Early Latin." He has been preparing this work for several years. Allyn & Bacon, of Boston, are the publishers.

Professor Crane has been suffering severely from an attack of sciatica. He was unable to preside at the debate Friday night and has been obliged to cancel several other engagements.

So many persons have wished to hear the popular talks on Greek sculpture given by Mr. E. P. Andrews, instructor in archaeology, that extra seating has had to be provided in the museum of casts. This week's lecture, on the Laocoon group and the Zeus altar at Pergamon, will be given twice.

A committee of seniors and juniors has been appointed to arrange for a vaudeville show to be given for the benefit of the Minor Sports Athletic Association. The event will take place in the Lyceum Theatre in March or April.

The Rev. Hugh Black of the Union Theological Seminary continued his course of lectures on the Psalms last week. The lectures were all well attended.

Professor A. B. Faust attended the twenty-five anniversary of the founding of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland at Baltimore last week. He addressed the society on "Undercurrents of German Influence in Maryland."

A year ago to-morrow the crews went on the Inlet for the first outdoor practice of the season. Present indications are that it will be some time before the crews take to the water this year. There is considerable ice on the Inlet and it will take several days of warm weather to get it out.

**LOCATION OF BUILDINGS.****A New Quadrangle to Be Established—  
Boundaries of Alumni Field.**

The following statement in regard to the location of the three new buildings of the College of Agriculture for which appropriations were made at the last session of the legislature has been given out from President Schurman's office:

In locating the new buildings of the College of Agriculture, it was decided to establish a new quadrangle of which the three existing main buildings should form the southern side. At the western end of this quadrangle will be placed the new Auditorium, which will be located on the west side of Garden avenue, north of the present model schoolhouse, and east of the courts of the Faculty Tennis Club to the rear of Rockefeller Hall. The path running from Goldwin Smith Hall past the southern end of Rockefeller Hall to the College of Agriculture crosses the site of this building.

On the northern side of the new quadrangle will be space for three or four buildings, of which the Home Economics building will be the westerly one. It will occupy part of the site of the present old red barn. This quadrangle will be completed by buildings which the state will provide in the future for the College of Agriculture.

The building for the Poultry Department, provided for by the appropriation of last winter, is not in the quadrangle, but east of it at a point about midway between the existing buildings of the College of Agriculture and the Judd Falls Road, which the Trustees a few years ago made the official eastern boundary of the campus. It will be remembered that the new barn provided by the state is about two hundred feet on the other side of the Judd Falls Road.

Elevations and floor plans for the Home Economics and Poultry Buildings are now in course of preparation by Professors Martin, Hebrard, and Young of the College of Architecture, who have been selected by State Architect Ware, with the approval of the Trustees of the University, to carry out this work under the general supervision, as the law provides, of the State Architect. State Architect Ware is at present arranging for the preparation of the detail plans and specifications,

and as soon as they are completed bids will be called for.

**Boundaries of Alumni Field.**

President Schurman has made the following statement to the Editor of the Alumni News in regard to the boundaries of the Alumni Field:

In accordance with the action taken by the Board of Trustees at their meeting December 17, modifying the boundaries of the Alumni Field (without changing its area) a map has been prepared by the landscape architects working out the details of the general plan authorized by the Trustees. The essential feature of the modification made by the Trustees, it will be remembered, was the withdrawal for the use of the College of Agriculture of eleven acres of the eastern portion of the Alumni Field bordering on the Judd Falls Road, and the substitution thereof of an equal area of University land adjoining the Alumni Field at its southwest corner. This brings the eastern boundary of the Alumni Field a few hundred feet nearer the heart of the campus than it was before.

The western boundary was formed by Garden avenue, which runs in a straight line north and south between the gorges, and parallel to East avenue. The additional eleven acres at the southwest corner of the Alumni Field are secured by curving that portion of Garden avenue which lies between the Veterinary College hospitals and the Cascadilla Gorge westward to a point about two hundred feet east of East avenue.

When this curved portion of Garden avenue is compared on the map with the present Garden avenue, the effect to the eye is precisely that of a bow and string. One end of the bow starts from a point near the Veterinary College hospitals and the other rests on the bank of Cascadilla gorge. The highway which now runs through this tract to the E. C. & N. depot will be moved to the edge of Cascadilla gorge, if indeed it is not altogether abandoned as a highway.

**Miss Crane's Engagement Announced**  
Professor and Mrs. Thomas Frederick Crane have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Frederica Crane, to Mr. Frederick Osgood Tyler, of Charleston, S. C.

The Cornell Aero Club plans to build a biplane in the spring.

**CORNELL EXHIBIT AT TURIN.****University's Work to Be Shown at the  
International Industrial Exposition.**

Upon invitation through the President from the Hon. Elmer E. Brown, United States Commissioner of Education, Cornell University is to be represented by an exhibit at the International Industrial Exposition which is to be held at Turin, Italy, from April 29 to October 31.

"An exhibit on the technical, industrial, and agricultural work of Cornell University is especially desired," wrote Dr. Brown, "as representing the highest type of American education along these lines."

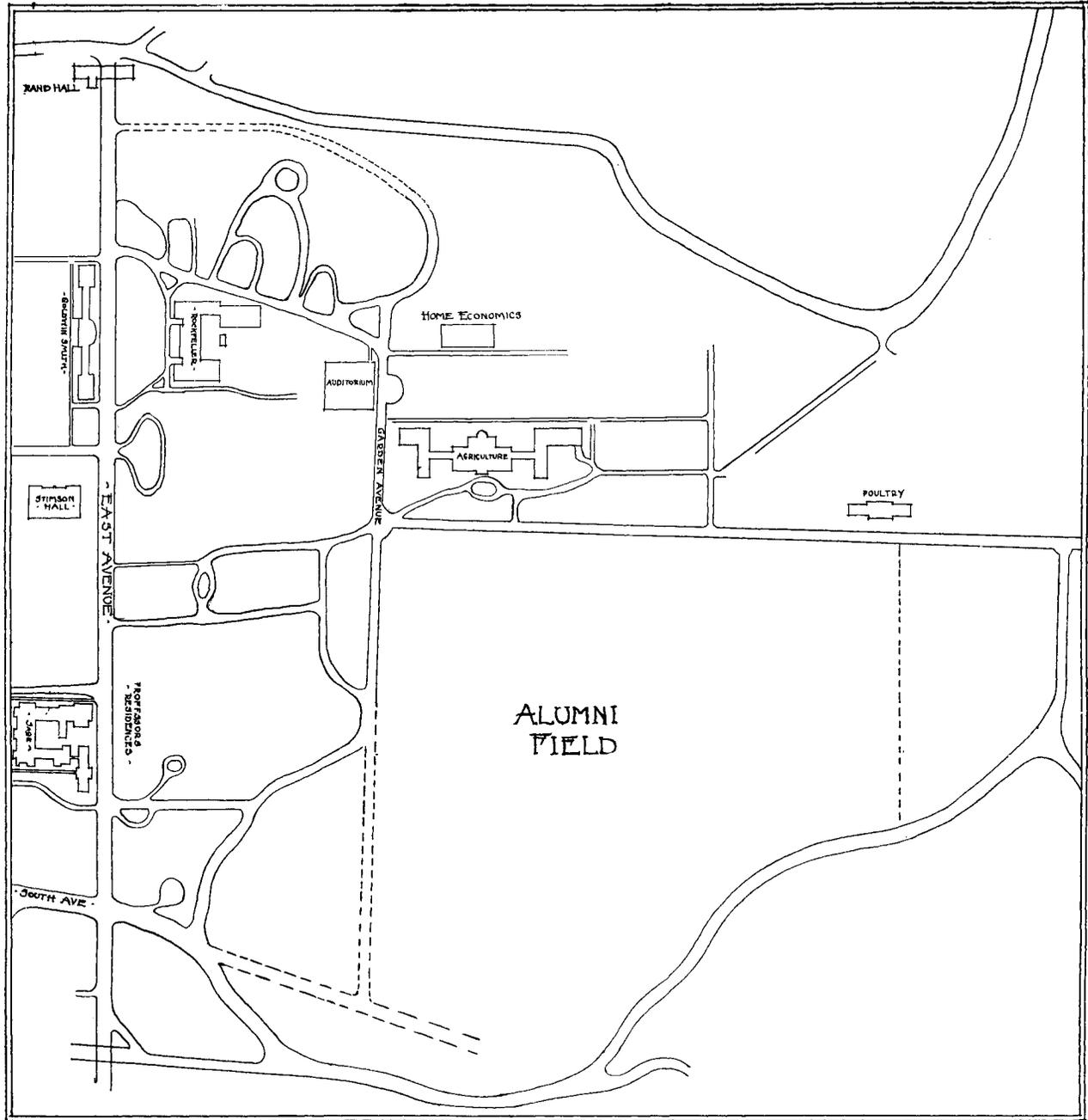
Cornell is to make a rather extensive exhibit. The committee in charge, consisting of Professor Kimball of Sibley College, Director Bailey of the College of Agriculture, Director Martin of the College of Architecture, and Professor Barnes of the College of Civil Engineering, have been at work for some time getting together the material for the exhibit. Over sixty large photographs of the buildings, shops, and laboratories are being prepared, four of these being large panoramic views of the University campus. In addition there will be a small number of charts graphically illustrating the growth in the number of students in these colleges.

There will also be exhibited portfolios of drawings by the students in the engineering colleges, bound volumes of Sibley College reports, a map of New York State upon which will be indicated the localities where the college of Agriculture is doing extension work, and other graphic representations of the educational work which Cornell University is doing along technical and agricultural lines.

The Turin Exposition is attracting world-wide attention and the Cornell University exhibit will doubtless be inspected by thousands of persons who will be in attendance.

**PLANS FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL.****Evan Williams to Sing Here—Program  
of the Three Days.**

The ninth annual Music Festival will be held in Sage Chapel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4, 5 and 6, and will consist of five concerts. The festival will be opened on the evening of May 4 with the performance of



Map of the eastern part of the Campus, showing the new boundaries of Alumni Field and the places where the three new buildings of the College of Agriculture will stand. Broken lines show the parts of Garden Avenue and East Avenue that will be abandoned. Another broken line shows approximately the boundary between Alumni Field and the land recently assigned to the College of Agriculture.

Gounod's "Faust." The soloists will be Evan Williams, as Faust; Mrs. Grace Bonner Williams as Marguerite; Mrs. Florence Mulford as Siebel and Marta; Willard Flint as Mephistopheles and Gwilym Miles as Valentine. The Festival Chorus will be assisted by the entire University Glee Club. This will

compose the largest male chorus ever gathered in the chapel

The Boston Festival Orchestra will give a popular concert Friday afternoon, May 5. Edward Johnston, the University organist, will play a concerto with the orchestra. Mrs. Mulford will be the soloist at this concert.

Friday evening the soloists, orchestra and chorus will give a miscellaneous program. Mr. Williams will sing a tenor solo. Miss Kinzell, a soprano, of Boston, will sing Gounod's "Gallia" assisted by the chorus, "Britons, Alert," the epilogue to "Caractacus," by Elgar, will be sung, and the

Festival Chorus will sing "Fierce Was the Wild Billow" by Tertius Noble. The familiar "Annie Laurie" is also on the program. The male chorus and the orchestra will render "Great Is Jehovah," Mr. Williams taking the tenor solo.

The Boston Festival Orchestra will give a concert at the chapel Saturday afternoon. The orchestra will be directed by Emil Mollenhauer.

The Festival will close Saturday night with Pierne's "The Children's Crusade." In this the festival chorus will be assisted by a chorus of children from the Ithaca public schools. The soloists will be Mrs. Grace Bonner Williams, soprano; Miss Josephine Knight, soprano; Lambert Murphy, tenor; and Willard Flint, bass.

Through the efforts of the Department of Music, arrangements have been made to have Madame Schumann-Heink sing in Sibley Dome March 6.

#### OBITUARY.

##### Raymond W. Nutting '04.

Raymond W. Nutting, a member of the class of 1904, was killed on February 20, near Aparoma, Peru. Death was caused by a fall in the mountains. Nutting was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Sphinx Head, Aleph Samach and Dunstan. He rowed in his freshman boat and in the 1903 and 1904 varsity eights, stroking the latter. Since leaving college he had been engaged in mining, for the greater part of the time in Peru. At the time of his death he was in the employment of the Aparoma Gold Fields, Ltd., an English corporation, as engineer in charge of its properties near Aparoma, Peru. Nutting never married and the only members of his immediate family who survive him are his two sisters, one of whom is the wife of Romeyn Berry '04.

##### Death of Henry F. Dixie.

Henry F. Dixie, a former actor well known to many Cornell men, died at Ithaca on February 9. He was at one time coach of the Cornell Masque. Ill health compelled him to give up all work several years ago, and his work with the Masque was taken up and is still carried on by his wife, Mrs. May Dixie. He was fifty-seven years old.

#### 88 STUDENTS DROPPED.

##### Result of the Midyear Examinations— The Number Comparatively Small.

The number of students dropped from the University as a result of the recent midyear examinations is much smaller than last year, the number reported to date being 88 as against 141 for last year. Seventy-nine new students matriculated for the second term, so that the net decrease in attendance is only 9. The number of students put on probation does not exceed that of recent years. The faculties of the several colleges have acted on the petitions for reinstatement in most cases and the figures as given in the table below are substantially correct:

	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
Arts . . . . .	14	31	31	31	22
Law . . . . .	6	13	14	17	8
Medicine . . . . .	5	2	1	..	..
Agriculture. . . . .	5	6	25	25	21
Veterinary. . . . .	..	3	3	1	1
Architecture . . . . .	1	2	4	4	2
Civil Eng. . . . .	3	25	35	35	20
Mech. Eng.. . . . .	17	15	39	28	14
Totals . . . . .	51	97	152	141	88

One of the principal reasons for the decrease in the number of students unable to pass their examinations is said to be that in the technical colleges the entrance requirements were strictly enforced last fall. Another reason is that under the new calendar the midyear examinations began three weeks later and this gave students more time after the Christmas vacation to review their work.

#### Eastman Prize Divided.

Six students of the College of Agriculture competed last Friday for the Eastman prize in public speaking. The prize was divided, \$75 being awarded to David Elder, of Pattersonville, N. Y., a member of the senior class, for an address on the need of a national parcels post, and a second prize of \$25 being given to C. L. Zinssmeister, of New York City, a freshman, who spoke on "Commercial Cooperation—Its Importance to the Farmer." The prize was established by Mr. A. R. Eastman, of Waterville, N. Y., a member of the University Board of Trustees, with the object of developing qualities of personal leadership in rural affairs.

#### CORNELL WINS DEBATE.

##### Defeats Both Pennsylvania and Columbia in Triangular Contest.

Cornell defeated both Pennsylvania and Columbia in debate last Friday night and won the annual triangular league contest. In both contests the decision of the judges in favor of Cornell was unanimous. The subject was: "Resolved, that the ownership of the forest and mineral lands, now belonging to the United States, in the several states, should be retained by the federal government." Cornell had the affirmative against Pennsylvania at Ithaca and the negative against Columbia at New York City. At Philadelphia the Columbia negative team defeated Pennsylvania.

The Ithaca contest was held in Barnes Hall and Dean Hull presided. The judges were the Hon. Rowland B. Mahany, of Buffalo; the Rev. James A. Miller, of Elmira, and Mr. Byram L. Winters, of Waverly. Cornell's speakers were G. H. Brown '11, Law; R. W. Hamlet '11, Arts, and R. E. Pierce '11, Arts. The Pennsylvania debaters were H. I. Hyneman '11, Law; J. D. Miranda '11, Law, and C. B. Rhoads '13, Arts. Cornell's arguments in favor of the proposition were that forests and ore deposits in private hands were being exhausted, that the remaining supplies were in danger of monopolization and that the state governments were incapable of adequate conservation.

At New York City the Cornell negative team maintained that the question was one of individualism versus quasi socialism, and, after pointing out the dangers of the latter propaganda, showed the superiority of private ownership in the elimination of waste and in the prevention of monopoly control and the necessity for private ownership to induce the development of mineral resources. This team was composed of H. E. Griffith '11, Arts; J. A. Sourwine '12, C. E.; and L. E. Neff '12, Arts. Chaplain Knox of Columbia presided and the judges were William M. Ivins, M. A. Sullivan and E. G. Whittaker. Columbia's debaters were A. J. Peaslie '11, Law; R. S. Harris '12, Arts, and R. C. Hunter '11, Law.

The intercollegiate track meet will be held at Cambridge May 26 and 27.

**CHANGES IN THE CREW.**

**Few of the 1911 Veterans Left in the Varsity Eight.**

A general break-up appears to be taking place in the varsity eight. This combination of oarsmen has been a remarkable one. Starting as the 1911 freshman crew in the season of 1908, it was transferred almost unchanged to the varsity shell in 1909, the only changes being the substitution of Weed '09 for Wiechers at stroke and of Kelly '10 for Hadley at No. 3. It rowed that year as both junior and senior varsity. In 1910 the combination was the same except for those two positions, Bowen '12 being the stroke and Wakeley '12 rowing at No. 3. Six of the crew were still pulling the same oars they had manned in the 1911 freshman crew. There had been nothing like it in Cornell rowing history—the way this crew held together year after year—and was never beaten. It looks now as if not more than two of that combination would be in the boat at Poughkeepsie next summer. Simson, No. 2, announced early in the winter that he would not row this season, the death of his father having given him responsibilities which would take up his spare time. Seagrave, bow; Aitchison, No. 4, and Names, No. 7, are the three others who are not likely to row. They are all seniors in the College of Civil Engineering and will have to spend the month of June in the survey camp, having put off that work last year in order to row. It was thought for a time that Seagrave and Names would stay with the squad for the Harvard race, but they probably will not row at all. Sutton, No. 5, and Day, No. 6, are the only ones left of the group. Although the crew squad now is larger than it was at this time last year, the prospects are not so bright, for the reason given.

The first combination is now rowing as follows: Bow, Lum; 2, Day; 3, Wakeley; 4, Aitchison; 5, Sutton; 6, Small; 7, Ferguson; stroke, Bowen; coxswain, Kimball. Lum was in the freshman crew squad last year but did not row in either the Harvard or the Poughkeepsie race. Small also is a sophomore. Ferguson was in the varsity four at Poughkeepsie.

The second combination is made up largely of what is left of last year's junior varsity crew. It is rowing as

follows: Bow, Dittmar; 2, Niccolls; 3, Pfeiffer; 4, Gavett; 5, Carpenter; 6, Kruse; 7, Lafferty; 8, Distler; coxswain, Merz. Dittmar and Niccolls were on the freshman squad last season. Gavett was a varsity substitute at Poughkeepsie. Lafferty rowed in the four. The other men were in the junior varsity which defeated the Pennsylvania junior crew on Cayuga Lake. The third and fourth combinations are as follows: Bow, Thatcher; 2, Bates; 3, Brown; 4, Shaper; 5, Munn; 6, McNear; 7, Elliott; stroke, Dole; coxswain, Crandall. Bow, Grant; 2, Beitz; 3, Sayer; 4, Parkhurst; 5, Davidson; 6, Torbert; 7, Bentley; stroke, McCloskey; coxswain, Kreamer.

**Basketball.**

In the Armory Friday night Cornell defeated Pennsylvania in basketball by a score of 16 to 14 in the closest game of the season. It was the last league game of the winter in Ithaca. The victory was earned by better team work. The first half ended with the score 9 to 8 in favor of Pennsylvania, Cornell having been behind throughout the half. A field goal by Elton at the beginning of the second half put Cornell one point ahead. Blumenauer's basket broke a tie a few seconds before the end.

Cornell has one more game in the intercollegiate league—with Yale on March 3 at New Haven. If the Varsity should win this contest there is a possibility that Cornell and Pennsylvania might be tied for second place. The home team is scheduled to play its last game in New York on March 4 against Manhattan College. The intercollegiate league standing at present is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct
Columbia .....	6	0	1.000
Pennsylvania .....	4	3	.571
Yale .....	3	3	.500
Cornell .....	3	4	.429
Princeton .....	1	7	.143

**Athletic Notes.**

The hockey team has elected Malcolm Dennison Vail '12, of Highland Park, Ill., captain for next season. Vail has been goal tender on the Varsity for two years, and is one of the strongest defensive players in the intercollegiate league. He is a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

The wrestling schedule includes five

dual matches and the intercollegiate. Lehigh was met at Ithaca on February 18. The remainder of the schedule is as follows: March 4, Pennsylvania at Ithaca; March 10, Penn State at Ithaca; March 17, Lehigh at South Bethlehem; March 18, Columbia at New York; March 25, intercollegiate at Princeton.

In a close race at Troy last Wednesday night the Cornell two-mile relay team, composed of Haselton, Putnam, Berna and Jones, defeated the team of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by a few yards. Jones made his half-mile in 1:59, the best time of the evening. MacArthur won the quarter mile in 52 2-5 seconds and Snyder won the handicap half-mile in 2:01.

**INTERCOLLEGE ATHLETICS.**

The intercollege basketball series was completed Thursday and was won by the lawyers, who went through the season without a defeat. Sibley was a close second. The result:

	W.	L.	P.C.
Law .....	6	0	1.000
Sibley .....	5	1	.833
Agriculture .....	3	2	.600
C. E. ....	3	2	.600
Architecture .....	1	4	.200
Arts .....	1	4	.200
Veterinary .....	0	6	.000

One hundred and nine men have registered for the intercollege crews and practice is now held every afternoon in the lower crew room. H. D. Hadley '11 is instructing the men.

**Subscribers to Alumni Fund.**

The following Cornellians in Rochester, N. Y., have subscribed to the Alumni Fund: W. R. Storey '81, I. E. Booth '83, Leon Stern '89, R. H. Gorsline '89, J. F. Skinner '90, H. Straus '95, A. C. Gleason '96, Miss Mabel A. Clark '97, William O. Boswell '98, A. E. Tuck '98, Edward Harris, jr., '00, H. W. Peck '00, G. R. Raines '00, Philip Will '00, W. E. Bowen '02, J. C. Bristol '02, E. B. Nell '03, H. C. Deffenbaugh '06, W. H. Lines, 2d, '09, Miss Pearl E. Ransom '09, A. L. Stewart '09, W. L. Todd '09, H. L. Howe '10.

Professor Hiram Corson is recovering from his illness and is now well enough to be about the house.

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On account of a fire which occurred early Sunday morning in the shop of Messrs. Atkinson & Mitchell, in South Tioga street, this issue of the Alumni News is published under difficulties. The fire caused serious damage to presses and other machinery and the plant will be out of commission for several weeks. The Alumni News and the Sun were both printed there and both papers will be issued from the office of the Ithaca Journal until repairs are completed. Some of the matter intended for this issue of the Alumni News was already in type and the type escaped damage, but the rest of the matter had to be set from a different font, which does not improve the looks of the paper. There may be some delay in mailing part of the edition this week.

The upperclass General Committee has issued an order reminding sopho-

mores that they must not wear mustaches. The decree is explained by the Sun in this fashion: "Ten or twelve years ago when it was customary for undergraduates to wear mustaches the rule was made that no underclassman should wear a mustache. In the intermediate years, this custom went out of fashion, but now that mustaches seem again to be in vogue many of the sophomores are violating the rule through ignorance of the tradition. As the rule is still in force sophomores are supposed to adhere to it and those who are at present violators should have the upper lip adornment removed immediately." Probably a large proportion of the sophomore class could not wear home-grown mustaches if they wanted to, and if the committee has any violations of the order to attend to the number will be comparatively small. Experience has shown that it is not a very difficult task for a committee of upperclassmen to remove hair from an underclassman. The General Committee will therefore be able to give fully as much time as it has in the past to seeing that freshmen give up their seats in streetcars to upperclassmen, in accordance with Freshman Rule No. 9. Before the backbone of the present cold wave is broken it might be well for the committee to put in a little time looking for pompons. The pompon is an insidious violation of Freshman Rule No. 4. This rule prescribes that the freshman must wear a gray cap with a black button, or, in cold weather, a gray toque with a black tassel. The tassel must be fastened to the toque by a cord not less than three inches long. The pompon has no cord at all and so it is clearly illegal. Prompt action will have to be taken, because warm weather is coming.

1901.

Just to remind members of the class that ten years have elapsed and that there is going to be a reunion in June, a dinner in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the 1901 senior banquet will be held at the Cornell Club, New York City, on March 10.

Not only that, but the 1901 men in Rochester had a dinner at the University Club in their city last Saturday night to get the reunion movement started in that part of the world.

**UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.**

Wednesday, March 1.

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

Agassiz Club Talk — "Geographic Zoology," by Mr. A. C. Chandler, McGraw Hall, South Wing, 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Lectures on Professional Opportunities for Women: III—Miss Lillian Wald, head of the Henry Street Settlement, New York City, on "Opportunities for Social Service through the Profession of Nursing." Sage College Drawing Room, 8 p. m.

Deutscher Verein — "Sachsen und seine Städte," by Dr. L. R. Geissler. Barnes Hall, West Dome, 8 p. m.

Thursday, March 2.

Sanitary Science and Public Health — "Health Conditions in the Philippines," E. W. Kemmerer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Political Economy, Cornell University. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A, 12 m.

New York State Veterinary College—Faculty meeting, 5 p. m.

Popular Lectures on Greek Sculpture—Mr. Andrews. III. The Laocoon Group and The Zeus Altar at Pergamon. Goldwin Smith Hall, Museum of Casts, 5 p. m.

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

Chamber of Music Concert — Egbert String Quartet, assisted by Miss Gertrude Houston Nye, and Mr. Jaffrey Harris, '13. For benefit of City Hospital Fund. Barnes Hall, 8:15 p. m.

Friday, March 3.

College of Arts and Sciences—Faculty meeting. Goldwin Smith Hall, 4 p. m.

Organ Recital—Sage Chapel, 5 p. m.

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

Saturday, March 4.

Agassiz Club Field Trip—McGraw Hall, North Wing, 2 p. m.

Wrestling Meet—Cornell vs. University of Pennsylvania. Admission 50 cents. Reserved seats 25 cents. Minor Sports Season Tickets good for admission.

Sunday, March 5.

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

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**  
Football at Cornell.

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*  
It seems to me that the question "What is the matter with Cornell football?" can best be answered by the men who have spent time enough down upon Percy Field, as players or coaches, to get into touch with the situation and to understand the conditions and the obstacles which have to be encountered.

Having played on the Cornell team three seasons, having been head coach there in '97 and '98 and again in '04, '05 and '06, and having made the teaching of football and other outdoor college sports a business ever since graduation from the University, I want to go on record as agreeing almost entirely with what Ralph Kent, Ed Young and "Chick" Freeborn have said in their recent letters to the NEWS. These are men who have been in the front rank of many of Cornell's gridiron battles.

In the first place I want to say that the lack of success in football at Cornell has not been due entirely to faulty coaching or coaching systems. Lack of time for practice, the distance of the field from the University and lack of experienced material have been handicaps which have been apparent to every player and coach at Cornell. Almost every season there are three or four varsity players who cannot get to the field more than two or three days in the week and perhaps then only for an hour's practice. The new field and a little more cooperation on the part of the faculty in the way of arranging schedules for football men will help to remove these handicaps, which are peculiar to football and which account, in a way, for this sport being below the high standard Cornell has maintained in rowing and track athletics. The crews take to the water in the spring when the days are long and they can get together late in the afternoon, while track athletics is a branch of sport which consists of individual work, there being no necessity for the candidates being at the field at the same time; and both oarsmen and track athletes have the whole college year in which to prepare for their championship contests. On the other hand, the football men have a brief season at a time of year when the afternoons

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are shortest, and the nature of the game demands that all the men be present during the practice period to obtain the best results.

Another handicap to the teams of recent years has been the easy schedule of games preliminary to the Penn game. I am convinced that no matter how good the material or how well coached and trained the players may be, if they have easy sailing until they go up against a strong team such as Pennsylvania always has they have no more show of being successful than the expert swimmer has who confines his practice to smooth water in preparation for a trip through the Niagara rapids. At the end of the season when Penn meets Cornell the former has a veteran team, the players of which have passed through a half dozen or more hard gruelling battles, while Cornell enters the contest with the experience gained in perhaps one or two hard games. In this connection I might mention that our team of '94 played Lafayette, Princeton, Harvard and Michigan upon consecutive Saturdays; and in the latter part of November Pennsylvania, with one of the best teams in her history and with a defeat of Princeton to her credit, had great difficulty in defeating us 6-0 upon a wet field; and the Cornell team averaged but 164 pounds that year when weight was much more important than it is now. We traveled some that year also, for in addition to the game at Philadelphia we played Williams at Albany, the Crescent Athletic Club at Brooklyn, Michigan at Detroit, and Princeton and Harvard both at New York City. Mass plays and flying interference characterized the playing then and the game was much rougher than the reformed game of late years. A few hard preliminary games last year would have prepared the team to better withstand Harvard's whirlwind attack and there would have been no excuse for the newspaper reports which went out from Ithaca that Harvard's large score was attributed to *stage fright* on the part of the Cornell players,—an excuse which was read with chagrin by Cornell men and with smiles by the men of other universities who regard "stage fright" as a polite expression for a much more discreditable characteristic. Give the team more hard games. An occasional defeat by a worthy opponent in

the early or midseason games should not be considered a disaster, because every team's standing is determined by the final games of the season.

As has been mentioned by others, the fact that the Pennsylvania game is played every year at Philadelphia has been another great handicap to the team. There have been enough games won by Penn by narrow margins to warrant the assertion that if our opponents had been handicapped by trips to Ithaca and had not had the advantage of their own field and a friendly crowd every year, Cornell would have won a fair share of the annual games with the Quakers, and I hope the time is not far distant when this championship game may be played at Ithaca in alternate years.

Now in regard to the coaching:—Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania and Princeton have so much more experienced material, and so much more time for practice than we have at Cornell that it follows that Cornell must have a better coaching system than they (or at least as good) if she expects to be in the same class upon the gridiron. There was a time in the early days of football when the men of the above named universities knew more football than we did at Cornell, but this has not been the case for a number of years, and talk of getting a Yale coach or adopting the Yale system just because Yale has been a power in football for many years is, it seems to me, not based upon sound reasoning.

I have always thought, and I am convinced more and more each year, that the one man system of coaching is the best. It has proved so at Cornell in rowing, track athletics and baseball and it is the only system under which Cornell football has shown consistent improvement during consecutive years when it was tried. Courtney and Moakley have brought their branches of sport up to a high standard and turn out consistently strong aggregations every year because they have built up a system, they have profited by the experience of every passing year, they are always planning for the future, they know their men and the conditions they have to contend with and they have gained the confidence of both graduates and undergraduates.

There is no reason why we should not have a Moakley or a Courtney at

the head of football, and I agree thoroughly with Ralph Kent, and other practical Cornell football men who have expressed themselves in the same way, that the solution of the football problem at Cornell is to secure the services of a good Cornell man for a term of years and give him absolute power on the field. Let him build up a system and grow up with it so that advantage can be taken of the mistakes and the experience of each season and in order that he can plan and build for the future, become familiar with the conditions that have to be met and get acquainted with his material. In other words put football upon a common sense business basis the same as rowing and track athletics so that the team can start in each year where it left off at the close of the previous season instead of having to start all over every year as has been the case so many times in the past.

I heartily second the suggestion that Dan Reed, who is entirely capable of taking up this work, be engaged for a term of years and given power to select his own assistants who can be with him throughout the season. It may be advantageous to have a few chosen old grads come back for a week at a time early in the season when individual and rudimentary work is being done, but it is a well known fact that many of the Cornell football alumni can never manage to leave their business until the week before a big game.

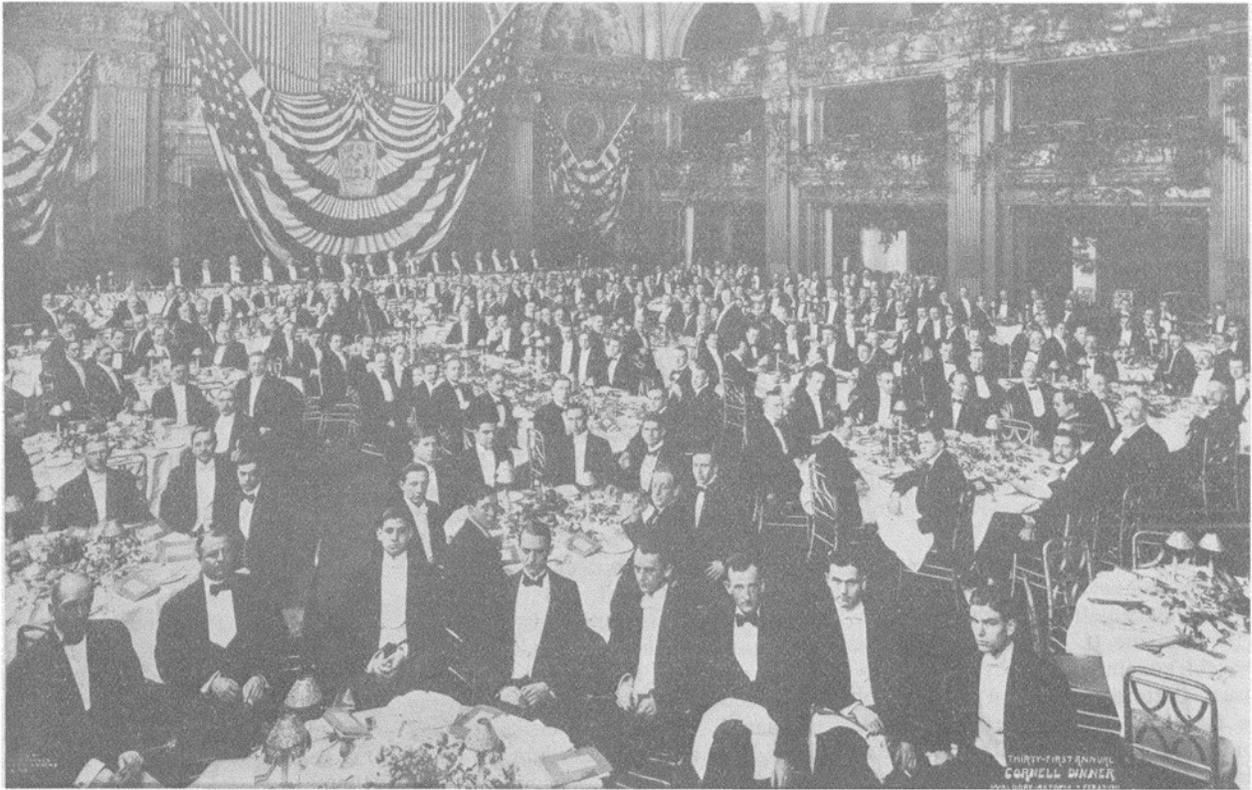
GLENN S. WARNER '94.

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 16, 1911.

#### Football an Undergraduate Sport.

Editor of the Cornell Alumni News: Though the writer has been more or less actively connected with matters pertaining to Cornell football for a number of years, he has never previously "broken into print" with a view to entering upon a discussion of any of the so-called "problems" relating to that branch of student activities. He has, however, been stirred to a departure from this rule by the many communications which have filled much space in your valuable paper during the last two or three months.

Much has been said and much can be said on this subject. There is, however, one thing which has been overlooked by all of your correspondents, and this, to the writer's mind, is the only feature which is of vital importance, namely, what the undergraduates think.



The Cornell dinner in New York. At the speakers' table, from left to right, are Calvin Tomkins '79, George C. Boldt, Dr. Robert T. Morris '80, Professor Jenks, Judge Frank H. Hiscock '75, Professor Catterall, Governor Dix, Ira A. Place '81, President Schurman, J. G. White '85, George A. Post, Judge A. H. Sewell '71, Henry W. Sackett '75, Charles S. Francis '77, Henry R. Ickelheimer '88, and E. C. DeKay, of the Governor's staff.

In all these lengthy discussions everything and everybody has been discussed except the undergraduate, and when all is said and done, the success or failure of football at Cornell is entirely and unreservedly in the hands of the undergraduate. If any of the undergraduates are dissatisfied, or have any suggestions to make, such suggestions are of vital importance. If they have any complaints to make, we should know them, and if they feel that they could have done better under different circumstances, we should know that. All the lengthy epistles on matters other than those dealing with the attitude of the undergraduates, are, to the writer's mind, a waste of effort and a waste of your valuable space.

I would therefore suggest that you get into touch with the undergraduate players now in Ithaca, and ask them frankly and fairly to make a statement of what they deem to be the conditions surrounding football, either good or bad, at Cornell. This would either

show that no trouble existed, or would start a movement with a definite aim, and the only aim that we can have, which is to satisfy and co-operate with the undergraduates.

As an example of the entire ability of the undergraduate to take care of himself, we have but to cite the experience of our hockey team, which was entirely successful, though managed as completely upon undergraduate initiative as any branch of Cornell athletics I know of. At Harvard, until the undergraduates took things into their hands, and determined upon the selection of their coaches, things were constantly in a mess, and any effort on the part of Cornell graduates to revolutionize things by their own independent efforts can result in no good.

Do not let us lose sight of the main issue, which is, after all, that football is an undergraduate activity, the success or failure of which must, from the nature of things, be left entirely in the hands of the undergraduates. We,

the graduates, have had our day, and our function begins and ends in advice and friendly co-operation. Let us avoid all bitterness and refrain from blaming anyone, for no good can come of it.

Things are in good condition at Ithaca, and some of our friends, who are tearing their hair and gnashing their teeth, might do well to go down there in order to see what the true situation is. Whatever we do, let us avoid discord, and if there is any trouble, consider it in a calm and impersonal spirit.

HENRY SCHOELLKOPF '02.  
Milwaukee, February 20.

Fifty men have been reporting for baseball practice in the cage during the last week. Captain Magner and Coach Coogan have been giving particular attention to the new material, as several important positions on the nine will have to be filled with new men.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS.

## New York City.

More than three hundred attended the thirty-first annual dinner of the Cornell men of New York, held at the Waldorf-Astoria last Thursday evening. John A. Dix '83, Governor of the State of New York, was present as the guest of honor. Other speakers were Professor Jenks, President Schurman and Mr. George A. Post, president of the Railway Business Men's Association. Ira A. Place '81 presided and Professor Catterall was toastmaster.

During the dinner an excellent orchestra played popular music from the top balcony, and between times the singers at the Glee Club table led in Cornell songs. Roger Hol- loway '08 sang two solos.

Mr. Place made a short address introducing the toastmaster, and read a telegram of greeting which was sent to Dr. Andrew D. White.

In introducing the Governor, Professor Catterall asserted that only two members of the Cornell faculty, he and one other, had voted the Democratic ticket last fall, and said they had expected to get state jobs but had been disappointed. Governor Dix, in the course of his address, called the toastmaster's bluff and said he was going to try to find places for those two professors. Professor Catterall weakened and when he got the floor again he said he didn't believe he could hold down a state job and he was very sure the other Democratic professor couldn't.

Governor Dix said that in his administration of the state's affairs he naturally turned to Cornell for assistants. He had been glad to appoint Charles E. Treman '89 Superintendent of Public Works and had not been disappointed in him. It was the duty of university men, the Governor said, to make a study of public affairs. In agriculture, he said, he wanted this state to be a model to others. He assured the President of his co-operation in carrying on the work of the state college of agriculture and said that he intended to visit the University soon.

Professor Jenks said that the best endowment a university could have was alumni. He urged the alumni to come back often and look the University over.

President Schurman spoke of sev-

eral problems which he said had been created by recent generous gifts to the University. One problem was the location of the new women's dormitory given by Mrs. Russell Sage. Another problem was the disposition of the income from the Goldwin Smith bequest. The President's statement that the income might be used to increase the salaries of teachers in the college of arts was applauded.

Mr. Post gave a witty talk on college life from the point of view of "the governor."

## Michigan.

The annual banquet of the Cornell Alumni Association of Michigan at the University Club of Detroit, February 21, showed that Detroit has an enthusiastic lot of Cornellians. There were over sixty present, only a few being from out of town, and as there are only about 100 men in Detroit who have attended Cornell, and the interest of some is divided on account of their having also gone to other colleges, this is a good showing compared with other cities. Many were kept away on account of other important events the same evening.

At a short business meeting a constitution was adopted; the matter of football coaching was referred to a committee for a resolution to be acted on later, and officers were elected as follows: W. P. Holliday '71, president; C. W. Cross '01, vice-president; C. W. Gail '96, secretary-treasurer.

The guest of honor was Professor D. S. Kimball, who gave an interesting talk on the growth and needs of the University and the problems arising from its large attendance, and asked the association's co-operation in solving them.

John W. Anderson '89 was toastmaster. W. P. Holliday told of the early days of the University. Heatley Green paid high tribute to the professors who devote themselves to the cause of education at great pecuniary loss. There were informal talks by Gleeson Murphy, Morris Sample, C. T. Darby and others. C. W. Cross reported progress in getting the schools of Detroit together to compete for the Cornell Cup in some branch of athletics. This is expected to do much for the good of Cornell.

The attendance at the weekly lunches at College Inn at 12:15 Thursdays averages twenty. All Cornell men are welcome.

*Alumni Notes.*

'95, B. S. A.—George Harold Powell has resigned as acting chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, and has taken the position of secretary and manager of the Citrus Protective League of California, with offices in Los Angeles.

'96, Ph. B.—A son, Robert Stephen Gaston, was born on January 9 to Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Gaston. Dr. Gaston has lately edited Macaulay's "Clive" and "Hastings," published by Ginn & Co., and dedicated to J. M. Hart.

'97, M. E.—C. J. Heilman has just returned from Chile after two years' work with W. R. Grace & Co., agents for the General Electric Company. His address is 725 Pennington street, Elizabeth, N. J.

'01,—John P. Gilbert is vice-president of the Merritt & Gilbert Company, New Rochelle, N. Y., engaged in railroad contracting. The company has nine miles of grading and masonry work on the New York, Westchester & Boston Railroad, from 177th street, New York City, to White Plains, as well as three million yards of overburden stripping in the phosphate beds of Florida.

'05, C. E.—Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas Mahon announce the marriage of their daughter, Katherine Derr Edge, to Edward Holmes, on February 18 at St. Mark's Episcopal church, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will be at home after April 15 at 2253 Franklin avenue, Toledo.

'07, M. E.—William Gorton Taylor has resigned the position of assistant engineer in the distribution department of the New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Company, Long Island City, and is now in the power and mining engineering department of the General Electric Company at Schenectady.

'07, M. E.—William Philip Gruner was married on February 20, at St. Louis, to Miss Anna Marie Goerts. They will be at home after March 15 at 3406 Hawthorne Boulevard, St. Louis.

'07, B. S. A.—Gordon D. Cooper has returned to his home in Boston from the South. He superintended the planting of seven carloads of trees and shrubs at Corey, Ala., the new in-

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'08, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mosser announce the marriage of their daughter, Anna, to Kenneth Lewis Roberts, on February 14, at 89 Elm Hill avenue, Roxbury, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts are now in Bermuda on their wedding tour. Mr. Roberts is on the editorial staff of the Boston Post.

'08, A. B.—As a result of the competitive examinations for hospital appointments, held in New York City last week, Albert V. Franklin, who is in his senior year at the Cornell University Medical College, has won an appointment for next year to the staff of the Presbyterian Hospital. He is one of eight men from various medical colleges chosen by that hospital.

'08, M. E.—B. S. McConnell is now located with the Compound Door Company at St. Joseph, Mich. H. M. McConnell, M. E., '07, is with the same company.

'09, M. E.—E. H. Clark is in the newspaper business in Cortland, N. Y.

'09, A. B.—The statement was published some time ago that L. D. Jones, of the State Department of Labor, had accepted the position of editor and statistician with the State Lunacy Commission. The statement was based on a paragraph in an Albany paper. Mr. Jones did not accept the position, and is still with the Department of Labor.

'09, M. E.—Lockwood Hill has recently left the testing department of the General Electric Company and is now in the company's foreign department. He lives at the Gleason bachelor apartments, 104 Jay street, Schenectady, N. Y. At the same place are living O. H. Simonds '08, R. D. Glenie '08, Harry A. DeWitt '09 and James D. Buchanan '09.

'09—George H. Higgins is with the Cortland Carriage Goods Company, Cortland, N. Y.

'10, C. E.—J. L. Gibbs's address is 901 Press Building, Binghamton, N. Y.

'10, A. B.—Harold M. Hastings is with the Solvay Process Company, Detroit, Mich. He is living at the Solvay Lodge.

'10, A. B.—H. M. St. John, who is with the National Carbon Company as chemist, has changed his address

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'10, M. E.—Henry W. Wessinger is in the shops of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. His address is 555 Davis street, Portland, Oregon.

'10, M. E.—Richard Bragaw has recently been transferred from the Yonkers works of the Otis Elevator Company to the construction department of the same company in New York City. His address is 838 Willett street, Jamaica, N. Y.

Walter Mulford '99, recently appointed professor of forestry in the College of Agriculture, was in Ithaca last week to arrange for the opening of the new course next fall.

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