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**A**N interesting relic of early subway construction in New York City has come into the possession of Cornell University. It is a boring shield, said to be the first one used in this country. It was used by Alfred Ely Beach, an engineer and promoter, in boring a section of subway under Broadway just north of the Post Office early in the seventies. The plan was to extend the tunnel to Harlem, and a short section was completed and put in experimental operation, a cylindrical passenger car being propelled through it by means of blowers. But the project failed. Not long ago the old boring shield was dug up by subway builders, and the Public Service Commission authorized the contractor to give it to Frederick C. Beach, one of the editors of the *Scientific American* and the son of the inventor and first user of the device. Mr. Beach in turn gave it to this University. It will be set up at the hydraulic laboratory near Beebe Lake.

Professor John E. Sweet, who was in charge of the Sibley College shops from 1873 to 1879, was the guest of honor at a dinner of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the Engineering Societies Building in New York one night last week. Besides being the formal dinner of the society it was the annual dinner of "Professor Sweet's Boys," an organization formed several years ago by Cornell men who studied under him and by others who have been associated with him in business since he severed his connection with Cornell. Director Albert W. Smith of Sibley College was one of the speakers. Professor Sweet is an honorary member of the Society of Mechanical Engineers and a past president. He made the original suggestion that the society be founded and at the initial meeting in 1880 he read the first paper. Since he left Cornell he has been president of the Straight Line Engine Company in Syracuse.

The annual international banquet of the Cosmopolitan Club took place Saturday evening and was attended by two hundred guests. Strange dishes, prepared by the foreign students, were served. Professor C. H. Tuck was toastmaster.

He said he thought the students of the University did not appreciate the Cosmopolitan Club as they should, and that the fraternities would not live up to their highest ideals until they also joined the Cosmopolitan movement. Professor D. S. Kimball spoke on "What We can Learn from Each Other." He said that we Americans could round out our civilization with lessons learned from the old world, and that the old world could learn something from our spirit of efficiency.

A meeting of the Ithaca section of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers last Friday was one of the most successful ever held by the organization. After the section meeting, at which B. G. Lamme, chief engineer of the Westinghouse Electric Company of Pittsburgh, gave an interesting and practical address, the student division held an informal smoker. Mr. Lamme's subject was "Practical Limitations in the Designing of Commutating Machinery." He had much of interest to engineers to tell from his own practical experience. Mr. Lamme is famous, among other things, as a designer of alternating current motors for the locomotives of the New Haven Railroad, and has secured a large number of patents on electrical apparatus. In his talk he brought out the point that direct current machinery is coming into use to an increasing extent. The Telluride Association gave a dinner for Mr. Lamme and several members of the Faculty.

The Athletic Council Monday night awarded the varsity "C" to the following members of the football squad: W. H. Bennett '13, E. W. Butler '13, D. K. Champaign '13, H. R. Eyrich '13, P. A. Franklin '13, Granbury Miller '13, Bernard O'Connor '13, J. H. Smith '13, R. B. Whyte '13, J. S. Whyte '13, H. G. Weidenthal '13, W. H. Fritz, jr., '14, E. R. Guyer '14, E. A. Hill '14, D. M. Larrowe '14, J. J. Munns '14, R. A. Nash '15, D. F. Taber, jr., '15, J. E. O'Hearn '15.

First Lieutenant William E. Gillmore, 28th Infantry, U. S. A., will not be permitted to complete his detail here as professor of military science and tactics. He is one of the victims of a rider on the army

appropriation bill passed by Congress last summer. This section of the act requires all officers who have been on staff or special detail for more than four years to return to their regiments. Mr. Gillmore has been here only since August of last year, but he had been a staff officer for some time before that. He has been notified that his duties here will cease on December 15. His regiment is now in the Philippines. A successor has not yet been named.

Delegates from more than twenty universities, colleges and schools of New York State attended the convention of the Student Volunteer Union held here last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This organization is a voluntary recruiting agency for foreign missions. The meetings were held in Barnes Hall and Sage Chapel. Acting President Crane welcomed the delegates, and the principal address was delivered by Robert E. Speer.

The interscholastic track meet is to be made an annual affair. This was decided by the Athletic Council at a meeting Monday night. The manager of the freshman track team will have charge of the arrangements for the meet, under the direction of the Council.

Subjects for the Barnes Shakespeare Prize of \$50 have been announced by Professor Sampson of the English Department as follows: "The Spirit of Shakespeare's Last Comedies," "Rural Life in Shakespeare," and "The Form of Shakespeare's Plays as Affected by the Conditions of Performance." These themes are only suggested, in order to show what kind of thing is wanted. Competitors for the prize may select any topic connected with Shakespeare. The latest date for submitting essays is April 15.

Director Bailey has been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Trustees to represent the University at the inauguration of Clyde Augustus Duniway '92 as president of the University of Wyoming on January 24. Besides making a speech at the inauguration, Mr. Bailey will make an address on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of Wyoming's new agricultural building.



*Photograph by Cable*

THE OLD SWING BRIDGE IN FALL CREEK GORGE

## The Trustees and the Alumni

Address of Henry W. Sackett '75, at the Associate Alumni Meeting on November 16

Mr. Sackett said that he found the text for his remarks in the statement of the Chairman that the Trustees of Cornell University would be quick to respond to what they knew to be the united sentiment of the alumni respecting any University interest. He continued:

That is a proposition the truth of which I wish could be known and appreciated by all Cornell graduates. The more clearly it is understood by them, the more helpful can they be to the trustees. Have no fear upon that point. It would be difficult to conceive of a single matter that could now be brought to the door of the governing body of the University, backed by the practically unanimous sentiment of the alumni, that would not, because of that one fact alone, command the favorable attention and action of the trustees.

This has not always been true and could not have been, in the nature of the

case. Cornell's charter is less than fifty years old. Its first graduate is not yet an old man. It has been my good fortune to keep in close touch with the events that have made up the history of the University from the time when, as a school-boy in the fall of 1868, I listened to the addresses at the opening exercises of the institution. There has never been a time since the close of that first year when the alumni have not had direct representation upon the Board of Trustees. But of course in the early period of Cornell's existence, the number of the graduates was small, they were all young and inexperienced and had yet to make a place and record for themselves in the world. It may fairly be assumed, therefore, that in those early days the men of affairs and of successful experience who made up the Board of Trustees did not frequently turn to the alumni for aid or advice to enable

them to solve the serious problems that confronted them.

But in the progress of the years, and particularly during the last two decades, that has greatly changed. The earlier graduates have attained maturity and experience and many of them high success. The number of the alumni has so increased that they now exceed twelve thousand and are to be found in all important centers throughout the world. For business sagacity, for wise judgment in handling great affairs and for beneficial personal influence in their several communities, the Cornell alumni, including too a large proportion of the younger ones, can confidently be matched against the body of graduates of any other university.

To these facts the Trustees of Cornell are keenly alive; and the Chairman of this meeting was quite right in saying that the Trustees would be responsive to any

pronounced and prevailing sentiment among the alumni, if it could be plainly made known to them. During the period of nearly fourteen years that I have been a member of the Board, there have been several striking demonstrations of this. One or two instances will serve to illustrate. Several years ago, the inadequacy of Percy Field to meet the athletic needs of the undergraduates became apparent. This body of Associate Alumni thereupon presented to the trustees the proposition that if the Board would set aside a suitable area of University lands, not alone for the athletic field for intercollegiate contests, but sufficient to enable all undergraduates in the great future of the University to meet upon the democratic level of a students' common, the alumni would first expend not less than \$10,000 in grading and finishing a University Playground before they built the Athletic Field proper at their own expense. By unanimous vote, the Trustees accepted the proposition and allotted 57 acres of land east of Garden Avenue for the purpose. The alumni responded by contributing \$165,000 for the purpose, the Playgrounds were built at a cost of \$15,000, the grading was continued throughout the area and the Alumni Field Committee were prosecuting the work of laying out the athletic field at the eastern end, when the Trustees were confronted with the proposition on behalf of the then recently created College of Agriculture that a large part of Alumni Field was absolutely required for the new buildings of that college. It was a situation so acute as to afford the finest test. On the one side were the potential influences of the State and of its great College of Agriculture, urging a real need; on the

other, the pledge to the alumni upon which at great sacrifice they had provided the means to build the greatest of commons for the out-door sports of all Cornell students for all time. The Trustees proved true to their pledge to the alumni, although at great sacrifice. They did turn over to the Agricultural College the eleven acres at the east end of Alumni Field that was being prepared for the varsity athletic field; but that act was accompanied by the transfer to Alumni Field of an equal area at the western end, nearer to the campus, upon which the varsity field is now being constructed. Thus the integrity of the area of 57 acres allotted to Alumni Field was preserved and at the same time the Trustees agreed to make good to the alumni the extra expense of grading involved, amounting to about \$40,000. Who shall say in the face of these facts that any doubt can arise as to the Trustees responding to the voice of the alumni? Other instances could be given if time permitted.

But how can the prevailing sentiments of the alumni find voice, so as to be conveyed to the Trustees? For many years that has seemed to me a most important question. This body of Associate Alumni has taken several steps toward solving the problem, but it should go on to find a more perfect solution. The first step was the formation some eight or ten years ago of the Alumni General Committee to serve as an avenue of communication between the Trustees, the Faculty and the Alumni. That served a good purpose, if only as paving the way for the formation of the Cornellian Council, the creation of which I believe marked the beginning of a new era in Cornell affairs. The Asso-

ciation of Class Secretaries is another organization which, working with this association, can accomplish work that is outside the field of the Cornellian Council. We earnestly hope that this meeting and others of like character that are to follow it will evolve a more perfect method to enable the alumni to co-operate with the Trustees in advancing the interests of the great University that is so dear to all of us. I believe that you are upon the right path.

But of the disposition on the part of the trustees to co-operate with the alumni, as I have said, let no one have any doubt. How could it be otherwise? The majority of the Board is made up of alumni and ten of the total number are directly chosen by them. Individuals upon the Board represent every college in the University. There is no interest without direct representation. The Trustees need the aid of the alumni, they cannot get along without it. The problems and difficulties confronting the trustees are great. Without the aid and co-operation of the alumni, they would be vastly more formidable, perhaps insurmountable. No one can question the loyalty of Cornell graduates. No more loyal and devoted body of alumni exists. They want to aid its governing body. They realize that carping criticism cannot aid, but only harms. They want to give intelligent furtherance, founded upon knowledge of underlying facts, if only the way can be opened to them.

The task is yours to open that way; the task of the Associate Alumni, the Cornellian Council, the Association of Class Secretaries and of any other means you may adopt to that end. In that undertaking the Trustees bid you Godspeed.

## Cornell's Alumni Fund

### Statement of the President of the Cornellian Council

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni in New York on November 16, Ira A. Place '81, president of the Cornellian Council, spoke on the organization and purpose of that body. He said:

"Our President has just described the various interests of the University in which the Associate Alumni are organized to engage, and I now wish particularly to call your attention to the fact that the Cornellian Council was organized and exists for one specific purpose, which, as stated in its bylaws, is: 'to promote sys-

tematic financial support of Cornell University by the Alumni.'

"The strength of any university depends primarily upon the strength and character of its faculty. It may be rich in lands and buildings and apparatus and every physical facility and in endowment; and it may still be a very weak educational machine. A real teacher, whether instructor, or professor, of the highest degree, cannot be obtained or retained on the basis of money consideration alone. Nevertheless, and especially in these days of great expansion of universities in the United States; in

the organization and building up of new universities seeking men of special reputation and capacity; and in this period of higher standards of living and of increased cost of living; ample income is absolutely essential to any university which seeks to stand in the front rank.

"Cornell has not an ample income. Its income does not equal its expenditures; its business has outgrown its capital. As compared with two other leading eastern universities having approximately the same number of students, its income from productive funds is one-quarter of that

received by one and about one-third of that received by the other.

"It is absolutely certain that either the income must be increased or the activities and usefulness of the University curtailed. The latter we cannot contemplate. The question then resolves itself into a question as to whether its income shall be increased by additional endowment or whether the charges for tuition shall be increased. None of us wish to see the tuition increased to such extent in any course that the student of small means will be thereby debarred.

"The *Cornellian Council* and those who are supporting it are working upon the theory that the income of the University should be increased by additional endowment, and, further, that Cornell's only sure reliance for additional endowment is upon her children. The alumni have few very wealthy men in their ranks. The University cannot look with any confidence to gifts from wealthy men who are not connected with or in any way interested in it. We hope they will come but we cannot rely on their coming.

"We, therefore, appeal with confidence to every loyal *Cornellian*. The subscribers to the Alumni Fund now number about 2,700, subscribing annually over \$25,000. This does not exceed one-fifth the number of *Cornellians* who ought to be interested. It has been a very difficult matter to reach the fourteen or fifteen thousand *Cornellians* who ought to be reached on account of an imperfect mailing list. The new Secretary of the University, Mr. Dugan, and the Secretary of the Council, Mr. Johnson, have been working together in an effort to get as complete a mailing list as possible, and we hope that it will soon be completed.

"Nothing can place the Associate Alumni in a stronger position with reference to its influence in University affairs than to be able to say: '10,000 of us are adding to the University's endowment \$10 annually.' This would mean \$100,000 annually. This would mean \$5,000 additional annual income. That would make possible the increase by \$500 of the salaries of ten professors. That would not only encourage the better men, but in many cases it might be the means of retaining some whose character, capacity and reputation are almost indispensable to the University's welfare."

#### Hopes to Pay His Debt

The *Cornellian Council* has received a letter from a man who graduated in the nineties, part of which reads as follows:

"My health has not been good, so that I admit feeling uncertain about starting this subscription. Yet my debt to Cornell is a very great one, and if I live and do not pay that debt for the benefit of young men to come, I shall be a very selfish man. Please remind me of this a year or so hence, and I shall know more of my possibility of living. You can bet I am going to try to win out, for there are many things I want to do yet."

The writer of the letter sent a check for ten dollars, but he did not sign the subscription blank, for the reason given in the letter.

#### New Subscribers to the Fund

The following are new subscribers to the Alumni Fund for the month of November, 1912:

W. E. Lape '77, Mrs. Carl Glucksmann '81, J. C. Wait '82, T. S. Williams '84, J. R. Chamberlain '88, W. M. Irish '90, H. M. Eaton '90, William C. Boyrer '91, L. A. Osborne '91, D. J. Jenkins '92, William G. Atwood '92, A. B. Park '92, D. W. Hunt '93, Mrs. A. B. Fox '93, E. R. Hill '93, J. W. Dix '94, Jennie M. Jenness '94, F. F. Gaines '95, James D. Laird '95, S. R. Leonard '95, Grace N. Dolson '96, A. W. Harris '97, Frederick Cutts '97, E. H. Fitch '97, F. A. Briggs '98, Mary C. Lane '98, R. F. Ludwig '00, Wallace Patterson '00, W. E. Phelps '01, Paul F. Gaehr '02, W. W. Hoover '02, J. H. Middleton '03, T. J. Moon '03, L. F. Brown '03, C. B. Mueller '05, James Lynah '05, A. J. Haire, jr. '05, J. C. Argetsinger '05, Charles F. Flocken '05, G. W. Kuhn '05, Mrs. O. M. Milligan '06, L. K. Lynn '06, C. W. Mann '06, William F. Patton, jr. '06, A. T. Freer '07, George F. Johnson '07, G. F. Mosher '08, H. E. Mitler '08, Harry Markson '12.

#### New Veterinary Prizes

##### The College Gets Three Through the Interest of Trustee Miller

Three new prizes have been obtained for the Veterinary College by Dr. Frank H. Miller, of New York, a state trustee of the University. They are of \$50 each. Although they are not yet endowed, it is expected that they will be offered every year.

Dr. Miller himself presents one of them, to be known as the Jane Miller prize, for the best work in veterinary physiology. The second, called the Lora C. Schroeder prize, was given by Evan R. Dick of New York for the best work by students on the

diseases of small animals. Each of these awards may be divided into a first prize of \$30 and a second prize of \$20.

The third, presented by James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the *New York Herald*, is to be known by his name. It will be given for the best work on local and general anaesthesia.

These were added to the list of University prizes at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees, and the conditions under which they will be awarded have not yet been decided.

#### To Let Students Vote

##### An Amendment to the State Constitution Proposed by Attorney General Carmody

Attorney General Thomas Carmody '82 has published in the *Sun* his draft of a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution to permit college students, residents of the State, to vote the state and national ticket without going home, and yet without voting the local ticket where the college is located. Since the Attorney General first made a statement, through the *Sun*, favoring such a plan, a number of men prominent politically in the state, including the three recent candidates for governor, have expressed themselves in favor of it.

The amendment is proposed to be added to Article II., Section 1, on qualifications of voters, and reads:

"Provided that a person qualified, except as to residence, in the county and election district, while a student of any seminary of learning, may vote in an election district in which such seminary is situated and not elsewhere for all officers and upon all questions which may be submitted to the vote of the people of the whole State, and the Legislature shall have power to provide the manner in which and the time and place at which such students may vote and for the return and canvass of their votes in the election districts in which they respectively reside."

#### Ogden's Paper Published

Henry N. Ogden, professor of sanitary engineering, is the author of an article in the last number of the *Engineering Record* on "Imhoff Tanks." The article is a review of the present status of the Imhoff tanks, the latest form of sewage disposal, and was originally presented as a paper before the convention of the American Society of Municipal Improvement, meeting at Dallas, Texas, on November 12.

## Letters

### A New Spirit in Football

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*

Last year at this time, after witnessing Cornell's rout by Pennsylvania for the ninth successive time in their annual football game, I wrote a letter to the ALUMNI NEWS which to many Cornellians may have savored of lack of patriotism to Cornell. It was a rather strong letter, but a crisis had been reached in Cornell football and the object of the letter was only to awaken in all Cornellians the realization that the fundamental fault of Cornell's lack of success on Franklin Field was not in football material or knowledge of the game but was purely a psychological one of Spirit and precedent, with Spirit spelled with a large S. The team had no precedent to buoy them up and spirit is the builder of precedent. My one object in writing the above mentioned letter was to drive home this fact; that Cornell teams for years had not had the proper spirit to make possible the development of a winning team even though the material was of the best.

The measures suggested in this letter were quite severe. No one knew at that time that Dr. Sharpe was to be the head coach for the next few years (and we all hope for a much longer time) nor did they realize that this man, with the most efficient help of Dan Reed and Ray VanOrman, would get at this fundamental fault and sacrifice everything to the development of spirit.

This year's game is over. Cornell was beaten by points 7 to 2, but in the whole sixty minutes of play Cornell never acknowledged defeat for one moment and there was no glory for Penn in her victory. This was very noticeable after the game by the solemn way in which the Penn cheering section filed from the field.

The support that the student body have given to the team this year during this period of radical change has been magnificent. I do not know of any case in the college world that has ever excelled it.

It has been rumored that the team before the game determined not to accept their football C's unless they won the Penn game. This was a very unselfish thought and every man is to be commended for going into the game with this idea in his mind, but I cannot see that Cornell has any shame to cover up. Every man fought from the first to the last. It was the cruel fate of an unfortunate error that caused their defeat. The difference in score might have been lessened by a

drop kick instead of a forward pass at one stage of the game, but this is a point that cannot be severely criticised, for Cornell at this time had been making consistent gains and the chances were about even that such a play would be a success.

Dr. Sharpe has produced a wonderful change in the spirit of Cornell football. All honor and glory to him for this success.

The Cornell team has not won its games this year but they have shown that they have started on the right track and there is only one answer to such spirit as was shown on Thanksgiving day and that is success for future years.

A team is never beaten until it acknowledges defeat, and this, I believe, is what no Cornell team will ever acknowledge as long as they have Al Sharpe with them and put up the game that we witnessed last Thursday.

All honor to the coaches, the team and to the undergraduates for this year's success.

J. E. FORGY '06.  
Wilmington, Del.,  
December 4.

### Keeping Up One's Interest

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*

As an alumnus who has been inexcusably derelict in expressing his loyalty to his Alma Mater, permit me to thank you for your editorial of November 20th on the meeting of the Associate Alumni in New York City.

I had carefully read the account of the meeting and studied the array of resolutions and I was dismayed. Mr. Boldt's criticism made me think of my one trip to Ithaca since 1895 with shame and regret.

But this I wish to say and I hope you will not regard my comment as out of place in your columns.

My interest in Cornell, strong as it may have been on leaving Ithaca, has been maintained, strengthened and developed by no one single agency as much as by the welcome weekly report from Ithaca in the shape of the ALUMNI NEWS.

A banquet once a year perhaps, a class meeting occasionally, but more than any or all of these, to one who has not seen his way clear to return to Ithaca more than once in all these years, has been your budget of news, illustrations and the personal notes from all over the world, and even the advertisements with all the Ithaca reminiscence which they conjure up.

I have been absent, but, thanks to the NEWS, not out of touch and yet I have

been surprised in meeting Cornell men throughout the country to find how many do not regularly see the NEWS.

Aside from all sentiment and purely as a matter of alumni organization, isn't it advisable, nay essential, that every one of those 14,000 or 15,000 men that the efficient Mr. Johnson expects to have on his mailing list have an opportunity to take the weekly trip to Ithaca which the NEWS makes possible?

What live commercial organization tries to keep its scattered workers in step and in sympathy with its ideals without its weekly or monthly bulletin or newspaper? Is it not as important to keep our growing and widely scattered organization in step and in touch with problems and progress "on the hill"?

I believe that the success of the splendid work of the Cornellian Council and the Associate Alumni needs efficient and consistent publicity and that as a matter of good organization and financial expediency it should be arranged that every name on Mr. Johnson's mail-list should be a name on the mailing list of the CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS.

The subscribers to the Alumni Fund deserve fuller and more frequent reports than are now made out. How fortunate for the Council that there exists such an efficient and high grade binder and booster!

It may be urged that it is too high grade—namely, too elaborate and expensive for such purpose. A second thought will convince that for the purpose of keeping Cornellians enthusiastically in touch and in sympathy with their Alma Mater and its problems and its progress, no medium can be too high grade.

With especial thanks to Professor Crane and to Mr. Boldt for their assurances and the well merited criticism, and to you for your editorial, I am,

BERNHARD HOFFMANN '95.  
Chicago, November 26.

### Association Football

Cornell soccer stock is going up this year. With seven of last year's team back in the squad, eight men of varsity calibre from last year's freshman team playing, and three new men out who look like first string possibilities, a strong team is promised. Of the many Brazilian players on last year's freshman team, which was superior to the varsity, three are playing this year. The spring schedule calls for two trips with three games away from home.



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WITHIN THE last few weeks the fourth annual meeting of the Interfraternity Conference has been held in New York. The two matters which received the most attention at that meeting were the subject of scholarship, or the relation of the fraternity to the college, and the question of postponing or otherwise regulating the "rushing" of freshmen. What strikes a Cornell man most forcibly in reading the accounts of the meeting is that both these major subjects were already claiming the attention of the Cornell chapters. The Conference referred to its executive committee the question of advising fraternities to defer "pledging" till the second term, giving that committee power to appoint a committee to look into the matter. At Cornell the chapters have voluntarily put off pledging till six weeks after the beginning of the year. A few years ago an agreement was obtained with difficulty to postpone the beginning of rushing till

after the entrance examinations. Since then the fraternities here have been willing to begin their recruiting later and later. This year it was later than ever before. It might be rash to predict that pledging at Cornell will within a few years be deferred to the beginning of the second term. But it would not be surprising to see within two or three years a successful movement in favor of putting it off till after Thanksgiving. Fraternity men generally seemed to be pleased with the new system this fall.

IN THE OTHER question, that of scholarship, the fraternities here have not taken an equally keen interest. Many of them have, however, interested themselves in it to the extent of keeping an oversight of their underclassmen, learning from time to time how the younger members were doing in their university work, and cautioning them if the work was falling behind. And since President Schurman began to publish an "honor roll" of fraternities based upon the comparative standing of their members in scholarship, their interest has been stronger. Some of the oldest chapters here have been known to "point with pride" to their membership in the honor list which the President gave out last year. Of course, the fraternity's motive in encouraging its members to get good marks is self-interest. It wants to keep them from "busting out." He would be a very hopeful person who would foretell the day when the fraternity would put scholarship above a managership. But if the Interfraternity Conference is looking for a device that will compel fraternity undergraduates to take some pride in having an average standing equal at least to that of the college as a whole, we commend to it the "honor roll" which President Schurman has used with good effect.

PROBABLY at no other university do fraternities play a larger part in undergraduate life than at Cornell. There are now almost fifty chapters here, and one-third of the male undergraduates belong to them. In the Interfraternity Conference of which we have spoken there are twenty-nine fraternities represented, and all but two of them have chapters at Cornell.

THE BUSINESS of publishing calendars illustrated with Cornell views has reached a high standard in Ithaca. It is a commercial proposition, of course. Yet an

enterprise which helps to keep Cornellians interested in the University is worth encouraging. One of these calendars is advertised in this number of the NEWS. We think it is all the advertiser claims for it. With this calendar hanging over his desk, the graduate can note how kindly Time is treating the campus, and he can almost imagine himself back in Ithaca.

## Obituary

### Henry Schoellkopf '02

Henry Schoellkopf, of Milwaukee, committed suicide last Wednesday, December 4, by shooting himself in the head while he was alone in his office. He was found unconscious by a clerk who returned to the office after lunch, and was taken to a hospital, where he died in the evening. None of his family or friends can account for the act. He is said to have been worrying over an investment which had not been profitable, and his friends say that although it was really a small matter he may have brooded over it until it became an obsession.

He was born at Buffalo, December 14, 1880, and moved to Milwaukee with his parents when he was a boy. He went to school in Switzerland and then came to Cornell, graduating in 1902 with the degree of A.B. He was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity and the Quill and Dagger society. During his course he was one of the strongest players on the varsity football team. He studied law at Harvard and played football there also.

Since his graduation from the Harvard law school he had practiced law in Milwaukee. He was a member of the firm of Markham & Schoellkopf, with offices in the Colby-Abbot Building. He had great ability, and held offices of trust unusual for so young a man. He was elected, two years ago, a trustee of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was president of the University Club of Milwaukee, and had lately been president of the International Dairy Show Association, which held a successful show in Milwaukee recently. Ever since the organization of the Cornell Alumni Football Association in 1906, Henry Schoellkopf had been a member of its advisory committee of five. He returned to Ithaca almost every fall to help in the coaching, and in 1907 he was here throughout the season, being virtually head coach.

He was married in November, 1911, to Miss Elizabeth Murphy, of Milwaukee, and she survives him, with a daughter, born a few weeks ago. His mother, Mrs.

Emilie Nunnemacher, of Milwaukee, and three sisters are living.

**Ruby C. Madsen '14**

Miss Ruby C. Madsen, of Brooklyn, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, died in the Infirmary Monday night, December 2, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. Miss Madsen was a member of the *Cornellian* Board, vice-president of the Dramatic Club, and a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi society. Her mother was with her when she died. The officers of the class of 1914 have published an expression of their sorrow.

**A Trip for Engineers**

**Large Party of Students to Visit Electrical Plants**

A trip open to all students in mechanical and civil engineering is being arranged by Professor H. H. Norris for the Easter vacation, to take in a number of electrical plants in Schenectady, Pittsfield and New York. This is the first time in many years that this kind of trip has been planned by the engineering departments, although it is common in other universities.

The men will leave Ithaca Wednesday night before Easter and will return Sunday morning; although those who desire to do so may remain for the latter half of the vacation and make supplementary trips about New York City. It is estimated that the total necessary expenses of the whole journey will be only \$25.

Plants visited will be the General Electric Company and the American Locomotive Works, in Schenectady; the transforming plant of the General Electric at Pittsfield; the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and New York Edison power houses, and the Western Electric Company, in New York. Supplementary trips from New York will take in the New Hayen power plant at Cos Cob, the Crocker-Wheeler Company, at Ampere, and other places.

Forty men have already signed up to go, and Professor Norris expects to take at least a hundred. In order to get the best results out of the trip, there will be a series of preparatory discussions about the plants to be visited.

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# ATHLETICS

## Football

(BY EDGAR A. HAMILTON '11)

### The Prospects for Next Year

Five places on the football team will be left vacant by the graduation of members of the present senior class. The places are quarterback, left halfback, left end, center and right guard. They were filled this season respectively by Captain Butler, O'Connor, Eyrich, J. S. Whyte and Champaign, all seniors. Other seniors who played on the team at some time during the season were R. B. Whyte, Bennett, Underhill, Miller and Smith in the backfield and Weidental in the line. For some of the five vacancies there is good material among the scrubs, and for each of the five there is a promising candidate in the 1916 freshman team. Dr. Sharpe has devoted a good deal of time this fall, on Monday and Friday afternoons, when academic duties prevented a varsity practice, to helping Coach Stewart Robb with the freshmen. In this way the head coach has gained an acquaintance with individual freshmen which will be valuable to him when the season starts next fall.

The vacancy caused by the loss of Eyrich will be filled readily if the work of the two freshman ends can be used as a basis for judging. In the game with the Pennsylvania freshmen these two players, McCutcheon and Shelton, showed promise. From the line, too, it will not be difficult to fill Champaign's place, and the 1916 backfield is believed to contain some future stars. There are two good possibilities for quarterback—Collins and Barrett. Collins played in that position and Barrett played at left halfback on the freshman eleven. But Barrett has qualities which may make him a strong possibility to succeed Butler at the pivotal position on the 1913 varsity. Kleinert, the freshman fullback, is a strong player. Cool is in line for Whyte's place at center, and Gass has played right guard this year in preparation for a future career on the varsity.

Should nothing interfere with the present prospects, Dr. Sharpe will have a good squad from which to make his selections next September. During the year he will keep these men under observation. The varsity scrub itself may contain some unsuspected players of first rate quality. The possibility of such a thing happening

was shown this fall when Reed developed Guyer and Nash as tackles toward the close of the season. These men had been tried at end on account of their speed, but they were not equal to Eyrich and O'Hearn. As tackles, however, they both made good.

Whether the players who won their varsity insignia in the Pennsylvania game will accept their "C" is a question. Although no definite action was taken by the players, there was a report before the game of a half-formed determination on their part not to accept the "C" if they were defeated at Philadelphia. But the team did so well in the game that public opinion would not grudge them the decoration. As a matter of fact, most of the seniors on the team already have the football "C", and of course the rest of the men will have another chance to win it. If the players were to refuse the letter, such action would accord with the spirit of self-sacrifice which they have shown this year. And such action would arm the coaches with a strong weapon in the form of precedent which might be a valuable aid in future years.

The season at Ithaca has been a success, paradoxical as the assertion may seem. Despite the fact that out of ten games played only three resulted in victories, the season was a success because it was devoted to such foundation work as had to be a part of a new system of coaching. Dr. Sharpe came into a new field, unaccustomed to everything pertaining to Cornell football and without knowledge of the men he had to coach. For the last few years there had been many graduate coaches on the field as the season progressed, each coming for a week or so. Before a season ended, each member of the team had been subjected to instruction by several men whose ideas seldom coincided. Under those conditions it was not possible for a head coach to bring the team steadily along to its greatest efficiency. Both the procedure and the result were quite different this year. The end of the season saw a well rounded team which knew football and had fight in it, which played consistently and tackled well. Dr. Sharpe was distinctly head coach. He had general charge of the team as a whole and he acted as strategist and backfield coach. Dan Reed was in charge of the line and Ray VanOrman worked with the ends. No other graduate appeared on the practice field in togs. Judging by the way the team played on Thanksgiving Day, this combination of coaches worked

very well. The team was a unit, the line was the best Cornell has had in years, and the ends won the praise of the most conservative of critics.

A special word is due the team. At the end of the season last year the players took the lead in the demand for a new system of coaching. They asked for a resident head coach and for a particular man, Dr. Sharpe. They knew very well that to establish a new coaching system meant beginning all over, that there would probably be a year of rudimentary instruction and adverse scores, that some of them would risk their individual reputations by trying to unlearn some of the things they had learned. But they were willing to make the sacrifice in the interest of a permanent and efficient system of coaching, even though, as seemed likely, it was to bear no fruit till after they had left college. We now have a resident football coach who is working to establish a system that will endure and perpetuate itself.

## Hockey

### Six of Last Year's Seven Are in the Present Squad

The hockey season opened last week, the candidates being called out on Monday. Nearly thirty are now regularly practicing in the Armory under the coaching of E. B. Magner '11. Practice has been chiefly in shooting goal, but it is hoped that ice practice will be possible before the holidays, when the team will take a trip. No cut will be made in the squad until the men go on the ice.

Any accurate estimate of the candidates under the present conditions of practice is impossible. With six of last year's varsity back, however, and an apparently promising set of new competitors, the outlook, in the minds of the coach and of Captain E. M. Scheu '13, is hopeful.

The only last year's varsity man now absent is Captain Vail, who tended goal. Three promising men, A. L. Dean, jr., '13, F. H. Tyler '13, and K. B. VanBergen '15, are now in the race for the place. F. J. Robbins '15, who coached the lacrosse team last year, and who has played on some strong Canadian hockey combinations, is a candidate but has not yet appeared in togs. The old players are, besides Captain Scheu, center: W. A. More '13, left wing; T. L. Tewksbury '13, right wing; O. M. Clark '14, point; E. A. Hill '14, rover, and L. B. Smith '14, cover point. Dean also substituted in many varsity games last season.

The schedule has not yet been ratified.

The team will take a trip during the holidays, playing a series of three games with Princeton. Most of the league contests this year will be played on the opponents' home rinks, as most of them last year were played at Syracuse, virtually Cornell's home rink.

**Lawn Tennis**

Owing to the lateness of the season it has been found necessary to postpone the completion of the doubles tennis tournament until a break in the weather or until spring. The tournament had advanced to the antepenultimate round. The winner of the singles, C. O. Benton '15, lost only a single set in the entire series. His score in the final match with R. G. Tewksbury '14 was 6-4 6-3, 6-0. Both Benton and Tewksbury come from Cleveland. The winner and the runner-up in the singles receive cups presented by the tennis management, and there are cups for the two members of the winning team in the doubles.

**Lacrosse**

Nine of the old men are practicing in the lacrosse squad this year, promising an unusually strong team. The underclass contest was held on November 16, and was won by the sophomores. A. L. Dean '12 is the captain of the team, and F. J. Robbins '15 the coach. Robbins, who coached the team last year also, learned the game in Western Canada, where he has played lacrosse for fifteen years. He was a member at different times of the Vernon, British Columbia, team; the Bellingham, Washington, team; and the Seattle team; and played against the Westminster aggregation, the champions of the world.

A new handbook of the Cornell University Athletic Association has just been published. It contains the constitution and by-laws of the association and all faculty regulations which affect athletics. It is well printed. Copies will be sent to Cornell alumni associations and to the athletic councils of the principal universities and colleges.

Sabbatic leave of absence for the year 1913-14 has been granted to Professor J. H. Tanner '91.

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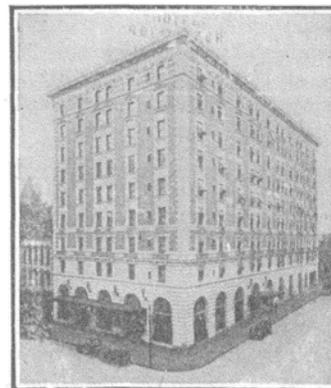
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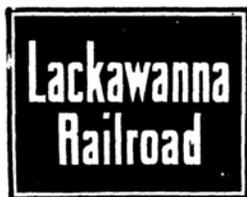


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'80—Henry Tyrrell is the author of "Shenandoah," a Civil War story of the Valley of Virginia, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. The story is based on Bronson Howard's famous play.

'81, B.C.E.—Otto M. Eidlitz was a member of the commission which has been meeting in New York City to arbitrate upon questions of wages, etc., between the railroad engineers and fifty-two eastern roads.

'89, M.E.—Albert Scheible has entered into partnership with Rudolph Wm. Lotz for the practice of patent and trade-mark law under the firm name of Lotz & Scheible, with offices at 1601 McCormick Building, 332 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

'91, M.M.E.—The Pacific Coast Gas Association at its twentieth annual convention in San Diego awarded to Professor Clarence L. Cory of the University of California a medal for his paper presented before that body on "Gas Rates and Their Determination."

'96, Ph.D.—Dr. Alfred E. Taylor of the United States Bureau of Chemistry is now on duty at the custom house, San Juan, Porto Rico.

'97, A.M.; '00, Ph.D.—Wilhelm Miller has been appointed assistant professor of landscape horticulture at the University of Illinois. He has been on the editorial staff of *Country Life in America* and editor of *The Garden Magazine*.

'01, A.B.—John O. Dresser is now representing William Salomon & Co., bankers, of New York and Chicago, on the Pacific Coast. His address is 2738 Pierce Street, San Francisco.

'04, A.B.; '08, M.D.—Harold E. Santee is practicing medicine in New York City. His office is at 780 Madison Avenue.

'04, A.B.—"The Lyric Year," comprising a hundred poems by as many American writers, has just been issued by Mitchell Kennerley, the New York publisher. The volume contains a poem by Thomas S. Jones, jr., of Utica. The editor of the book says: "The Lyric Year" aspires to the position of an annual exhibition or salon of American poetry, for it presents a selection from one year's works of 100 American poets. The editor has endeavored to give preference to poems fired with the time spirit and marked by some special distinction, rather than mere technical performances—poems repre-

sentative, as much as possible, of the work done to-day in America, rather than an index to his personal taste. Ten thousand poems by nearly 2,000 writers of verse have been personally examined by the editor for this competition."

'05, M.E.—Louis L. Edmunds is mechanical engineer at the experiment station of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Honolulu.

'06, C.E.—Joel D. Justin is principal assistant engineer in charge in the department of public works of Harrisburg, Pa.

'08, A.B.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson D. Clark announce the birth of a son, John Delano Clark, on November 23. Clark is superintendent of the factory in Newark, N. J., of Day, Clark & Co., jewelers, of Maiden Lane, New York. Mrs. Clark was Miss Frances Bell, A.B., '10.

'08, M.E.—B. C. McFadden of the United States Revenue Cutter Service has been transferred from the Tuscarora at Milwaukee to the Onondaga at Norfolk, Va.

'10, M.E.—George Walter Blair was married to Miss Donna Belle Eberhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Eberhart, of Mishawaka, Ind., on November 27. The wedding ceremony took place in the Eberhart Memorial Church at Mishawaka. Fred S. Sly '07, of Fredonia, N. Y., was best man. Among the ushers were J. S. Ridenour '08, W. R. Ourand '09, C. E. Lipe '10, and V. A. Stibolt '11. Blair is with the Rubber Regenerating Company of Mishawaka. The bride is a graduate of Wellesley College.

'10, A.B.—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Krinski announce the marriage of their daughter Etta to Abraham L. Doris, at Brooklyn, December 3.

'11, B.Chem.—R. C. Patterson has resigned his position with the International Acheson Graphite Company of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and is now with the Lehigh Coke Company. His address is 118 Fourth Avenue, West Bethlehem, Pa.

'11, M.E.—Roger N. Johnston's address is 694 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio. He is with the B. F. Goodrich Company.

'11, M.E.—George R. Nichols, Jr., is with the American Spiral Pipe Works in Chicago. His address is Hotel Metropole, Chicago, Ill.

'11, C.E.—Howard S. Warner has changed his address from Galveston to Houston, Texas. He is with W. L. Pearson & Co., general contractors.

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'11, D.V.M.—Hugh R. Millard is secretary-treasurer of the Board of Sheep Commissioners of the State of Wyoming, with office at Cheyenne. This board has oversight of all the flocks of the state and is charged with the duty of assisting the sheepmen to eradicate disease among the flocks.

'12, C.E.—The address of H. C. Flanigan is Prinz Ludwig Strasse 5, Munich, Germany. He is a student in the university there.

'12, A.B.—Clarence L. Dunham is a graduate student in the department of chemistry.

'12, C.E.—Raymond C. Hill has changed his address to 553 East Twenty-fourth Street, Paterson, N. J.

'12, M.E.—F. W. Krebs is in the testing department of the Cambria Steel Company. His address is 509 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, Pa.

'12, M.E.—George B. Filbert is a student engineer with the Western Electric Company and lives at 3210 Harvard Street, Chicago.

'12, M.E.—C. N. Behrens is with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. His address is 29 South Sixteenth Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

'12, M.E.—D. C. Miller is with the New York Central Railroad. His address is 336 Manning Boulevard, Albany, N. Y.

'12, B.S.—H. E. Dibble is taking a graduate course in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin.

'12, C.E.—A. K. Starkweather is assistant section engineer with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners. He lives at 30 Oakland Avenue, Bloomfield, N. J.

'12, M.E.—Rafael M. Palmer has opened an office for the practice of his profession in San Juan, Porto Rico.

'12, B.S.A.—Henry R. Davis was married to Miss Grace M. Bierbower on October 7 at Azusa, Cal.

'12, B.Arch.—George Bain Cummings was married to Miss Aura Marie Butler, of Ithaca, on November 9. They are making their home at 914 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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'12, M.E.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Yoakum, jr. (Wilhelmine Wissmann, A.B.'11) have moved from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, Cal. Yoakum is with the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

'12, B.S.A.—Frank A. Pearson is instructor in dairy industry at the University of Illinois.

'12, M.E.—W. D. McClellan is superintendent of a power station of the Beaver River Power Company at Bliss, Idaho.

'12, M.E.—L. F. Fuller was married to Miss Lucretia Strong, of Portland, Oregon, at Providence, R. I., on June 22. Fuller is with the Federal Telegraph Company, Palo Alto, Cal., as a wireless telegraph engineer.

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When and where the seat sales will be held in the different cities visited during the Christmas trip.

#### NEW YORK

**HOTEL ASTOR**—Monday, December 23rd. Seats now on sale at the office of Eads Johnson, 30 Church Street. Prices \$2.00 and \$1.50 Box seats \$2.50.

#### SAVANNAH, GA.

**SAVANNAH THEATRE**—Friday, December 27th. Seat sale opens at the box office December 24th, at 9:00 A. M. Prices \$1.50 and \$1.00 Box seats \$2.00.

#### ATLANTA, GA.

**WESLEY MEMORIAL HALL**—Saturday, December 28th. Seat sale opens at Cable Piano Co., 82 North Broad Street, December 18th. Prices \$1.50 and \$1.00.

#### BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

**BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB**—Monday, December 30th. Seat sale opens at Reynold's Haberdashery and at the Birmingham Country Club on December 23rd. Price \$1.50.

#### NEW ORLEANS, LA.

**THE ATHENAEUM**—Tuesday, December 31st. Seat sale opens at "Grunewald's Music Store," 733 Canal Street, on December 26th. Prices \$1.00 and \$.75.

#### MEMPHIS, TENN.

**GOODWYN INSTITUTE AUDITORIUM**—Wednesday, January 1st. Tickets now on sale at O. K. Houck Piano Co. Price \$1.00

#### ST. LOUIS, MO.

**THE ODEON**—Thursday, January 2nd. Ticket sale opens at Bollman Bros., 1120 Olive Street, Monday, December 23rd. Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, \$.75 and \$.50. Box seats \$2.00.

#### CHICAGO, ILL.

**ORCHESTRA HALL**—Friday, January 3rd. Seat sale opens at Orchestra Hall Box Office, Friday, December 27th. Prices \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00 and \$.50.

#### TOLEDO, OHIO

**VALENTINE THEATRE**—Saturday, January 4th. Seat sale opens at the Starr Piano Co., 318 Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday, January 2nd. Prices \$1.50, \$1.00, \$.75, and \$.50.

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