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At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees held February 28, the following appointments were made: C. M. Thiele, '11, to be instructor in civil engineering; Miss Pearl G. Sheldon '08, to be assistant in paleontology; R. C. Patterson '11, to be assistant in chemistry.

The latest number of the Official Publications of Cornell University is *The Campus of Cornell University: A Book of Views*. It contains thirty-eight half-tones of campus buildings and scenery and a relief map, and is printed on paper of the best quality. Owing to cost of publication, a charge of twenty-five cents a copy is made for this number of the series.

Beebe Lake and the toboggan slide were closed for the season Saturday. Weather conditions have been very favorable for skating and tobogganing at the lake this winter and a considerable sum has been realized from the sale of tickets. This is to be put into the fund to be used for the construction of a new steel slide. It is hoped to have the slide erected before next winter.

The Junior Feed is to be held in the Dutch Kitchen on Friday evening, March 24. The Feed is the only informal gathering of the junior class during the year.

Professor E. W. Kemmerer lectured on "Health Conditions in the Philippines" before the class in Sanitary Science and Public Health Thursday. He said that conditions are steadily improving under the effective work of the American Central Bureau of Health.

The freshman banquet will be held in the Armory Saturday night and will be preceded by the annual under-class rush on the Armory green. The sophomore smoker will be held the same night in the Dutch Kitchen. The organized rush, in the afternoon

before the banquet, has taken the place, for the past few years, of the week of hostilities which formerly occurred before the freshman function. Indications are that the class of 1914 will need all the room available to seat its members in the Armory Saturday night.

Increasing interest in the work of the cadet corps is shown by the banquets which several of the companies are holding. This custom was begun two years ago and has been successful in getting the officers and men better acquainted. Company A held its banquet last week and Company B will hold its banquet at the Alhambra Friday night.

The Egbert String Quartette, which is composed of W. Grant Egbert of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, first violin; Professor Paul R. Pope, second violin; H. E. Riegger '10, viola; and J. A. Fried, '10, cello, gave its second concert in Barnes Hall Thursday evening to a large audience. The proceeds of the concerts are to be given to the fund for the new city hospital. The fund is now more than \$125,000.

The Right Reverend Charles D. Williams, Bishop of Michigan, was the University preacher last Sunday and he will occupy the Sage Chapel pulpit again next Sunday. During this week Bishop Williams is at Barnes Hall daily for consultation with any students who may desire to speak with him.

The letters and diaries of Moses Coit Tyler, who was professor of American History at Cornell from 1881 till his death in 1900, have been edited by his daughter, Jessica Tyler Austen, and are soon to be published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

Count Albert Apponyi's address at Cornell on Monday of last week was on the relation between Austria and Hungary. He spoke in Sibley Dome to a large audience. President Schurman entertained the Hungarian

statesman at luncheon and gave a reception so that members of the faculty might meet him. Dr. Andrew D. White gave a dinner in his honor.

Ten survivors of the pioneer faculty of Stanford University gathered at the home of President Jordan on January 19 and gave him a watch, appropriately inscribed, in celebration of his sixtieth birthday. Of the ten five were Cornell men—J. C. Branner, Melville B. Anderson, C. D. Marx, O. L. Elliott and A. G. Newcomer. Professor Anderson read a tribute to President Jordan, an appreciation of his character and work.

Professor Gustav Michaut of the University of Paris is to speak on "Moliere" at the University on March 22. Professor Michaut is touring America and speaking before universities, colleges and French clubs as a representative of the Alliance Française. "Recent Progress in Astronomical Photography" is the subject of an illustrated lecture to be delivered under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences on March 30 by Professor W. G. Ritchey of Pasadena, Cal. Professor Ritchey is in charge of the Mount Wilson Solar Observatory of the Carnegie Institute of Washington at Pasadena.

Of the \$550 needed for the Sibley gig \$250 has been collected. An active canvass has been started among those members of the college who have not yet contributed in the hope of completing the fund soon. The order for the construction of the gig has been placed. The College of Civil Engineering has a gig and the College of Agriculture will have one in time for work on the water this spring. The men of the various colleges are working daily in the lower crew room from 4 until 6. The final race for the intercollege championship will probably be rowed on Navy Day.

The eighth annual banquet of the College of Civil Engineering will be held in the Dutch Kitchen March 25.

CORNELL AND THE HIGH SCHOOL.**How Entrance Requirements Here Are Related to School Work.**

In speaking on "The Relation of the College to the High School" before the students in Education 2, a course which is studying present problems in education, President Schurman said Friday that Cornell University is free from the criticism which the National Education Association made of colleges at their last meeting in Boston.

The President read parts of the reports and speeches made at the Boston meeting. The colleges and universities were spoken of, at the meeting, as domineering the high schools and being out of sympathy with them. "Cornell University has always insisted," said President Schurman, "that the University should keep in touch with the high school. Cornell cannot be rightly criticized as exacting for entrance subjects which do not materially aid a student who cannot come to college. We have contended that a course which is good enough to fit a boy or girl for life is good enough preparation for college entrance.

"The National Education Association speakers criticized the colleges and universities for insisting on two foreign languages. This may be a just criticism of some of the more conservative Eastern colleges, but Cornell and most of the Western universities have not made this an absolute requirement for some years. At Cornell only one foreign language is required for admission in all the colleges except Arts and Sciences and in this college the candidate who can offer one foreign language at entrance is allowed to enter on condition that he make up the other in the University.

"Cornell University accepts drawing, agriculture and manual training for entrance, but does not yet recognize commercial branches or household science. I see no reason why the latter should not be recognized for entrance into our home economics course in the near future. With the exception of commercial branches and household science Cornell University accepts all subjects which the speakers at the meeting of the National Education Association believed should be accepted.

"There is much complaint in the

college about the high school and the training which it gives its pupils. The students are not so thoroughly trained to-day as they were twenty-five or thirty years ago. This is due, of course, to the additions which have been made to the high school curriculum. It is now comprehensive, but there is great temptation for the boys and girls to take a multiplicity of subjects and so dissipate their mental energy. The result is that mental power is not so fully developed as formerly. Superintendents, teachers, parents and pupils have had their eyes too much on subjects and have lost sight of the real end of all education. It is the solving of mental problems that develops mental powers. This is not so emphasized under the new form of education as under the old form. Formerly the boy had to know everything he learned thoroughly. His Latin conjugations were as well known as his A B C. The boy of today gets a mass of knowledge on a variety of subjects, but the knowledge is superficial.

"It is this complaint about the superficiality of American education that has been called to our attention by the recent report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Professors in Oxford University have reported that the American Rhodes scholars are lacking in thoroughness. They do not seem to know how to face a real problem. They are characterized by the superficiality of their knowledge and the diffusion of their interests.

"I believe that conditions could be improved by fixing upon a few subjects which the student must know and testing his mental ability by inquiring into his knowledge on these subjects. I think that everyone would concede the importance of mathematics as one of these subjects, a foreign language as a second, history or civics as a third and a science as a fourth. The thoroughness of the student's knowledge of these subjects would be a fair test of his mental ability. The other subjects could be elective. If a few subjects were thoroughly known we should not have to worry about the others.

"The sole object of education is to teach the student how to develop his own powers and how to make use of them. To bring out these powers intellectual problems are needed. Soc

rates had little mathematics, no foreign language, and no science as we know it to-day, and yet he was a great teacher. This was because he made his students think. The aim of the teacher is to stimulate the mind and invoke the creative powers of the mind. The teacher must remember that the simple acquirement of facts is not the aim of education."

PROFESSOR DUDLEY'S WORK.**An Appreciation of What a Cornell Man Has Done at Stanford.**

The leading article in The Stanford Alumnus for February is a tribute to a Cornelian and former member of the Cornell faculty, William Russell Dudley. Professor Dudley has been a member of the Stanford University faculty since 1892 and has just retired from active teaching. He entered Cornell in 1870 and graduated, with the degree of B. S., in 1874, the classmate of Gluck, Comstock, Kellerman, Branner and others who later won distinction. At Cornell he was instructor in botany from 1872 to 1876 and assistant professor of botany from 1876 to 1892. The article is by Le Roy Abrams, Stanford '99:

Professor William Russell Dudley, who became Emeritus Professor of Botany at the opening of the present semester, although born in an old New England town that has been the home of the Dudley family since early Colonial times, is essentially a pioneer. Entering Cornell University with its second freshman class, he remained in that young institution after graduation, first as instructor and later as Assistant Professor of Botany, until the foundation of our own university, when, at the urgent request of President Jordan, his college mate and intimate friend, he came to Stanford as one of the pioneer professors at the opening of its second year.

Of Professor Dudley's experience at the very beginning of work in his new field, and of the arduous times during the dark days that engulfed the university soon afterward, I have no personal knowledge, for it was some four or five years after his arrival that I came to know him. Upon entering the university I sought out the Department of Systematic Botany with the intention of carrying on some studies in flowering plants. At that time the twelve small buildings which form the inner quadrangle, and three small shop buildings in the rear of them were the only buildings available for university work. In my search for the department I was directed to the farthest of the shop buildings, the one situated just back of the new Geology Building, where I was told that I would

find Professor Dudley on the second floor. And here I did find him, tucked away in one end of a loft, in a single room, one corner of which had been partitioned off as an office. In a quiet, reserved manner he talked over my work; then he took me into the main room to select a table and material for study. It was a curious room, this "laboratory," perched high amid the rafters. These huge beams ran lengthwise of it a good hurdling distance apart, but about five feet and a half from the floor. With an apologetic smile, he warned me of these as he calmly ducked under the first. The table was soon selected and my initial study outlined. Day by day, throughout the course, as he went from student to student directing their studies, he patiently dodged those formidable beams.

For ten years this man, one of America's foremost teachers of botany, conducted his classes under such handicaps. Yet with these great obstacles constantly checking the normal growth and development of his cherished plans, he labored on incessantly; his quiet, dignified, courteous manner, his thoroughness and enthusiasm in his work, his broad interests and scholarly attainments moulding the lives of his students. For none can come under his influence without, at least unconsciously, acquiring higher ideals and more serious purposes.

During the summer vacations the pursuit of his botanical studies took him into the mountains and forested areas of the state, where he was constantly confronted with the great and shameless waste of our forest resources. He thus became one of the pioneers in the movement toward conservation, and rendered valuable services to the state and nation through suggestions and advice to the Forest Service and other authorities. The establishment of the California Redwood Park, a beautiful tract of forested land in our neighboring mountains, set aside by the state primarily for the purpose of preserving a forest of the Coast redwood in its primitive conditions, was accomplished largely through his efforts. And as secretary of the first Park Commission he labored for its betterment and the establishment of a permanent policy in its management.

But Professor Dudley saw that if the conserving of our forests was to be placed on an intelligent and permanent basis it was essential that young men be trained for the work, and that the people of the states where the forests abound be educated to the necessity of scientific forestry; he saw that fully nine-tenths of the nation's forests lay west of the Continental Divide, yet in all this region not one of the educational institutions was training men for the scientific management of this vast wealth. He therefore directed his energies toward the establishment of courses in forestry at Stanford. For a number of years he planned toward this end, and finally, just as success seemed probable, the fateful April 18th

wiped out every promising hope of immediate realization. Soon afterward he contracted a serious illness which left him physically weakened, thus hampering his work, but not his enthusiasm, and he is now retiring from the regular routine departmental duties in the hope that he may regain his health sufficiently to complete his research studies on the western flora.

Professor Dudley's students and his many other friends who have known and followed his courageous and uncompromising struggle against disheartening obstacles hope that he may not only live to complete his own studies, but that he may yet see young men trained at Stanford for the scientific management of the vast forests of the West.

THE PRESIDENT GOING ABROAD.

In response to an invitation from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, President Schurman has been appointed by the Faculty and Trustees of the University a delegate to the celebration on September 12 to 15 next of the five hundredth anniversary of the founding of St. Andrews University. The President has also been appointed by the University Faculty and Board of Trustees a delegate to represent the University at the centenary celebration of the University of Christiania, Norway, to be held September 5 and 6, 1911.

SUBSCRIBERS TO ALUMNI FUND.

The following Cornellians of Buffalo, N. Y., have subscribed, through the Cornellian Council, to the Alumni Fund for the general support of the University:

George C. Miller '87, Miss Mary M. Wardwell '88, E. L. Dolson '88, F. W. Ely '90, F. O. Bissell '91, C. H. Bierbaum '91, C. E. Ladd '93, L. F. Wing '93, R. C. Palmer '95, J. L. Tiernon, jr., '95, C. G. Babcock '96, Parton Swift '98, L. M. Francis '98, S. B. Nye '98, C. D. Coyle '99, A. N. Drake '99, H. B. Lee '99, B. Fleming '01, W. W. Sears '01, H. H. Lyon '01, R. S. Kent '02, H. S. Warner '05, S. C. Moss '06, W. H. Schoellkopf '06, V. L. Whitehead '08, Emil Adler '09, Miss Annetta M. Dieckmann '09, William J. Mauer '09, Charles J. Stein '09, R. Y. Thatcher '09, R. H. Tift '09, Edward H. Tingley '09, William L. Wilke, jr., '09.

The subject of Mr. E. P. Andrews's lecture of this week on Greek sculpture was "Praxiteles." The lecture will be repeated to-morrow afternoon.

J. H. EDWARDS FOR TRUSTEE.

Nominated for Re-election to the Board for Another Term.

A petition has been filed with the Treasurer of the University nominating James Harvey Edwards '88 for re-election to the University Board of Trustees as one of the alumni representatives for a further term of five years. Mr. Edwards was elected to the Board by the alumni in 1906 and his term of office will expire next June.

Following is a biographical sketch prepared by Mr. Edwards's nominators:

James Harvey Edwards, C. E. Cornell '88, was born in Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y., in 1864. His preparatory education was received at Oxford Academy, from which he graduated in 1881. He obtained a state scholarship and entered Cornell in 1884, taking the course of Civil Engineering and receiving the degree of C. E. with the class of 1888. During his college course, he was sophomore class president and chief engineer of the lake survey, and was elected to the honorary scientific society of Sigma Xi.

Upon leaving college he was employed for a short time in the engineering department of the Union Stock Yard Company, of Chicago, Ill., but in October, 1888, entered the employ of the Berlin Iron Bridge Company, of East Berlin, Conn., as draftsman. He occupied various positions in line of promotion, until made Chief Engineer, which position he held until the company, together with some twenty other companies in the same line of work, were united in the American Bridge Company in 1900.

It was during this period that steel building construction began to develop and expand so rapidly and, as the Chief Engineer of the Berlin Company, which was one of the more prominent of the companies engaged in this line of work, Mr. Edwards had an important part in the solution of the engineering problems connected with the adaptation of structural steelwork to its enlarged field of usefulness.

Since 1900, the date of the formation of the company, Mr. Edwards has been employed in the engineering department of the American Bridge Company; first as structural

engineer, having charge of the designing of structures other than bridges; and later as Assistant Chief Engineer, devoting practically all of his time to the building or structural part of the work.

He is a member of many technical and social societies, among them being: The American Society of Civil Engineers, The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association; The Cornell Society of Civil Engineers; the Engineers' Club, Cornell University Club and Machinery Club of New York; and the Cosmos Club of Washington, D. C. His residence is in Passaic, N. J.

PROF. McDERMOTT'S WORK.

He Effects an Important Contract for a Ship Repair Plant in Brazil.

In a report made by Vice-Consul Joseph J. Slechta, at Rio de Janeiro, and published in Daily Consular and Trade Reports for February 21, the statement is made that a contract has just been closed by the local representative of an important American manufacturing concern with the Lloyd Brasileiro, which maintains a line of Brazilian steamships between Brazil and New York and a very extensive Brazilian coastwise service, for machinery and other equipment for a ship repair yard amounting to about \$500,000. The present plans are that when the repair plant has been placed in good working order and workmen have become thoroughly familiar with the operation of the machinery, a complete shipbuilding yard will be installed. This important contract was effected by Professor George R. McDermott of Cornell University.

Last June he and other members of a Brazilian commission made a tour of inspection of the leading works engaged in the manufacture of the various machines and machine tools required for the plant, and from these he obtained prices and full specifications. He then proceeded to Rio de Janeiro, where he made a study of the local conditions. As a final result, and from his intimate knowledge of the various machines, he was able to convince the company of the superiority of the American product, so that in spite of a difference of over 24 per cent. in the prices in favor of the European market, acting on his sole recommendation the Lloyd Brasileiro placed the

contract for the whole plant with the American firm.

Professor McDermott has returned to this country, making New York his headquarters, to attend personally to the selection of the machinery and material needed. He will also contract for the services, for a two-year period, of six expert machinists who will superintend the different departments of the ship repair yards. This will occupy two or three months, when he will return to Rio de Janeiro to take up the reorganization of the shipping company. It is his hope that, before returning to Brazil, he will be authorized to place a second contract, for which he has all the papers prepared and which amounts to about \$500,000, for the shipbuilding plant referred to in the consular report.

REGISTRATION AT UNIVERSITIES.

In the last number of Science Dr. Rudolf Tombo, jr., of Columbia University, presents his annual tabulation of registration statistics of twenty-seven leading universities. The figures quoted below are for November 1, 1910.

Institution:	1910.	1909.	1908.
1. Columbia	7,411	6,132	5,675
2. Chicago	5,883	5,487	5,114
3. Michigan	5,339	5,259	5,188
4. Harvard	5,329	5,558	5,342
5. Pennsylvania	5,187	4,857	4,555
6. Cornell	5,169	5,028	4,700
7. Minnesota	4,972	4,351	4,607
8. California	4,758	4,084	3,751
9. Wisconsin	4,745	4,245	3,876
10. Illinois	4,659	4,502	4,400
11. New York U.	3,947	3,843	3,951
12. Nebraska	3,861	3,402	3,154
13. Northwestern	3,543	3,197	3,113
14. Yale	3,287	3,276	3,466
15. Syracuse	3,248	3,248	3,204
16. Ohio State	3,181	3,012	2,700
17. Missouri	2,878	2,589	2,558
18. Texas	2,597	2,492
19. Kansas	2,246	2,144	2,086
20. Indiana	2,102	2,231	2,113
21. Tulane	1,985	1,882
22. Iowa	1,957	2,246	2,356
23. Stanford	1,648	1,620	1,541
24. Princeton	1,451	1,398	1,314
25. West. Reserve.	1,274	1,083	1,016
26. Johns Hopkins.	784	710	698
27. Virginia	688	767	757

Pennsylvania has moved up into fifth place, ahead of Cornell. For the first time in the annals of American universities the seven-thousand mark has been passed, Columbia having a grand total registration of 7,411 students. If the summer enrolments be omitted, the universities in the table rank in size as follows: Columbia, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Harvard, Cornell, Illinois, California, Wisconsin, New York, Northwestern, Ne-

braska, Yale, Syracuse, Chicago, Ohio State, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Iowa, Stanford, Princeton, Indiana, Western Reserve, Tulane, Johns Hopkins, Virginia, this order also showing a number of changes as compared with 1909, notably the advancement of Minnesota from seventh to second place. At the majority of institutions in the list the number of undergraduate women shows a decrease—quite an unusual condition. Cornell still has the largest number of engineering students. Cornell's college of agriculture is now second in size, next to Minnesota, having passed Illinois.

FAST WORK BY RELAY TEAM.

Cornell's four-mile relay team defeated Pennsylvania at Buffalo Friday night by a good margin and made a new world's indoor record of 17 minutes, 43 3-5 seconds for the distance. The old record was 17 minutes, 58 seconds. Jones ran his mile in 4 minutes, 22 seconds. The record of 4 minutes, 19 4-5 seconds for the indoor mile is held by H. L. Trube, '08.

The Cornell team was composed of Finch, Putnam, Jones and Berna. It had not been tested in a match race before Friday night and Coach Moakley was somewhat dubious when the runners left for Buffalo. Wolle and Paull of the Pennsylvania team were known to be unusually good men and Bodley and Levering were recognized as fast.

Wolle for Pennsylvania and Finch for Cornell started the race. At the end of the first mile the Penn man was ten yards ahead. Paull and Putnam took the places of Wolle and Finch. Putnam cut down the lead of ten yards with which Paull started and was even with him at the end of the relay, so that Bodley and Berna started together. Berna ran away from the Penn runner and gave Jones a start of fifty yards, which Jones increased to 150 yards over Levering before the finish. Finch ran his mile in 4:29 2-5; Putnam, 4:28 1-5; Berna, 4:24; and Jones, 4:22.

Jones is a sophomore. He won the intercollegiate cross-country race last fall, and promises to be one of the fastest pupils Moakley ever had. Berna and Putnam are juniors. Berna holds the American two-mile record. Putnam finished sixth in the intercollegiate half-mile last spring and is capable of a better showing now.

THE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

At a meeting Saturday the Athletic Council ratified the football schedule for next season. It comprises ten games, two more than last year, as follows:

- Sept. 27, Allegheny at Ithaca.
- Sept. 30, Colgate at Ithaca.
- Oct. 7, Oberlin at Ithaca.
- Oct. 14, Penn State at Ithaca.
- Oct. 21, Washington and Jefferson at Ithaca.
- Oct. 28, University of Pittsburg at Ithaca.
- Nov. 4, Williams at Ithaca.
- Nov. 11, Michigan at Ithaca.
- Nov. 18, Chicago at Chicago.
- Nov. 30, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

SOUTHERN BASEBALL TRIP.

Although the Easter recess this year is only four days long, the faculty has granted the baseball team two more days of absence at that time, and the management has arranged a Southern schedule of six games. Four will be played in Washington, as follows: April 6, Washington team of the American League; April 7, Georgetown; April 8, Baltimore team of the Eastern League; April 10, Georgetown. On April 11 the Dartmouth team will be met at Atlantic City and on April 12, if pending negotiations succeed, there will be a game with the South Orange Field Club at South Orange, N. J.

Basketball.

Cornell defeated Yale in basketball at New Haven Friday night, 20 to 17, and finished third in the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League. Saturday night Pennsylvania unexpectedly defeated Columbia 20 to 18 and took second place. The game at New Haven was closely contested, the Cornell men showing a great improvement since the Junior Week game here in which Yale was victorious. For the first five minutes of the game neither side scored. The half ended with the score 10 to 10. The final standing of the league is as follows:

	W.	L.	P.C.
Columbia	7	1	.875
Pennsylvania	5	3	.625
Cornell	4	4	.500
Yale	3	5	.375
Princeton	1	7	.125

In a game with Manhattan College Saturday night Cornell was defeated, 20 to 16.

Rowing.

Some of the ice went out of the Inlet last week and the crews were instructed Monday to watch for the flag in the boathouse. The rowing schedule is undecided. At a meeting to-night with the Harvard representatives it is expected some arrangement will be made for the Harvard-Cornell two-mile race on Cayuga Lake. The Athletic Council wishes to hold the race on May 27, Navy Day. It is expected that the crew will go to Princeton early in May to meet Yale and Princeton on Carnegie Lake. An invitation from the United States Naval Academy for the varsity to go to Annapolis is also being considered. Cornell will probably be represented in the American Henley at Philadelphia by a junior varsity crew.

Wrestling.

Although Captain Peake, intercollegiate champion in the 145-pound class, was unable to take part in the meet against Pennsylvania in the Armory Saturday night, Cornell won by a score of 5 1-2 to 1 1-2. Matchat in the lightweight and Goff in the heavy-weight class were the only Cornell wrestlers who secured their bouts on falls. In the 145-pound class A. T. Johnson, '11, who is intercollegiate champion in the 115-pound class, took Captain Peake's place. Millon, the Pennsylvania man, was much heavier and stronger than Johnson, but did not appear to know as much about the game. After fifteen minutes the decision was given to Johnson. Another feature of the meet was the work of E. A. Doll, '12, in the bout with Captain Stewart of the Pennsylvania team. It was Doll's first intercollegiate meet and Captain Stewart holds the championship for his weight. The Cornell man made a surprisingly good showing and the bout was declared a draw. Allen obtained a decision over Young of Penn after nine minutes. Shaw got the decision in the 175-pound class. Glasby, in the 125-pound class, was the only Pennsylvania man to win his bout. He threw Egloff in 6 minutes 26 seconds.

Cornell is to meet the wrestling team from Pennsylvania State College in the Armory next Saturday night

Professor O. M. Leland will be in charge of the civil engineering camp this year.

THE JUNIOR SMOKER.

At the Junior Smoker in the Armory Friday night the varsity C was awarded to seventy-one men. As usual the big athletic gathering taxed the capacity of the Armory and many undergraduates could not gain admission. The line of men reached from the Armory to the Cascadilla Building long before the doors were opened.

Professor Martin Sampson was master of ceremonies. He said that such gatherings as the Junior Smoker were ample answers to all the charges made to-day against athletics in the colleges and universities. "Where interests are so diversified," he said, "athletics seems to be the only thing that will bring all the men of a large university together."

Thomas F. Fennell '96, was the principal speaker. He urged that Cornell men after graduation do all they can to send the right kind of men to Cornell. In speaking of the football situation he said: "We are going to have a team this year with character to it. I hope we shall win and I think we shall win. I will be here next fall to help Captain Munk and Coach Reed turn out a winning team." He advised the undergraduates not to bet on games. "How is the player to know whether you are rooting for the ten-spot or the team?"

William J. Dugan, former graduate manager, spoke in favor of putting a limit on the number of "activities" in which a student might engage. He thought that such regulation ought to be made by the undergraduates voluntarily rather than by the faculty.

Paul Williams, captain of last season's baseball team, spoke about the outlook in that sport.

Professor Sampson read a letter of regret from John N. Ostrom '77, who had been invited, and then introduced James Cooney, of Princeton and Ludlowville, who, with Lieutenant Twesten, the University proctor, was a guest of honor. Mr. Cooney made a short speech.

The "shingles" were given out by Professor Rowlee, who said that as a result of the agreement between the Alumni Field Committee and the University each party thought it had the best of the bargain. He said it was planned to have suitable training quarters for the football team at Alumni Field next fall.



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Dr. Elmendorf's letter, published in this number, may not seem at first glance to have a very direct interest for Cornellians. Professor Schmidt's postscript, however, indicates how this University has already been benefited, through the work of the Egypt Exploration Fund, by the contribution of a friend of the University, and how Cornell might receive further additions to its already valuable collection of relics if other persons cared to contribute.

President Schurman's talk last Friday before the class in education was on a subject which is getting a good deal of attention just now, namely, how the high school and the college can be made to work together better than they do. Harvard college has announced a radical change in its system of entrance examinations, the object of the change being to give secondary schools more freedom to

do their own work in their own way and at the same time to give the college a better test of the student's capacity for higher work. Under the Harvard plan the applicant will present a statement from his school as to what he has studied and how long, and the quality of his preparation will be tested by examination in a few fundamental subjects. If the plan should work as it is expected to do, and if it should be generally followed, the high schools could arrange their courses of study with less slavery to a fixed and arbitrary standard of college entrance and could be free to serve the needs of the pupil who wants the high school course as a preparation for life and who does not expect to go to college. Harvard College had found that too large a proportion of its entering students came from private schools which make a specialty of preparation for college entrance, and that the college seemed to be in danger of getting out of touch with the public school system of the country. Students were "hurdling" the entrance examinations without real preparation for the college course.

The president of the Carnegie Foundation, in his annual report just published, makes a recommendation that is along the same line as the reform adopted by Harvard. He says that the college ought to find a better test of entrance qualifications than the certificate or the piecemeal examination and a test which will at the same time leave to the high school a larger measure of freedom. He recommends a combination of certificate and examination, the latter of simple and elementary character, but calling for a high quality of performance without which the candidate will not be admitted. Under this plan a boy, for instance, who could not write good idiomatic English would not be admitted to college at all, but would be sent back to the secondary school. The president of the Foundation argues that the interest of the mass of high school students should not be sacrificed to the convenience of the minority who are preparing for college. He favors more freedom for the secondary school, but he would have the school educate boys, not coach them, and he argues that the interest of the boy who goes to college and the boy who goes from the high school into

business are alike conserved by learning a few things well and not by learning many things superficially. Cornell, said President Schurman in his remarks the other day, cannot rightly be accused of being out of sympathy with the high schools. We have contended, he said, that a course which is good enough to fit a boy or girl for life is a good enough preparation for college.

CORNELL SMOKER IN BROOKLYN

The Cornell Association of Brooklyn is making an effort to reach every Cornell graduate in and about the Borough with an invitation to an informal Cornell smoker at the University Club of Brooklyn, Lafayette avenue and South Oxford street, on the evening of Tuesday, March 14. The program which is being arranged is an attractive one, and there will be an abundance of refreshments.

Eads Johnson, Secretary of the Cornellian Council, has been invited to speak. Another contribution to the program will be by Romeyn Berry '04, well known as an entertaining talker at undergraduate and alumni affairs. Particular attention will be paid to the musical portion of the evening. The remainder of the program is now being arranged.

The executive committee of the Cornell Association of Brooklyn is sending out notices to a large list of alumni of Brooklyn and Long Island. However, there will be a great many whom the invitations will not reach, particularly graduates of the past two years, whose names are not in the last Ten Year Book. Every Cornell man will be welcomed at the University Club on that evening, and a rousing time is promised.

'94 Class Dinner.

Twenty-nine '94 men attended a class dinner held on Monday evening of last week in the Cornell University Club, New York City. The dinner was held to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of '94's freshman banquet. Charlie Rosewater came all the way from Omaha to be present, and Jack Towle was coming with him but had to give up the trip at the last moment on account of business. Delahanty presided and Fordham read an original historical poem in which James Parker Hall and others were mentioned.

EXPLORATIONS IN EGYPT.

Letters from Dr. Elmendorf and Professor Schmidt.

Editor of the Cornell Alumni News: Archaeology is fast giving us a new antiquity. The Egypt Exploration Fund, established in 1883, with headquarters in London and in Boston, has since that year brought to light more of the life of the ancient Nile dwellers than all previous agencies combined. Every force of laborers set to work by the Egyptian Exploration Fund closes up a gap between civilizations or pushes back the dawn of history. The last year has been especially rich in the number and importance of its discoveries. No story of the ancient world would be complete without an account of them. The importance of the testimony of Abydos to the Osirian worship observed there throughout the duration of the history of Egypt, the secondary character of its royal tombs, the antiquities themselves, cannot be over-estimated. Without the archaeologist's spade we are at the mercy of the theorists. The future understanding of history in archaeology and in the excavations through which it lives and grows.

The civilization developed in the Nile valley must ever be the standard of measure in this science, for in Egypt alone we begin at the beginning, with the Nile cutting its way through the valley making the land ready for occupation.

This winter in the camp at Abydos every effort will be made to shed more light on the primitive civilization generally called prehistoric or predynastic. We have nothing older in Egypt except perhaps a few palaeolithic remains. That these neolithic people lived and held to their own customs for generations, doubtless through the XIth dynasty, seems clear, for at Abydos it is possible to study their burials in relation to the known and fixed dynastic periods. So much work is to be done at this site that some selection will be necessary. Excavation at the royal tombs needs continuing. Two lines of railway are in operation there and work will be pushed. The meaning of the "Red Mound" must be settled, the Oseirion must be opened and copied, the large staircase tomb finished and the great cemeteries examined.

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are opened for determination at this site that the American branch of the society is to have a representative on M. Naville's staff this winter. Professor Thomas Whittemore of Tufts College will go out for the Fund and have residence at Abydos; he will keep the society in the United States in close touch with the developments on the field.

Everything costs something. Intellectual and moral costs, as well as pecuniary ones, are to be reckoned in connection with every great work of man. So the great Aswan reservoir on the Nile is not only to cost many millions of pounds; it is also to withdraw permanently from the area subject to the archaeologist's search treasures of incalculable value as revealers of the history of human culture. At the end of two years the waters of the Nile raised by a dam giving a head of 95 feet will cover this district; the papyri hidden beneath its dry soil will be destroyed and the more refractory objects will be rendered forever inaccessible. Ten temples, three fortresses after 1912 will be flooded during the winter; in the summer and autumn the ruins will be out of the water, but the raising of the barrage will swamp and destroy all the cemeteries in Lower Nubia.

This plea is sent out for assistance in order to seize this fast vanishing opportunity. Wages are low in Egypt. It is estimated that \$25 will support a spade for the season.

The purposes of the Egypt Exploration Fund are to organize excavations in Egypt; to publish periodically descriptions of the sites explored and excavated and of the antiquities brought to light; and to insure the preservation of such antiquities by presenting them to museums and similar institutions. Our museums contain historical treasures incomparable in variety and extent, acquired by the generous returns of the explorers in the field to the generous helping hands of those at home. The society's acts of incorporation prohibit the presentation of antiquities to individuals. Any subscriber to the Fund, however, may request that his subscription be credited to Cornell University.

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DWIGHT LATHROP ELMENDORF,
Honorary Secretary for the United States.

Editor of the Cornell Alumni News: I have read with deepest interest the plea for support of the Egypt Exploration Fund by Dr. Elmendorf, Honorary Secretary for the United States. It would be difficult to overstate the urgency of immediate and generous assistance of this cause. The completion of the great Assuan dam will, no doubt, prove to be of incalculable value to the people of Egypt, but it will destroy some exceedingly precious monuments of the past. The utmost effort should be made in the next two years to save what can be saved. No funds and no human efforts can rescue all that is of archaeological value in the threatened district, but the loss to science can still be reduced to a minimum by intelligent labor and with adequate means. And the work of the Fund should be pursued in all parts of Egypt. During the last century archaeology has shed much light on the development of human life in the valley of the Nile. What it may accomplish in the future no man can foretell, but neither can he doubt that it will continue to make fresh discoveries, illumine the pages of history that are now dark, increase the material and perfect the methods of work.

Are there not among the friends of Cornell University and its numerous graduates and former students many men and women who would be glad to aid in the recovery and preservation of the priceless treasures of Egypt and at the same time increase the educational facilities of our institution by subscribing, in one form or an-

other, toward the Egypt Exploration Fund? The noble example set by one of our patrons has already furnished us with a valuable little collection of antiquities. If others were willing to subscribe to the Fund and request that the subscription be credited to Cornell University, this collection would grow from year to year and our material for serious study and for illustration would be constantly increased. There are many departments in the University that are interested in such a collection.

NATHANIEL SCHMIDT.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Colnon Sums Up.

Editor of the Cornell Alumni News: Having been out of the football game so many years it may seem a little presumptuous on my part to attempt to give out any pointers on how to run the game to a generation of players who have had the actual experience of being in the game during the last few years, as well as having the advantage of the experience of those who have gone before.

Nvertheless I have followed matters appertaining to the Cornell team since I played in the early nineties and cannot be convinced that, even with all the disadvantages which are incident to a University where the faculty seem to put so much stress on scholarship in preference to other "student activities," we cannot make a showing in football commensurate with the one we hold in other athletic sports.

We surely have plenty of material to draw from and if we can get fifty or sixty men to go down to the Inlet to row every afternoon without interfering with their University work we ought to be able to get three times that number for practice on the new field on the hill, particularly when it is remembered that the football men are in training only about two months, while the candidates for the crew have a stretch of real drudgery of more than twice that time. And there is no reason why the material should not be first class: we may not at present draw all the stars from the prep schools, but the fine points of football are much more easily taught than those of rowing and we have seemed to do pretty well in mastering the art of rowing in the past, even when the very rudiments of rowing have to be taught to most of the candidates.

But this gets us right down to the real question of how shall football be taught. There has been a great deal written about "getting a system," getting an "Old Man" or importing a coach from outside our own ranks. I think myself that most of the theorizing on "a system" and so forth is more or less tommyrot. Of course, every one appreciates that we should consistently follow out a general "policy," whatever that means. But there are no great secrets connected with football which are the property of any one man or group of men connected with any one institution.

It is absurd to say that we can't get a Cornell man qualified to coach. Joe Beacham is good enough for West Point, to say nothing of Pop Warner with the Indians, and I believe that if we had Joe Beacham back for a season, we would have a winning team. And the reason I say Joe Beacham is that from the very start he would have the absolute respect of every one connected in any way with the game, or if he didn't have it, the person who doubted would not have the nerve to give any outward indication of that doubt. The first essential of a coach is the fact that the team respects his ability and authority. If he overawes them or even scares them into this respect, all right, so long as the respect is there. But this condition will never result while a bunch of ex-players or ex-near-players come back for a few days each fall, and whose main object is, as has seemed to be in the past, the playing of politics and the undermining of the little prestige of the head coach for their own greater glory. If any man who thinks he is a coach gets back to Ithaca and really believes that the head coach is on the wrong track on some particular line, let him talk it over with the head coach himself, and if they cannot get together, then the place for the assistant is on the next train leaving Ithaca, and not in any other conference, either with some of the other coaches or with the players.

I really believe that if we could get Pop Warner back, he would be the best coach that Cornell could have. Walter Camp says that Pop Warner "has a wonderful football mind," and that in his opinion Pop is "the football genius of America." Pop doesn't know any more football while he is teaching the Indians than he did while

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he was coaching at Ithaca, but at Carlisle they think he is a little tin god, and he turns out a wonderful team, and at Ithaca he tried to conciliate every one, fell short of being deified, and turned out a mediocre team..

But to my mind whoever is coach should be a Cornell man and one who is reaching out for responsibility in preference to putting it on some one else. The more he is built on that plan, the better for the team. If he makes good, all the more glory to himself. And results and not explanations are what we all want. This gush about the lack of support of the student body and the alumni is all nonsense. If the team makes good they will have the support of both. The students and the alumni are no different from the rest of the world, which as a general rule has to be shown before it goes wild with enthusiasm over anything. As to the support of the faculty, I believe they have always tried to be fair, but even if a team at Cornell hasn't quite the same privileges that a team has in some of the other large universities, the coach can utilize his time to much better advantage in improving the material and opportunities he has than in trying to demonstrate to a cold world that the responsibility really rests with an unfeeling faculty.

In case of success there is no fear but that the student body and the alumni as well will give the team full credit for its showing. They will fully consider the long University hours, inconvenient shop work, unsympathetic faculty and all—only make good with a real winning team.

AARON J. COLNON.

New York, Feb. 24, 1911.

Fencing.

Cornell's fencing team defeated the fencers of the University of Pennsylvania and the United States Naval Academy on Friday and Saturday of last week. The victory over the Navy was not expected. The work of Dario Espindola was largely responsible for the good showing. In the match with Pennsylvania Captain P. W. Allison, Espindola and D. G. Roos each won two bouts. The score was 6 to 3. At Annapolis the score was 5 to 4. Eight of the nine bouts went to extra periods. Espindola won all three of his bouts and Allison and Roos each took one.

Alumni Notes.

'74, B. S.—Professor H. L. Fairchild of the University of Rochester is chairman of the Commission Government Association of Rochester and president of the Commission Government Association of New York State. This organization was formed to promote legislation permitting cities of the State of New York to adopt the commission form of government.

'78, B. M. E.—Ben Johnson's address is Prado 44, Havana, Cuba. He is superintendent of motive power with the Central Railroad of Cuba.

'84.—Samuel E. Hillger is practicing architecture in Auburn, N. Y., with office in the Seward Block.

'93, A. B.; '95, LL. B.—Clyde P. Johnson, of Cincinnati, is one of a special committee of three members of the Hamilton county bar appointed by Judge Frank M. Gorman to investigate and if they find it advisable to prosecute for contempt of court George B. Cox, the Republican boss, for a statement criticising the Judge and Grand Jury in connection with Cox's indictment for perjury.

'96, M. E.—Clarence W. Gail is with F. A. Goodrich & Co., agents for the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, 810 Penobscot Building, Detroit.

'98, M. E.—W. F. Devendorf has formed a partnership with J. P. Boruff and Edward Towe to do a business in heating, ventilating and power plant equipment. Their headquarters are at 155 East avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

'00, A. B.—E. A. McCreary is treasurer of the province of Occidental Negroes, Philippine Islands. His address is Bacolod, P. I., till April, 1911, after which it will be Geneva, Ohio.

'00, M. E.—Harold H. Clark's post office address is 312 Security Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

'00, C. E.—A. H. von Bayer is superintendent of the plant of the Semet-Solvay Company at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

'01, A. B.—Albert S. Price is secretary and treasurer of the Jamestown Lighting and Power Company. His address is 310 Lake View avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

'02, A. B.—The marriage of Florence Brewster Corse to Harold D. Clum of the United States Consular Service took place at Trinity Church, Saugerties, N. Y., on November 8, 1910. Mr.

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'02, A. B.—Jay P. Kinney is Assistant Forester in the Indian Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

'02, C. E.—M. F. Crossette's address is Estacion San Antonio, Chihuahua, Mexico. He is the manager of a mining company.

'03.—Mrs. William D. Collier (Blanche Woodworth) is living at 868 Spring street, Jamestown, N. Y.

'03, C. E.—E. D. Hendricks is resident engineer on the New York State Barge Canal at Fort Plain, N. Y.

'04, LL.B.—Robert L. Dempster is now in Europe.

'04, A. B.—W. H. von Bayer is a forest assistant in the Indian Forest Service. His address is 3038 Highland avenue, Cleveland Park, D. C.

'04, C. E.—Julius L. Jacobs is manager of the Houston and New Orleans offices of Stewart & Co., contractors, with headquarters in Houston, Texas.

'05, A. B.—H. E. Crissey lives at 208 Lake View avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

'06, B. Arch.—Harvey S. Horton is with Carrere & Hastings, New York City. He lives at 606 West 138th street.

'06, D. V. M.—The address of C. L. Roadhouse is 2531 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley, Cal.

'06, A. B.; '10, C. E.—Francis R. Nitche is assistant physicist in the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

'07, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tefft Whitney announce the marriage of their daughter, Vilette Daisy, to Joseph Harvey Schaefer, on February 11. Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer will be at home in Liverpool, N. Y., after March 15.

'08, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Floyd Elam announce the marriage of their

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'08, A. B. (Chem.).—Mr. and Mrs. William S. Wright of Buffalo, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Florence Lockwood, to Llewellyn Ray Ferguson of LeRoy, N. Y., the wedding to take place in April.

'09, A. B.—R. A. Hutchinson's address is 619 Fourth avenue, Watervliet, N. Y.

'10, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Bennett, of Sparrow's Point, Md., announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Mildred, to Harold W. Moffat, on February 23, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Moffat are living at 503 C street, Sparrow's Point, Md.

'10, A. B.—Norman J. Fox is with the La Porte Woolen Mills, La Porte, Ind.

'10, M. E.—Frank L. Fairbanks is assistant factory inspector with the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Company, Syracuse, N. Y. His address is Y. M. C. A., Syracuse.



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