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FEWER students than are usually here at Christmas were left in Ithaca when the homeward rush was over on Sunday, for there is a recess of one week in the short course in agriculture and most of the six hundred "shorthorns" had joined in the rush. The rest of the University has two full weeks for recreation. The members of the Musical Clubs are staying in Ithaca till they begin their western tour on Friday. The hockey squad stayed to get some ice practice on Beebe Lake. Instruction in all departments will be resumed on Monday, January 5.

CONVENTIONS of learned societies during the holidays will be attended by many members of the Faculty. A large number from Cornell will go to Atlanta, Ga., for the convocation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and meetings of several national scientific societies, to be held throughout the week beginning December 29. Other meetings are those of the American Psychological and Philosophical Societies, in New Haven; the American Economic Association, in Minneapolis; the Modern Language Association, in Cambridge; the geologists and geographers, in Princeton; the American Mathematical Society, in New York City, and the naturalists, zoologists, physiologists, anatomists, and biological chemists, in Philadelphia.

THE RECOMMENDATION of the Freshman Advisory Committee that the University authorities provide for regular inspection of rooming houses with a view to reducing the danger to students in case of fire was presented to the executive committee of the Board of Trustees last week and was referred to a committee consisting of Trustees Newman and Cornell to investigate and report.

THE FRESHMAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE for next year will be headed by Robert W. White '15, of Brockport. Mr. White was elected to the chairmanship at a meeting of the advisory council last week. He is a student in the College of Agriculture and is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He is business manager of the ALUMNI NEWS and is

also a member of the boards of the Cornell Annuals and the *Cornell Countryman*. The advisory committee for next year has not yet been appointed. The advisory council will consist of the President of the University, Professors Tuck and Bristol, the Secretary of the University, the secretary of the Christian Association, the editor-in-chief of the *Sun*, the president of the class of 1915; A. C. Minnix '15, A. C. Peters '15, R. S. Saalfeld '15, and Mr. White. H. W. Peters '14, the chairman of the present advisory committee, has submitted his report to the council. It covers the work which was done this fall to assist freshmen to adjust themselves to their university surroundings.

THE CONTEST for the Ninety-four Memorial Prize in debate will be held in the Armory on January 10. The six contestants were chosen last week after competition. They are W. B. Conrad '14, Pittsburgh; Remington Rogers '14, Brooklyn; Bleecker, Marquette '15, Schenectady; W. D. Smith '15, Schenectady; L. Y. Gaberman '15, Hartford, Conn.; and C. M. Harrington '15, Peru, N. Y. Three of the six are in the College of Law and the other three are in the College of Arts and Sciences. A. H. Henderson '14, of New York City, was chosen as alternate. The subject of the debate will be the minimum wage, the same subject as has been named for the intercollegiate contests. The prize is about \$94 in money, being the interest on a fund of \$1,894 given as a class memorial by the class of 1894.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB presented two one-act plays last week in Barnes Hall. They were "Miss Civilization," by R. H. Davis, and Henry Arthur Jones's "A Clerical Error." They succeeded so well that the club will probably give other plays of the same sort during the year.

THE HONOR SYSTEM adopted by the students of the College of Agriculture has been completed by the election of a committee of five seniors and five juniors to serve as a court for the trial of any offender. The members are: seniors: J. J. Swift, Middleport; Miss Natalie

Thompson, Jersey City; E. S. Bird, New York; M. F. Abell, Phoenix, and L. J. Benson, Buffalo; juniors: A. B. Dann, Ithaca; Miss Thyra Jeremiassen, Ithaca; Paul W. Wing, Ithaca; H. M. Stanley, Syracuse, and A. W. Wilson, East Orange, N. J.

PROFESSOR CHARLES V. P. YOUNG of the department of physical training has received a sabbatic leave of absence for the second term. He is serving his tenth year as professor and this will be his first sabbatic leave. He plans to visit several colleges and universities in the east and middle west and inspect their departments of physical training. During the present Christmas vacation he will attend a conference of college physical directors in New York City.

A TURBINE and a generator are to be installed in the University power house in Fall Creek gorge, in addition to those already there. The greatest part of the job is to get the new machinery down into the gorge. For this purpose a large derrick has been erected on the north bank, and the machinery is being lowered in sections. For some time past the University has needed about all the power that its plant could produce, especially in the winter, when the peak load occurs. Power could be purchased from the Ithaca Electric Light Company, but it would cost more than the University's own product does. The load has been distributed by putting some of the departments on a schedule.

THE CHESS PLAYERS who will represent Cornell in the fifteenth tournament of the Triangular College Chess League—Pennsylvania, Brown and Cornell—are N. S. Perkins '15, Mount Vernon; Arthur Ehrlich '14, Brooklyn; W. Grafman '15, Brooklyn, and A. W. Clurman '14, New York. Substitutes are Jacob Grossman '16, New York, and C. P. Hotson '16, Brooklyn. Two of Pennsylvania's players will be Sze and Teitelbaum, who won the tournament last year with 7½ points out of a possible 8. The matches will be played at the Brooklyn Chess Club for four days beginning on December 28.



SAGE COLLEGE
Photograph by J. P. Troy

Report of the Freshman Advisory Committee

Some Rooming Houses Said to Be Unsafe in Case of Fire

THE REPORT of the chairman of the Freshman Advisory Committee, which has been submitted to the Freshman Advisory Council, covers the second year of this work. The chairman is H. W. Peters '14, of Yonkers. He says that in its first year the work was well started and an impetus was given to the movement. "The old method of treating freshmen as unworthy of attention and as subjects for hazing," Mr. Peters says, "has gradually been transformed into the feeling that freshmen are at a critical stage in their development and should be helped as much as possible." On the committee were nine-

teen seniors, not counting the chairman, all appointed last spring. Two of these were told off to serve with two juniors on an employment committee. For each of the remaining seniors a sub-committee of three juniors was appointed at the opening of the college year, making a total working force of about seventy for calling on freshmen at their rooms.

The chairman divides the work under two heads—advisory and social. Of the advisory work he says:

The Employment Bureau

"Inasmuch as the possibilities of this committee had not as yet been fully tested, it was resolved to make

1913-14 a year of experiment. From this experimentation, several different plans were worked out as to what work this committee could best accomplish, and very definite ideas were thus obtained. As many of the senior members as possible were requested to be back in Ithaca before the opening of the University to assist in any way that they could to prepare for the entering freshmen. All readily responded and the majority of them were back without further suggestion.

"The Chairman took personal charge of the work of the Employment Committee, inasmuch as that was deemed the

most important part of this year's work. He held regular office hours at a specified place, and there received any freshman who wished to come to him for advice, or to find places of employment. During the period of the first two weeks before the opening of the University, the Chairman met about seventy-five members of the freshman class, the majority of whom were in search of employment.

"A conscious effort was made to bring these men in need of assistance in touch with the Chairman, by advertising the Committee as widely as possible. . . . The response to this campaign of publicity was instantaneous, but necessarily limited by the scarcity of positions in Ithaca. However, different members of the Committee were able to place about thirty freshmen in positions, and enabled as many more to secure positions for themselves by telling them where they would be most likely to find the employment they desired.

"On the whole, however, the results of the year seemed to show that the work of finding employment for needy freshmen cannot adequately be handled by the Freshman Advisory Committee. In the first place, there are too many freshmen who, if they feel that there is some one to whom they can go, and thus be assured of a position, will not hesitate to avail themselves of the opportunity, and thereupon cease to work for their own interests. In other words they are only too willing to let some one find a place for them. This would mean that the work of the Freshman Advisory Committee would soon deteriorate into a mere seeking of positions for needy freshmen. Moreover, we have not the facilities for taking care of such cases, and consider that this work would be much more adequately handled, with a greater degree of satisfaction to all concerned, by the C. U. C. A., through its employment bureau. I therefore suggest to the incoming Chairman that this part of the work of this year's committee be omitted in the future.

Helped the Freshmen Register

"Feeling that this committee should do all in its power to help the entering freshman, especially upon his arrival, an effort was made to give him as much tangible assistance as possible. Accordingly several members of the committee were stationed in the registration rooms on the two days of freshman registration, and they did all that they could to help the freshman make out his blanks properly,

emphasizing the important features, and assuming general direction of the filling out of these blanks. There was also established in the center hallway of Goldwin Smith Hall a bureau of information. Here all the different pamphlets of the University were distributed as required and all questions answered. The Chairman personally talked with over four hundred freshmen, and answered questions of every description. The possibilities of such an information bureau have not yet been fully sounded, but there can be no doubt that this is a field which the committee can develop to a large extent.

"In connection with the calls of the committeemen, we distributed small printed pamphlets containing an article on 'The Dangers of Cayuga' written by Mr. Charles E. Courtney. Every freshman in the entering class received one, and at the same time, the committeeman told him of the dangers of the lake. These pamphlets were also sent to Sage College for distribution by the Adviser of Women, and every entering girl received one. Further than this, the Adviser of Women requested additional pamphlets which were sent out to the parents of these girls, inasmuch as it was stated that many permissions had been granted to the girls by their parents, without sufficient knowledge of the dangers of the Lake."

A Social Survey

The "social" work was much the larger part of the committee's task. The chairman says that the plan of this work, as outlined at the beginning of this year, was substantially the same as last, consisting principally of a call on every one of the thousand or more freshmen. "Last year," he says, "each committeeman was requested to make a detailed report of the men who were assigned to him, covering their financial condition, need of employment, and the general sanitary condition of their rooms. This last was found to be rather unsatisfactory, inasmuch as each man on the committee had a different idea as to what constituted good heat, good light and good ventilation. Therefore on this year's blank an additional point of fire protection was added, and heat, light and ventilation were omitted. The reports turned in by this year's committee show that the change was justified.

"Each of the seventy committeemen was given a list of about fifteen freshmen, with instructions to call on each one of

them and have a social talk, finding out if there were any ways in which he could help him. He was urged to make this talk as confidential as possible, and to find out the true status of the freshman's conditions. At the same time, he was particularly requested to observe the general conditions under which the freshman was living, paying especial attention to the condition of the rooms; whether they were large or small; the general condition of the house, whether neatly kept, sanitary; whether homelike or poorly furnished, and was asked to note the provisions for fire-escape. In order to get detailed information on all these subjects, each man was furnished with blanks, in which he recorded the individual cases, with the information obtained from each. He was also asked to write a brief report upon the cases of the freshmen as a whole, and turn it in at the same time he turned in his blanks.

"I will take up the question of the blanks first: In the matter of employment and financial conditions of the freshmen, we found, as is generally the case, a large number in need of employment. The financial conditions were, on the whole, good, and comparatively few cases of men actually in need of financial assistance.

Protection from Fire

"The matter of fire-protection developed into one of the big features of the report. I will classify the results under the headings of 'good fire protection,' 'medium fire protection,' and 'poor fire protection.' Perhaps it would be well to first give the districts in which the fire protection was poor, as they are in the minority; and then generally give the conditions in other districts.

"These reports show that the district of — Avenue, taking in practically the whole avenue, are poor. There are a great many rooming houses throughout this district crowded with students, and practically all the reports show that fire protection is a matter which should be given immediate attention. Several reports in this district show that many of the houses are fire traps. Another district showing poor fire protection was that of — Road. Several houses here were reported as being badly in need of fire protection. I might add that along — Road the reports show that fire protection is very much below the average. By fire protection is not meant fire escapes or elaborate apparatus, but merely

whether the occupants of the houses could, in case of fire, have speedy means of escaping to the street. In these districts which I am reporting upon, several men reported that if a fire were quickly started, the men in the house would have no chance for escape."

Regular Inspection Recommended

In other districts students were found generally to be living in good and safe quarters. The chairman quotes from several reports which speak well of the houses visited. His conclusion with regard to this matter is:

"All these various questions: fire protection; sanitation on the part of rooming house keepers; sanitation on the part of the students; are ones which of course could be eliminated directly by the erection of dormitories at Cornell, and probably cannot be satisfactorily treated until dormitories are established. However, in the absence of dormitories, I suggest that this council recommend to the Board of Trustees of the University that an inspection of rooming houses be made each year. It has been suggested that this can be left in the hands of the Certified Rooming House Association. I do not agree with this for several reasons. In the first place, the C. R. H. A. is a very unstable organization at the present time. Secondly, it could only enforce its inspection among its own members, and they are the ones who do not need this inspection. In the third place, there are as many good rooming houses outside the association as in, and therefore the scope of the association is limited. In the fourth place, there are many houses which cannot get up to the standard set by the C. R. H. A., but nevertheless would be good rooming houses for students, who are not financially independent to as great a degree as the majority. In other words, any attempt to force the rooming houses into the association would result in raising the prices of the rooms, thus shutting out many worthy students who cannot afford to pay especially high prices for rooms. All that is desired is that rooming houses protect students from fire, and at the same time be sanitary in every respect."

"There has been a growing evil in the University," the chairman says, "due to student rooming agencies, who have made it a practice to take entering freshmen and place them in any sort of room, regardless of the freshman's financial standing or the desirability of the rooming houses." He quotes from a report which

said; "This seemed to be the cry of more than one freshman: 'You are too late; had you helped me select rooms you would have been a real help.'" He recommends that the University compile and send each summer to prospective freshmen a list of all the rooming houses in Ithaca, stating the price of every room, and that members of the committee be in Ithaca early in the fall to assist freshmen in finding good rooms. The chairman recommends that in general the work of the committee be carried on along the lines followed this year, except with respect to the employment bureau, which he thinks should be discontinued. In conclusion, he says:

Freshmen Grateful

"I have numerous letters from freshmen and new men, in which they state the pleasure that they had in being called upon by members of the committee. They heartily recommend the work we are doing. We had the opportunity of helping many, especially a great number who, being away from home for the first time, lacked the customary surroundings of home, and were rather discouraged. One committeeman wrote me that he sat for two hours talking to a freshman, who had not spoken to anyone since his arrival and had come to the conclusion that he had no friends at Cornell. The committeeman took him out on the street, and immediately proceeded to show him he had numerous friends, only he had never met them.

"There can be no doubt as to the value of the work, and my only hope is that the committee may improve from year to year until it reaches its maximum efficiency. My suggestions are made with this end in view.

"In closing, I wish to thank the members of this council for the assistance which they have given me, and assure them that I have found the work pleasant and profitable."

University Preachers

January 11—The Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

January 18—The Rev. Charles Fiske, D.D. (Episcopalian), rector of the Church of Saint Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, Md.

January 25—The Rev. William Byron Forbush (Congregationalist), pastor of the North Church, Detroit, Mich.

February 1—The Rev. Theodore F. Joseph (Jewish), Allentown, Pa.

Plans for Music Festival

To Be Held About the First of May— Thomas Orchestra Engaged

The University's department of music has made arrangements for a music festival next spring. The festival will occupy three days—April 30 and May 1 and 2. It will serve to inaugurate the new organ in the auditorium of the College of Agriculture.

The music festival was an annual event for years, but has been omitted the last two seasons. In the spring of 1912 Professor Dann was in Europe. Last spring the festival was given up on account of the limited seating capacity of Sage Chapel. By next April the new auditorium will be completed, with seats for more than two thousand persons, and a new organ, for which Mr. Andrew Carnegie and other friends of the University provided, will be installed there.

The Theodore Thomas Orchestra of Chicago has been engaged for the three days of the festival. A chorus of 225 voices from the University and the city has been rehearsing the music, under Professor Dann's direction, since the college year began. There will be six soloists. Their names have not yet been announced.

There will be four concerts, three evening and one afternoon. The first evening program will be devoted to selections from Gounod's "Faust," the second to Grieg's "Ole Trygvason," and the third to works of Wagner. The afternoon entertainment will be a mixed program for chorus and orchestra and will include also an organ number by Mr. James T. Quarles, the University organist.

The Best Gift for Cornell

Some Replies to a Question Asked by "The Sun"

The *Cornell Daily Sun* asked several persons connected with the University to say what they thought would be an ideal Christmas present for Cornell. Deans Smith, Haskell, Irvine, and Moore, and Professor Faust all said that the best Christmas present the University could receive would be a large addition to the endowment. Some of the other replies printed by the *Sun* were as follows:

Dean Merritt, of the Graduate School: "The thing, among those within the bounds of possibility, which strikes me as most desirable would be a fund, the income of which might be used for meeting the expenses of research work taken up by

members of the Faculty and graduate students. Some universities have such a fund and I have thought for a long time that it would be a fine thing to have here."

Professor Sampson: "The best Christmas present Cornell could possibly receive would be a resolution on the part of each undergraduate to put his best brains, his strongest will, his finest enthusiasm into every intellectual task assigned him."

Professor Sill: "What Cornell should pray for is not money, but men; not an increase in material resources, but an improvement in human resources. There is a profound truth in the saying: 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.' The righteousness of a university consists in a devotion to science. It develops moral character as a by-product of intellectual endeavor. We need more men and women who come here to study, to read, to think for themselves, to explore, to investigate, and to theorize. We need great teachers, men who can arouse, sustain and satisfy in us all the passion for inquiry, who can lead us in the adventure of science, who can establish in us the will to know, and to act in accordance with knowledge. Such men cannot be bought. They give themselves."

Professor Creighton: "The University needs most the things that money cannot buy; a tradition and atmosphere of devotion to science and the things of the mind. Increase in numbers, new buildings, money gifts, athletic victories, and all the other things that are supposed to enhance the reputation of the University, are valuable just in so far as they contribute, directly or indirectly, to the development of this spirit. If, however, the University is to carry on in a proper way the work that it has already undertaken, even without any extension or enlargement, there must be a substantial increase of the general endowment. It should be a fine thing if we were to receive this year a Christmas present of a couple of millions for this purpose. But there is little use of dreaming about such a possibility. Cornell has come to the time of life when it must look within, rather than without, for support, as the older universities do. It has been said that if a Harvard man dies without leaving something in his will to his university, an action is likely to be brought to set aside his will on the ground of insanity. And, as we know, the alumni

of the older institutions do not wait until they die to bring gifts to their colleges. The Cornell alumni have not been wanting in this respect in the past, and now, grown numerous and strong, they are organizing to furnish regular support for carrying on the work of the University. Last year \$20,000 was turned over to the University from this alumni fund, and it is hoped this year to make the contribution \$50,000. The semi-centennial of the University will be celebrated in 1918. I have hopes that in that year the University will receive a great Christmas present, a genuine gold wedding gift, contributed by her sons and daughters. By that time we shall be more than twenty thousand strong and ready for a large undertaking."

OBITUARY

H. J. Messenger '80

Hiram John Messenger, who had been for the last fifteen years the actuary of the Travelers Insurance Company, died at his home in Hartford, Conn., on December 15. He had been ill several months. The burial was at Cortland, N. Y.

Dr. Messenger was born at Canandaigua, N. Y., on July 6, 1855. When he was five years old his parents moved to Cortland, where he lived until his education was completed. He was the son of Hiram John and Luana L. (Heaton) Messenger. Among his ancestors were Nathaniel Heaton, who came to Boston from New England in 1634; Deacon Stephen Hart and William Kelsey, who came to Hartford with Hooker's party in 1635; and Deacon Samuel Chapin, one of the founders of Springfield, Mass. He attended the Cortland Normal School and graduated in 1875. He entered Cornell University in 1876 and graduated in 1880 with the degree of Bachelor of Literature.

For a year after he finished his college course Dr. Messenger held a temporary appointment as professor of mathematics in the Cortland Normal School. Then for two years (1881-83) he was professor of mathematics at Napa College in California. He returned to Cornell for graduate study in 1883 and remained here for three years, during the last year of which he was McGraw Fellow in mathematics. The degree of Ph.D. was conferred on him in 1886. During the next four years Dr. Messenger was acting associate professor of mathematics in New York University. In 1890-91 he

was a student at the Institute of Actuaries in London.

On his return to this country he was employed in the actuarial department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. He remained with that company till 1898, when he was appointed actuary of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford. His observations on life insurance matters and such subjects as public health were published from time to time in the form of pamphlets. Among his publications were "The Rate of Sickness," "Comments on the Gain and Loss Exhibit," "Health Insurance in the United States," "Sub-Standard Insurance," "The Nation's Health," and "The Undeveloped Field in the Life Insurance Business." The last-named was the fruit of a tour which he made in 1910 and 1911 through the South for the purpose of studying sanitary conditions. He was a lecturer at Cornell University in 1901 on life, accident, liability and health insurance.

Dr. Messenger always kept an interest in the University's welfare. He established the Luana L. Messenger Memorial Prize, "for the essay giving evidence of the best research and most fruitful thought in the field of human progress or the evolution of civilization." He became a member of the Cornellian Council when that committee was organized, attended its meetings, and took part in the work of establishing the Alumni Fund. He was a member of the Cornell clubs of New York City and New England. Other organizations to which he belonged were the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, the American Mathematical Society, the Phi Beta Kappa Society, and the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He was a fellow of the Actuarial Society of America, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a fellow of the American Statistical Society, and a trustee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society.

Dr. Messenger was unmarried. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. John F. Wilcox of Cortland.

Philip G. Knight '14

Philip Graham Knight, a member of the class of 1914 in the College of Arts and Sciences, died at Bellevue Hospital in New York City on December 1st of acute leucemia. His home was in Spokane, Wash. He was a member of the Bandhu fraternity and the Huntington Club.



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THE NEWS will not be published next week, on account of the University recess. The issue succeeding this one will come out on January 8, 1914.

SOME STATEMENTS made in this paper last week about the proposed organization of instructors were, we find, expressed in such a way as perhaps to be misunderstood. There was not at any time a difference of opinion between the Board of Trustees and a part of the instructing staff over the interpretation of the rule regarding payment of tuition by instructors registered as students in the Graduate School. The rule was interpreted as it was, not because of any demand that it be so interpreted, but simply

because the Trustees had never contemplated any other interpretation of it. The NEWS said so at the time, anticipating by several weeks the official announcement of what the ruling was intended to do. In the statement given out by the promoters of the proposed association of instructors there is no suggestion that if an organization is formed it will take part in any movement to bring about a change in methods of administration. The chief idea expressed in the instructions to the committee of organization is that the younger teachers throughout the University might be enabled to know one another better. Our suggestion of ways in which such an association could be useful was our own and was not based on anything which instructors have said about their purposes. However, the fact that they are talking of organizing is of interest chiefly, as we tried to point out, because it may serve to remind the friends of the University that the instructors and assistants constitute so large a proportion as they do of the teaching force. More than half our teachers are individuals who have no personal part in the affairs of the University as a whole. The remedy is to get more income and strengthen the higher ranks of the Faculty. Meanwhile a union of instructors may be a means of university fellowship in ranks where little general fellowship now exists—where there is no common interest to cement the divisions between colleges and departments.

THE SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY has been busy for months past in transferring to a permanent card index and revising the address list of alumni. The list is now as nearly complete as it can be made from the information in the Secretary's office. Several of the class secretaries have submitted their lists to him for revision, and he is willing to revise any class list. Any alumnus or group of alumni may obtain from him whatever information he has regarding the whereabouts of former students. He hopes to be able in time to expand this work of his office into what might be called an alumni service bureau and provide a system for furnishing former students with information on all sorts of subjects relating to the University. Even now local associations may make use of the official address list to find out what recent graduates have settled in their neighborhoods. Alumni who think of organizing associations where there are

none may also obtain the help of the Secretary in making up their lists. In order to assist the University to keep its index as useful as possible, former students should inform the Secretary of any change in permanent address.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Place of the Pennsylvania Game

Editor, Cornell Alumni News:

It has been rumored that the annual Pennsylvania-Cornell football game may be transferred to Ithaca, or perhaps held in Ithaca every other year. Wouldn't that be a mistake? Every year thousands of Cornellians look forward eagerly to the Thanksgiving game at Philadelphia. That city is the logical place to stage the affair. It is centrally located and readily reached from many points. Franklin Field will always be able to accommodate many more persons than our field at Ithaca, and the question of getting a large crowd is a very important one for the athletic association. Not that the writer wants to disparage Ithaca in any way, but rather to point out a sentiment which seems quite prevalent among Cornell men.

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THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA

An advertisement of the New International Encyclopedia is published on another page. The editor of the ALUMNI NEWS would like to add a word of his own about the work. He owns a copy of it which he has been using constantly for more than a year, and it has never failed him yet as a reference book. The articles under most of the titles are so complete that with their cross-references they furnish in themselves a pretty thorough course of reading on most subjects, although references are given to the best authorities for further reading. The Year Book (published every year as a supplement) brings down to date any articles which it may have become necessary to revise. On subjects relating to American affairs the work is thorough. This encyclopedia is welcome to all the room it takes on the present writer's bookshelves.

GOOD SKATING was to be enjoyed on Beebe Lake most of the last week. Within ten days after the oarsmen were rowing up and down the Inlet, the hockey players were skating up and down Beebe Lake.

ALUMNI CALENDAR

Friday, December 26.

Detroit.—Musical Clubs. Knights of Columbus Hall.

Saturday, December 27.

Indianapolis.—Musical Clubs. Das Deutsche Haus.

Monday, December 29.

Cincinnati.—Musical Clubs. Emery Auditorium.

Tuesday, December 30.

Cleveland.—Musical Clubs. Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Hall.

Wednesday, December 31.

Pittsburgh.—Musical Clubs. Carnegie Music Hall.

Thursday, January 1.

Baltimore.—Musical Clubs. Albaugh's Theatre.

Friday, January 2.

Brooklyn.—Musical Clubs. Academy of Music.

Saturday, January 3.

Rochester.—Musical Clubs. Shubert Theatre.

Friday, January 9.

New York City.—Basketball. Columbia vs. Cornell. Columbia University Gymnasium.

Saturday, January 10.

New York City.—Hockey, Princeton vs. Cornell. The St. Nicholas Rink. Tickets for this game may be obtained from R. C. Dunbar, whose residence is Cornell University Club, 65 Park Avenue (telephone Murray Hill 5950), and whose business address is in care of Charles A. Platt, Esq., 11 East Twenty-fourth Street (telephone Madison Square 5311). It is earnestly requested by the hockey management that all the alumni who can do so attend this game and give the team their support.

Friday, January 16.

New York City.—Cornell University Club, 65 Park Avenue, at Thirty-eighth Street. Musical recital, John Barnes Wells, tenor. Cornell men who are not members of the club are welcome.

Friday, January 23.

Milwaukee.—Annual Banquet of the Cornell University Alumni Association of Milwaukee.

New York City.—Annual banquet and reunion of the Cornell Society of Civil Engineers.

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ATHLETICS

O'Hearn Elected Captain

Right End Chosen to Lead the Eleven Next Year

John Ewing O'Hearn, of Brookline, Mass., has been elected captain of the varsity football team for next year. He is a member of the junior class in the College of Agriculture. He will be twenty-one years old next July. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Dunstan, and Aleph Samach.

O'Hearn was captain of the football team of the Brookline High School for two years. In his freshman year at Cornell he played right end on his class team, which defeated the Pennsylvania freshmen 15 to 0. Two long runs by O'Hearn contributed materially to the score. Right end has been his position during his two seasons on the varsity eleven. Critics agree in calling him one of the best ends in the country. In the season just closed he played in all the games up to the Harvard game, when he received an injury to one of his eyes which kept him out of the play for the rest of the season. Although he did not play against Pennsylvania, he was included in several of the season's "All-American" selections. He is a player who "uses his head" on the field. His ability to think and act quickly has made him one of the natural leaders of the team, and it was generally expected that he would be the man chosen to head the eleven next year.

Basketball

An Easy Victory over Niagara in the First Game

The varsity five's first game ended with the score: Cornell, 60; Niagara University, 20. Leslie Brown '16, of Elmira, playing at left forward, gave a good account of himself. He scored five of Cornell's field goals. The other players were the veterans of last year: Cross at right forward, Haeberle at center, and the Halsted brothers, H. C. and G. C., at left guard and right guard respectively.

Niagara's comparatively small score was due not so much to the fact that her players could not shoot goals as to the fact that they did not get much chance to shoot goals. They were covered so thoroughly when they had the ball that their attack was kept smothered.

The first half was one-sided, ending with the score 29 to 6. Niagara ob-



CAPTAIN O'HEARN

Photograph by The Corner Bookstores

tained only three field goals in this period and had no opportunity for the other kind of score because not a single foul was called on Cornell. Five were called on Niagara in the same period and Captain Gilbert Halsted made three of them good. Early in the second half Niagara speeded up and scored several times before the home five really got under way. A little later the Cornell goals came thick and fast. Toward the end several substitutions were made in Cornell's team. Sutterby went in for Haeberle, Riley for G. C. Halsted, and Jandorf for H. C. Halsted, and later A. C. Peters took Jandorf's place. This combination was not so strong defensively, although it continued the scoring for Cornell. Niagara was able to get seven baskets in this half. Four fouls were called on Cornell, but none of them was converted into a point for Niagara. One point of Cornell's 31 in the second half was a goal from foul.

For Cornell, Cross scored nine goals from the field, Brown five, Haeberle

five, G. C. Halsted five, Sutterby three, and H. C. Halsted one.

The next game will be with the Michigan Agricultural College at Ithaca on January 6. On Friday, January 9, the team will have its first league game, meeting Columbia in New York City, and on the next day will go up to West Point for a game with the Army five.

Rifle Shooting

Thirty-four Teams Entered—Cornell Heads Class B

Thirty-four colleges and universities have entered teams of ten men each for the intercollegiate rifle shooting championship. This is six more than were in the league last year. The matches are held under the supervision of U. S. Army officers acting as National Rifle Association judges. Each team shoots on its own range and the targets are sent to Washington for record. The University of West Virginia won the championship last season. The institutions this year are divided into three classes, as follows:

Class A—Massachusetts Agricultural College, Harvard, Iowa State, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Minnesota, West Virginia, Princeton, Michigan Agricultural College, Purdue, Norwich, North Georgia Agricultural College and California.

Class B—Cornell, Wisconsin, United States Naval Academy, Dartmouth, Columbia, Vermont, Washington State, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical, Maine, Lehigh, Kansas and Louisiana State.

Class C—Clemson, Missouri, Worcester Polytechnic, Illinois, Oregon Agricultural, Notre Dame, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Penn State and Kansas State Agricultural.

Hockey.—The squad has been able to get some real ice practice on Beebe Lake during the week. A game with Yale was scheduled for Tuesday night at Syracuse. Princeton will be met on January 10 at New York City.

THE CHIEF TRUMPETER is now a paid officer of the military department. The Trustees have authorized the appointment at a salary of \$100 a year.

A FUND of several hundred dollars has been raised by Cornell students for a Christmas present to E. C. Mercer, the missionary who comes here every year.

Society of Civil Engineers
Annual Banquet in New York on
January 23

The Cornell Society of Civil Engineers will hold its annual banquet and reunion in New York City on Friday evening, January 23, 1914. That day is during the week of the annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers, so that all Cornell members who attend that convention will be able to attend the banquet also.

The committee in charge puts particular stress on the fact that this banquet is for all Cornell engineers and their guests. Civil engineers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers or architects who ever attended the University are cordially invited to be present and to bring any of their friends as their guests. There will be talks by prominent engineers and members of the Faculty, music and stunts.

Those desiring to attend the banquet should inform the treasurer of the society, Professor W. S. Edge, Cooper Union, New York City.

The Brooklyn Concert
Invitations to Schoolboys Sent Out by
Association

Several hundred members of preparatory and high school glee clubs in the Borough of Brooklyn have been invited to attend the concert of the Cornell Musical Clubs in the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Friday, January 2. They are to be the guests of the clubs and of the Cornell Association of Brooklyn.

Tristan Antell '13, of the Brooklyn committee, is in charge of the work of distributing among the schools tickets which may be exchanged at the box office sale opening December 31 for seats upstairs. The idea originated with the association, which plans to make an invitation of this sort a feature of the semi-annual appearances of the undergraduate musicians in Brooklyn in case the response on the part of the schools is favorable. Brooklyn already has furnished the university with some famous singers and players. The present leader of the Glee Club, Douglas A. Smith '14, is a resident of the borough.

The Brooklyn alumni have invited the Cornell University Club of New York to name a representative on the committee of arrangements, and President Westervelt has appointed Albert B. Williams '06.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES

The executive committee of the Board of Trustees has made the following expression of its feeling with respect to the resignation of Professor J. H. Comstock '74:

"In accepting the foregoing resignation the Trustees congratulate Professor Comstock on his long, honorable, and fruitful service to Cornell University, with which as student and teacher he has been associated almost without interruption since he matriculated as a freshman, and they bear grateful testimony to his success in teaching and in inspiring students and also in scientific investigation, for the continuance of which they trust his health and energy may be preserved for many years to come to the honor of his Alma Mater and the advancement of truth and knowledge."

After accepting the resignation of Professor Charles De Garmo, the committee adopted the following minute:

"Dr. DeGarmo came to Cornell after twenty-five years' labor as teacher and administrator in school, college, and university. Under his guidance the Department of Education was reorganized and has been a large factor in the preparation of many students for usefulness. During his years of service to Cornell he has wielded a widespread influence in the country through his writings, his addresses to gatherings of school men, his helpfulness to those charged with school administration. In the University he has inspired others by his teaching and even more by the gentle nobility of his character, and by his steadfast devotion to the highest standards of life and work."

A CHANGE in the staff of the department of physics is the promotion of K. S. Gibson '12, an assistant, to an instructorship in place of H. O. Taylor '09, who has resigned. Miss Mildred Severance, a member of the junior class, was appointed an assistant in physics for the second term. Miss Alice Schmitthenner has been appointed a technical assistant in the department of anatomy in the Medical College in New York City for the rest of the year.

FOR JUNIOR WEEK the Masque is preparing to present "The Gondoliers," a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. The cast and chorus are hard at work with rehearsals.

ALUMNI NOTES

'92—Bert Houghton is construction engineer and assistant superintendent of the operating department of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn. A sketch in the *Electrical Review and Western Electrician* says that after Houghton left college he was with E. D. Leavitt, the expert in steam engineering, at Boston, till 1894, when he joined the Boston office of the General Electric Company. While connected with their motor department he laid out the first motor-driven gun-carriage for coast defense service in the United States. He afterward became associated with Lockwood, Greene & Co., Boston, mill architects and engineers. While with them he helped lay out the first block electric plant in the city of Lowell, Mass. In 1899 he began designing work for the Boston Electric Light Company under the late F. A. Gilbert. His big work there was the laying out of the plans and specifications for the original 6,800-kilowatt generating plant in South Boston. That was the first unit-type station, with boilers, engines, generators and auxiliaries arranged for independent but co-operative service. The Boston Edison Company, which, in the early days, was a rival of the Boston Electric Company, engaged Mr. Houghton for the remodeling of the Atlantic Avenue station. After the consolidation of the two electric lighting companies under the present Boston Edison organization, Mr. Houghton was associated with the construction bureau in charge of all installation work of a mechanical character. He superintended about forty important installations, including sub-stations. A year ago last February he began his duties as assistant to Harry P. Wood, superintendent of the construction and operating department of the Edison Illuminating Company of Brooklyn.

'94, M.E.—Edward S. Sanderson is sales manager of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, with which he has been connected for ten years. His address is 155 Buckingham Street, Waterbury, Conn.

'96, LL.B.—W. H. Feiker has just been re-elected Mayor of Northampton, Mass.

'96, LL.B.—Announcement is made of the marriage of Gordon Saussy to Hattie S. Varnedoe, on December 8, 1913, at Savannah, Ga.

'97, M.C.E.—E. J. McCaustland, formerly of the Cornell Faculty, now professor of municipal and highway engineering at the University of Washington, has been appointed by the county commissioners as consulting engineer for King County (Seattle). In conjunction with the state highway commissioner Mr. McCaustland will act as adviser to the county engineer in the expenditure of three million dollars for permanent highways.

'00, Ph.B.—E. Winifred Jewell is the head of the German department of the Montclair (N. J.) High School.

'03, M.E.—H. C. Beckwith has withdrawn from Pacific Coast interests and his address now is Hotel Vendome, Columbus, Ohio.

'05, A.B.—The present address of W. W. Baldwin, jr., is Fellsmere, Florida.

'05, M.E.—James Lynch is now works manager of the Du Pont Fabrikoid Company, Newburgh, N. Y. He spent two months in Europe during the summer, studying factories engaged in allied industries.

'06, M.E.—F. C. Brundage is engaged in power house and line construction for Utah Power & Light Company developments in Idaho and Utah. His job is construction superintendent of the Phoenix Construction Company. His address is 404 Kearns Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

'06, M.E.—H. W. Slauson is the manager of the motor department of *Leslie's Weekly*. His address is 225 Fifth Avenue, New York.

'06, M.E.—Lieut. Edwin K. Smith of the Coast Artillery Corps has been transferred to Fort Monroe, Virginia.

'06, C.E.—Edward A. Evans is with the T. A. Gillespie Company and is now employed at Massena, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., as engineer on the construction of buildings, railroads, sewer and water system at the Massena plant of The Aluminum Company of America.

'06, A.B.—J. J. Wolfersperger is engineer for the Moffat Coal Company, Oak Creek, Colorado.

'07, M.E.—William Gorton Taylor is an engineer in the power and mining engineering department of the General Electric Company at Schenectady. He

spent five months last spring and summer in the California oil fields on engineering work relative to the application of motors to drilling, pumping and cleaning oil wells.

'07, M.E.—R. R. Nickerson is with the International Steam Pump Company at Cleveland, Ohio. His address is 1950 East Ninetieth Street.

'07, C.E.—Louis J. Sieling, superintendent of construction for the McHarg-Barton Company, is still in charge of the building of three miles of dikes in the Hudson River below Albany for the U. S. Government. He expects to be in New York City again after January 1st.

'07, C.E.—The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey has recently published a book entitled "Triangulation along the West Coast of Florida" of which C. H. Swick is the author.

'08, A.B.—Alice L. Clark is secretary to Charles R. Flint, 25 Broad Street, New York.

'08, M.E.—Archie G. Rockwell is in the sales department of the M. H. Treadwell Company, engineers and contractors, 72 West Adams Street, Chicago.

'08, C.E.—Mrs. Kinton Stevens announces the engagement of her daughter, Barbara Caroline, to M. D. Mann, jr. Mann is living at the Santa Barbara Club, Santa Barbara, California.

'08, M.E.—Charles L. Beaman is with the American Blower Company at Detroit, Mich. His address is 152 Harper Avenue.

'09, C.E.—B. G. Danis was married to Grace Esther Bunce of Pittsfield, Mass., on September 29, 1913. They are living at Monument Avenue and Liberty Street, Dayton, Ohio. Danis is manager of the Dayton office of the A. Bentley & Sons Company, general contractors, Toledo, Ohio.

'10—Edwin W. Rand is with the Eugene City Power Company, Walterville, Oregon.

'10, M.E.—F. A. Bolona, of Guayaquil, Ecuador, is now in this country. His address is in care of the consulate of Ecuador, 11 Broadway, New York.

'10, C.E.—William F. Jenrick is assistant superintendent on the Hunt's Point development for The Foundation

Company. His address is 657 Byrant Avenue, New York.

'11, C.E.—G. C. Stone's address is changed to 138 Woodrow Avenue, Dorchester, Mass. He is with Lockwood, Greene & Co., Boston.

'11, M.E.—E. W. Bellinger's address now is 174 St. Botolph Street, Boston, Mass.

'11, C.E.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell Price on October 23, 1913. Price is president and general manager of the Price Concrete Construction Company, 225 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md.

'11, A.B.—H. P. Blumenauer is in India for the Standard Oil Company of New York. His address is 8 Dalhousie Square East, Calcutta.

'11, A.B.—Melita H. Skillen is professor of the English language and literature in Okanagan College, West Summerland, British Columbia. The college is situated in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, a fruit growing district. It is coeducational and is affiliated with McMaster University of Toronto.

'11, M.E.—G. W. Parkin's address is 735 Seventh Avenue, New York. He is engineer of the Delivery Supervision Company, which manufactures the "Recordograf."

'11, M.E.—A. W. de Revere is now in the Chicago sales office of the Heine Safety Boiler Company, having been transferred from the Phoenixville shop of the company.

'11, LL.B.—George Sanderson, jr., announces the removal of his law office to 233 Powers Building, Rochester, N. Y. He has become a partner in the firm of Ingalsbe, Sanderson & Wegner.

'11, C.E.—C. Hersey Lent is assistant to the president of Brown, Lent & Pett, manufacturing stationers, New York City.

'11—S. K. Nester, jr., is the manager of the Hotel Seneca at Geneva, N. Y.

'12, M.E.—J. W. Stoddard, jr., is with the Edwards Motor Car Company, 1790 Broadway, New York.

'12, B.Arch.—George Bain Cummings is with Carrère & Hastings, New York City. His home is at 914 Prospect Place, Brooklyn.

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'12, M.E.—Walter S. Fogg is vice-president and manager of the Alert Tool Company of Philadelphia. His address is 1909 Mount Vernon Street.

'12, M.E.—J. Dunbar Ross has returned from the Panama Canal and is now at 1075 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'12—W. E. Weidler has been transferred by the Standard Oil Company of New York from Hongkong, China, to Johannesburg, South Africa. His address there is Box 1531.

'12, A.B.—Stanley P. Lovell has recently become sales manager of the New England Oil, Paint & Varnish Company. This concern is a consolidation of two large New England houses. His address is 162 Summer Street, Somerville, Mass.

'12, C.E.—Linn D. Shipman is with the Electric Bond & Share Company, New York.

'12, B.Chem.—Joseph P. Koller is with the Morgan & Wright Tire Company of Detroit. His address is 453 Helen Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

'12, M.E.—Conant Wait, of the commercial automobile department of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company, has just returned from a three months trip to the Pacific Coast.

'12, M.E.—C. H. Evans 3d is assistant engineer with C. H. Evans & Sons of Hudson, N. Y. His home address is 418 Warren Street.

'12, A.B.—Edith F. McCully is assistant executive secretary of the Chelsea Neighborhood Association, 1182 Broadway, New York City.

'12, M.E.—F. E. Yoakum, jr., is agent of the Southern Pacific Railway at Tucson, Arizona.

'12, A.B.—J. T. Machat is now physical director of the Radnor School System in Philadelphia. He is living at 3608 Walnut Street.

'12, A.B.—J. R. Hurford is now with the Fuel Engineering Company, 59 Pearl Street, New York, as a chemist.

'12, C.E.—Robert L. James is assistant professor and head of the department of engineering drawing in the University of North Carolina. His address is Box 267, Chapel Hill, N. C.

'12, A.B.—Anna J. Hancy is an assistant in the department of botany this year.

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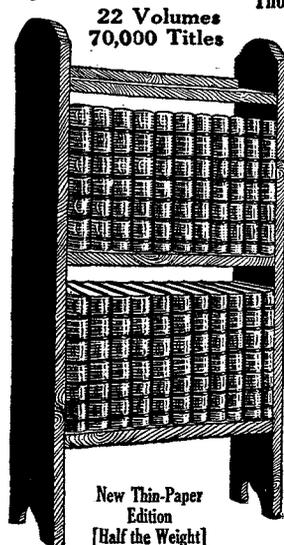
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'12, M.E.—H. B. Nye is with the Power Construction Company at Hoosac Tunnel, Mass.

'12, M.S.—Alfred Atkinson is professor of agronomy in Montana State College at Bozeman.

'12, A.B.—Alan H. Colcord of Brooklyn has taken complete charge of all his father's business affairs, including the management of several apartment houses, since his father's recent death, and is at the same time keeping up his work as a student in the Columbia Law School.

'12, B.Arch.—Paul Weigel is in the office of the government architect on the Panama Canal. His address is Culebra, Canal Zone.

'12, M.E.—After January 1st George J. Stockly will be with Mann, Bill & Ware, investment securities, 38 Wall Street, New York. His present address is 1269 Madison Avenue.

'12—Charles Austin Clark, of Owego, N. Y., was married on November 29, at Cooperstown, N. Y., to Miss Mary B. Davidson, of Cooperstown. Clark was admitted to the bar this fall and will practice law at Owego.

'13, B.Arch.—Edna E. Cafilisch was married to Dawson C. Skillen at Olean, N. Y., on August 30, 1913. Their home is at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

'13, LL.B.—J. H. O'Connell and R. E. Bixby have passed the Ohio bar examinations.

'13, M.E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Brayton Atwater Porter, of New Britain, Conn., to Miss Frieda Atwater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Atwater, of Ithaca.

'13, M.E.—C. C. Hope is with the Semet-Solvay Company, at Detroit, Mich.

'13, B.S.—H. Fraser Benton is the manager of the Hermitage Farm, Rock Creek, Ohio.

'13, LL.B.—Miguel A. Munoz has been appointed private secretary to the Governor of Porto Rico. Munoz is a native of the island and his home is in Miramar. While he was at Cornell he was an active member of the Cosmopolitan Club. At the International Congress of Students in Ithaca last September he was elected secretary of the General International Committee of the Corda Frates, International Federation of Students, for two years. He was a member in his senior year of the University debate team against the University of Pennsylvania, and was on the Ninety-four Memorial stage. In the same year he rowed No. 5 on the junior varsity eight which made a new record on the Schuylkill River course.

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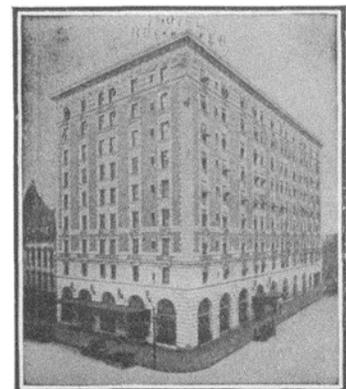
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