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**F**OOD conservation has been organized among the students of Cornell. A joint meeting of an executive committee and a men's and a women's undergraduate committee was held in Barnes Hall on December 10, when a program of food saving was adopted. It has not been difficult to persuade students that economy of certain food materials is necessary, but their problem of conservation is complicated by the large variety of eating places on the hill. In the dining rooms which the University conducts—Sage and Risley Halls, Cascadilla Hall, and Sibley—various devices for the saving of wheat and meats had already been introduced. These changes have increased the cost of providing for the tables, because the University has offered many of the meat and wheat substitutes as additions to the bill of fare rather than as substitutes for what had formerly been provided. One of the purposes of the present student campaign is to organize student co-operation with the management of these halls so as to effect both conservation and economy.

THE FRATERNITIES and boarding clubs offer a conservation problem of a peculiar kind. Here the Interfraternity Association has taken a hand by formally recommending that each organization adopt a program of food saving which has been proposed by the University's department of home economics and which has been put into effect in that department's cafeteria. This plan is to make every Tuesday a meatless day and every Thursday a wheatless day, to omit white bread altogether, to serve no meat at breakfast on any day, to reduce the consumption of sugar, and to diminish the amount of fried foods used. Bills of fare for the meatless and wheatless days, compiled by the home economics department, are furnished to the fraternities and clubs that ask for them.

A PLEDGE to be taken by all student organizations that wish to observe the department's conservation rules is offered, as follows: "We, the undersigned organization, agree to observe Tuesday as a meatless day and Thursday as a wheatless day during the continuance of the war, and to conform to the best

of our ability with such other rules and regulations as may be issued by the home economics department through the undergraduate conservation committee." A large number of pledge cards sent out by the undergraduate committee have been returned with signatures of men's and women's organizations. To each signer the committee sends a chart on which are listed the foodstuffs in ordinary use and on which the fraternity or club is asked to keep a record of the quantities used each month so that the amount of its saving may be determined.

DAILY BULLETINS containing little sermons on the value or needlessness of particular foods in the human diet are published in the *Sun*. These bulletins are furnished by the department of home economics. They are designed to be instructive and also to serve as daily reminders of the movement for conservation of food. The executive committee serving as adviser in the student campaign includes Professor C. V. P. Young, of the department of physical training; Professor Flora Rose, of the department of home economics; C. D. Bostwick, treasurer of the University, and E. P. Tuttle, president of the Student Council. The student committees are composed of five men and five women undergraduates.

A MEETING of the administration committee of the Board of Trustees will be held in Ithaca next Saturday, December 15. At that meeting the committee will consider the Faculty's recommendation that the academic year be so compacted by the omission of holidays that Commencement will fall upon May 22 instead of June 19.

MANY students have left the University in the last few weeks to enlist in the Army or the Navy. Those who are going now are for the most part men of military age who are included in the draft. Some of them are taking advantage of the opportunity, offered by the military authorities until December 15, to enlist in some form of military service before the new method of selecting drafted men for the National Army goes into effect. No estimate of the number of these departures has been made. Their number, together with the

number of the students who will be called to service in the course of the college year, will cause a considerable reduction in the student enrollment before Commencement, especially in the attendance of upperclassmen.

A PRIZE of \$50 has been awarded to Russell Lord '18 for the best play written to be produced at the Kermis in Farmers' Week at the College of Agriculture. Lord is now a corporal in the 112th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp McClellan in Alabama. He wrote the play in spare hours at the camp. Its title is "They Who Till." It deals with the progress of country life in America, in a series of episodes illustrative of the "gentleman farmer," the period of agricultural depression, and the present beginnings of rural awakening. Lord would have been editor of the *Countrymen* this year if he had not left college to go into military service. The play will be produced under the direction of Professor G. A. Everett.

LECTURES of this week include a discussion of the present Russian situation, by Professor Vladimir Karapetoff, before the Ethics Club, and "The rise of Prussia and of the new Germany," by Professor Carl Becker, in the course on the history of civilization. Frank D. Newbury '01, division engineer of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, gives a talk before the A. I. E. E. on everyday problems in the operation of generators and synchronous converters.

ITHACA SCENERY was employed in the production of "The Adopted Son (Ithaca made), starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne; a six-act Metro super-feature of love and danger." It is supposed to be the story of a Kentucky feud, but all of it except the first reel was made hereabouts. It is full of such familiar sights as Enfield Falls, Cayuga Lake, and the University Proctor.

THE University's Christmas recess will begin on Saturday, January 22, and instruction will begin on Wednesday, January 2, provided the Trustees approve the Faculty's proposed revision of the University calendar. Otherwise the period of rest will be December 20—January 2 inclusive.

**American University Union  
Paris Headquarters Filled to Capacity  
Soon After Its Opening**

The *Yale Alumni Weekly* of December 7 contains a description of the opening, on October 20, of the Paris headquarters of the American University Union in Europe. The account was written by Mr. George H. Nettleton (Yale '96), Director of the Union. For its Paris headquarters the Union leased the Royal Palace Hotel, 8, Rue de Richelieu and Place du Théâtre Français. No formal ceremonies were held, but that night there was an informal dinner of the members of the Executive Committee and of the Paris Advisory Council of the Union. Cornell is represented on this Council by A. D. Weil '86. Mr. Nettleton's letter includes this account of the Union's work:

"The popularity of the Union has been rapid. On the tenth night every room in the building was occupied and provision was immediately made to care for any overflow in an adjacent hotel. As definite arrangements have now been made to secure excellent accommodations at reduced rates for those who bring cards from the University Union, it will be possible to provide either at the Union itself or in the immediate vicinity comfortable accommodations for all applicants. Just at present there are a great many men who are transferring from the American Field Service to some other branch of military activity. When these transfers are made and when the younger men, whose terms of volunteer service have expired and who are rapidly returning to the United States, have left Paris, it is likely that the number of college men seeking temporary quarters here may be lessened. The constant inflow, however, of new forces from America will go far to offset these losses, and for the present, at least, the Union is filled to capacity.

"In its popularity, its central location is unquestionably a strong factor. Situated at the end of the Rue de Richelieu where it opens into the Place du Théâtre Français, the Union faces immediately the square and the Theatre itself. The main entrance is on the Rue de Richelieu but the building itself faces on three streets and is so constructed that every bedroom is an outside room. Built but a few years before the war, it is thoroughly modern, plentifully supplied with private baths, and has running water in every bedroom. The management, which before the war operated several large and very successful French seaside

hotels, is responsible and competent. The management continues to operate the hotel and restaurant, but the Union controls its exclusive use. Under the contract, the prices of rooms and meals have been reduced considerably and a fixed tariff established. No tips are permitted, but in lieu thereof 10% is added to all bills during the first week, and 7% thereafter. This innovation has proved very popular and helps to differentiate the Union from an ordinary hotel.

"A unique feature of the Union is the arrangement for its general offices and for the individual college bureaus which are being maintained by several universities. On each floor a suite of three rooms has been set aside for each bureau. These suites consist of a salon, used as a reception room; a small bedroom, converted into an office with tables and stenographer's desk, and a large bedroom, occupied by the director of the bureau. Thus the successive floors, from the first to the fifth, are occupied respectively by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale, Princeton, Harvard, and the University of Michigan. The University of Virginia and Cornell will open bureaus shortly. On the entresol, where are situated the general offices of the Union, the three rooms are occupied respectively by the Director, Assistant-Director (business manager), and the general staff, whose duty is to care for the interests of all colleges not specially represented here.

"It is too early to describe the Union. The extraordinary delays and difficulties in securing any form of labor or any kind of material not immediately in stock have postponed many of the steps which the Executive Committee wished to take immediately. Brief mention, however, may be made of some features already noticeable at the Union. At the desk are kept the members' register and a visitors' book. In the former are registered all names of college men with their college, and class, degree (if any) or department, military rank or form of service, home address, and European address. In a little more than a fortnight men from eighty-four American universities and colleges have thus registered. In the visitors' book are recorded the names of all guests, together with those of the college men who introduce them. Opposite the desk hangs a large map of Paris, showing the subway routes, and near it is a bulletin board which carries the rules and regulations of the Union, information as to barber, laundry, suitpressing, mending, theatre tickets,

French lessons, college reunions, Union entertainments, and similar matters of interest. A small shop, or 'canteen,' has been opened in the lobby. This carries cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, candy, chocolate, toilet articles, writing-paper, flash lights, post cards, and other articles in demand. The investment is small, the turn-over rapid, and the shop is self-supporting. \* \* \*

"One gratifying feature of the work of the Union is the noteworthy and rapidly increasing interest which it has attracted in educational circles here. It has been visited informally by many distinguished French professors and men of letters, and in several instances its work has been definitely cited with approval. The American University Union in Europe has been working in entire harmony with the International Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross and its possibilities of service along educational and other lines of service are already apparent, but such questions do not belong to the opening chapter of the Union's history."

**Rohland '16 Wounded**

**Member of U. S. Engineer Regiment  
Which Fought Near Cambrai**

Louis O. Rohland, B.Arch., '16, a private in a railway unit of the U. S. Engineers, was slightly wounded on November 30 in an engagement with the enemy at Gouzeaucourt, near Cambrai, in France. His name was included in a list of casualties cabled to the War Department by General Pershing. His father is Mr. H. H. Rohland, 63 Clifton Place, Brooklyn. Louis Rohland is a member of the Long Island Club at Cornell.

An Associated Press dispatch from American headquarters on December 5 gave this semi-official statement telling "how American railway engineers gallantly fought and died with their British comrades in arms on the front before Cambrai last week:"

"Two and one-half companies of railway engineers," the statement says, "with a strength of eight officers and 365 men, were encamped at Fins on Nov. 30, having completed their work in the neighborhood. At 6:30 four officers and 280 men went to Gouzeaucourt, arriving at 7 and starting to work with Canadian engineers. The entire contingent was under a Canadian Major and an American Captain. The area was three miles in the rear of the line and none of the troops was armed.

"At 7:15 German barrage fire moved on Gouzeaucourt after heavy shelling to

the east. At 7:30 a general retirement was ordered, and it was effected with some difficulty, due to the artillery, machine-gun and airplane fire.

"A number of losses were sustained at this time, and also among the men who, cut off by the German advance, had taken refuge in dugouts. Some of these men who had been cut off succeeded in joining British combatant units and fought with them during the day. \* \* \* It is stated by British officers that the conduct of the regiment was most satisfactory. They praise its coolness under fire, and the ability of the men to work without interruption is regarded as most commendable."

### In the Regular Army

#### Provisional Second Lieutenants Newly Appointed from Civil Life

The *Army and Navy Journal* of December 8 contains the third and last list of appointments to the Regular Army resulting from the examinations of July 23, 1917. This list comprises those known as Class Six of the provisional second lieutenants, recently appointed from civil life, with rank from October 26, 1917, and announces their assignments to regiments or other organizations. The list includes the names of these Cornell men, source of appointment and assignment in each case:

Robert A. B. Goodman '16, of Michigan, 14th Field Artillery.

Fritz A. Nagel '12, 2d lieut., F.A.O.R.C., 8th Field Artillery.

George M. Schurman '13, 2d lieut., F.A.O.R.C. (att. 18th Cavalry), 4th Field Artillery.

Henry W. Wiley '16, 2d lieut., F.A.O.R.C. (att. 19th Field Artillery), 19th.

W. H. Soderholm '18, 2d lieut., F.A.O.R.C. (att. 15th Field Artillery), 15th.

C. E. Finney, jr., '12, 2d lieut., F.A.O.R.C. (att. 20th Field Artillery), 20th.

Burleigh A. Lum '13, 2d lieut., C.A.C., O.R.C., Coast Defenses of Portland.

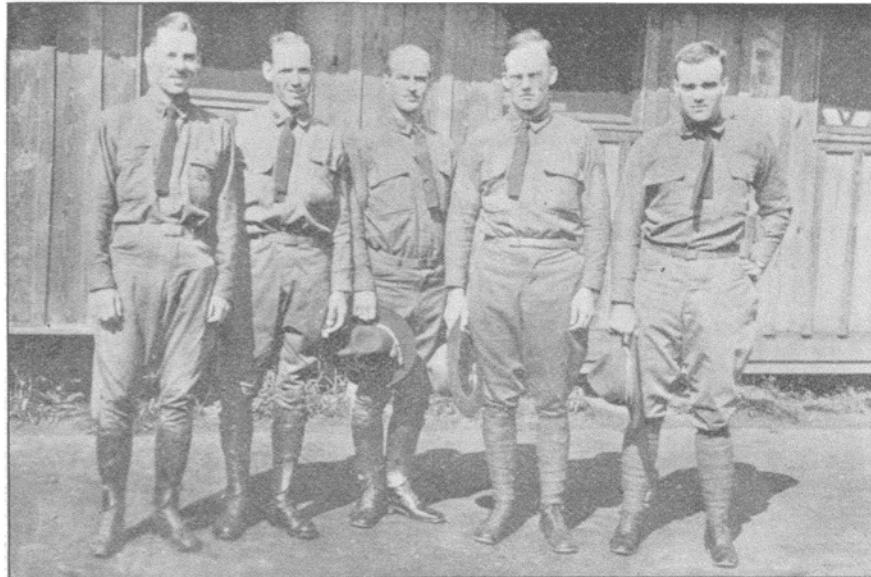
Otto de Lorenzi '16, 2d lieut., C.A.C., O.R.C., Coast Defenses of Long Island Sound.

Robert E. Ryerson '18, 2d lieut., C.A.C., O.R.C., Coast Artillery Corps.

Robert Mochrie '15, 2d lieut., C.A.C., O.R.C., Coast Artillery Corps.

Raymond W. Symonds '13, 2d lieut., F.A.O.R.C. (att. 19th Cavalry), Coast Artillery Corps.

James de G. Graves '17, 2d lieut., C.A.C., O.R.C., Coast Defenses of the Potomac.



NEW OFFICERS AT FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON

Left to right: Captain "Lee" Uhl '11, Second Lieutenant Francis W. Kultchar '11, Captain Philip H. Elwood '10, Captain Eugene Bennett '11, and First Lieutenant Charles P. Weekes '12.

Arthur W. Winship '18, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 39th Inf.), Coast Artillery Corps.

Seth Gerson Hess '15, of New York, Coast Artillery Corps.

Herbert L. Scales '19, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 24th Inf.), 24th Infantry.

Harold E. Sturcken '17, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 48th Inf.), 48th.

William L. Kleitz '15, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 50th Inf.), 50th.

Hugh M. Elmendorf '17, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 50th Inf.), 50th.

Harry S. Wilbur '14, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 49th Inf.), 49th.

Archie M. Palmer '18, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 49th Inf.), 49th.

Marvin R. Dye '17, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 49th Inf.), 49th.

W. M. Leffingwell '18, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 50th Inf.), 50th.

Charles Rexford Davis '19, of New York, 22d Infantry.

H. V. MacGowan '17, of New York, 41st Infantry.

George L. Morrow '17, 2d lieut., Inf. O.R.C. (att. 58th Inf.), 58th.

A FACULTY GYMNASIUM CLASS has been organized for regular physical training throughout the winter. The work has been planned by Director C. V. P. Young with especial reference to the physical needs of men of middle age. When they join the class members will have a physical examination. Personal advice will be given with respect to exercise and diet.

### Five Who Get Commissions Trained in the Same Artillery Company at Fort Benjamin Harrison

Five old Cornell friends were fortunate enough to be reunited at the second officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and to bunk together in a barracks of the first battery of field artillery.

Of the six captaincies awarded in that organization three were captured by Cornellians—Philip H. Elwood '10, J. Eugene Bennett '11, and Leeland M. Uhl '11. A first lieutenancy was awarded to Charles P. Weekes '12, and a second lieutenancy to Francis W. Kultchar '11.

Elwood and Bennett have been assigned to duty at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas; Uhl to Fort Riley, Kansas, and Weekes and Kultchar to Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio.

### TRAINED IN PORTO RICO

Of five Cornell men who attended the officers' training camp at Cayey, Porto Rico, two came out captains and the others first lieutenants. Miguel A. Munoz, LL.B. '13, was fifth, and Ramon E. Siaca, LL.B. '16, was sixth in order of thirty-seven captains.

THE annual banquet of the College of Architecture was held in the Dutch Kitchen on December 11. Professor Everett V. Meeks was the toastmaster. Professor Meeks is this year coming to Ithaca from New York to give two days a month to instruction in design.

## The College Student's Choice of Studies

Report of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

*To the President of the University:*

SIR: As Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences I have the honor to submit to you my report for the year 1916-17.

**Advice to Underclassmen**

Last year the Faculty, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, substituted for the Administrative Board in Charge of Freshmen and Sophomores a smaller committee, directly responsible to the Faculty itself, consisting of the Dean, the Secretary, and seven members of the Faculty chosen by the President from a list of names submitted by the Dean. This committee on Advice to Underclassmen superintends the advising of freshmen and sophomores and is vested with power to consider and recommend to the Faculty measures for making the work of these students more effective. During the present year it has given particular attention to the entering freshman; by enabling him to consult with his permanent adviser at the very beginning of the session, in the privacy of the latter's office, it has encouraged a closer personal relationship between teacher and student than was possible when the opening conferences were held with all the freshman advisers gathered together in one room. The committee has also taken pains to furnish the advisers with such information regarding the rules of the College as might assist them in the proper performance of their duties.

It must be said that the members of the instructing staff who kindly consented to serve the College in this important work have heartily co-operated with the committee in its efforts to improve the advisory system in accordance with the wishes of the Faculty. One of the great drawbacks to the success of the plan, however, remains: students do not avail themselves of the opportunity to meet their willing "guides, philosophers, and friends" during the course of the term, but postpone the next interview until another study card needing the signature of the adviser is due at the Dean's office. This is unfortunate and defeats the chief object of the plan, which is to establish personal friendly relations of such a kind between teacher and student as may enable the latter to derive the greatest possible benefit from his college course. Perhaps with a little more urging on our part and by fixing definite conference hours for each one of

our "advisees," we may succeed in solving a very important problem.

I am convinced that we can render a useful service by helping our students select the courses of study which are most suited to their particular needs and capacities. They frequently receive advice from their friends in the fraternities and elsewhere which is distinctly harmful and the following of which deprives them of the opportunity to acquire an education. An examination of some study cards suggests the fine Italian hand of past-masters in the art of making an easy scholastic program; it shows how readily those who wish to engage in other than real academic tasks light upon the so-called snap-courses, and how carefully they learn to avoid the classes which demand serious application. I believe that many of these misguided persons could be made to see the error of their ways if they were brought into closer association with members of the teaching staff who are deeply interested in the intellectual progress of their charges. Freedom of election unless supported by intelligent adviseryship is a freedom without eyes and is bound to do hurt to him who exercises it.

**The Choice of Studies**

There is no absolute freedom of election in the College of Arts and Sciences. The curriculum for the degree of Bachelor of Chemistry is as rigidly prescribed as any old-fashioned classical course could have been. The candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, although possessing a wide field of choice, is not entirely unrestrained; we require him to devote a certain fraction of his time to certain groups of subjects. As an underclassman he must study English or History, Philosophy or Mathematics, a foreign language, and at least one natural science. Then in his junior and senior years he is asked to specialize in some field to a certain limited extent, the idea evidently being that he ought to have more than a general acquaintance with some particular field.

The question arises whether the purpose underlying this plan has been fully realized by our present rules and whether the time has not come for overhauling the entire scheme. Why, for example, do we compel the student to select from these four underclass groups? Is it to prevent him from scattering too much or from becoming too one-sided; is it

to afford him an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the different branches of learning; is it because we believe that each particular group gives a special kind of training and knowledge necessary to the development of an educated man; or is it because all these groups together are the essential prerequisites to more advanced work in any special field? Why is English classed with History, and Philosophy with Mathematics; can either take the place of the other in a sane educational program; are all the scientific courses offered in the College of equal educational value to the neophyte ignorant of science, or are there any fundamental sciences the methods and results of which no modern man can afford to ignore; should a student be encouraged to satisfy the underclass language requirement by continuing a language already studied in the high school or by taking an elementary course in one entirely new to him? These and many other questions might be asked.

If our object is to give the beginner a foretaste of different branches of knowledge or to hinder him from running wild in the garden of learning or from attending exclusively to narrow areas, or all these things together, our present grouping of studies has its *raison d'être*. But it may still be inquired whether this was the original meaning of the Faculty and, if so, whether our experience of the last ten years does not suggest the necessity of improving the plan as it now stands. As I have said in another place: "The period between 1897 and 1906 represents the high water mark of free election for candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Cornell University. At no time before or after this period was the liberty of choice so great as then. In 1906, however, this freedom was somewhat curtailed by the introduction of the underclass requirements and of the so-called upperclass groups of studies." ("The History of the College of Arts and Sciences," CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS, vol. XIX, no. 30, p. 357.) Our present system followed close upon the heels of an almost limitless freedom, and it was natural that the Faculty should have been reluctant to go very far in restricting the former liberty of choice. Have we not now reached a point from which to mark out new lines of progress?

When we examine the upperclass group requirement and see how it is applied in practice, we may wonder whether it always realizes its purpose of inducing the student to devote at least a small fraction of his time to some particular field of study. He is required to complete during his junior and senior years at least twenty hours of work falling in a group to be selected by him from a list of twelve upperclass groups published in our Announcement. In choosing these twenty hours he must obtain the advice *and approval* of some professor or assistant professor within the group. Many of these groups cover a very wide range of subjects: as, for example, Ancient Languages; Modern Languages; Philosophy, Psychology, and Education (including Physical Education); History and Political Science; a circumstance which makes it possible for persons choosing to roam in these extensive pastures to do much browsing. Besides, there is nothing to prevent the student from selecting elementary courses, courses primarily intended for freshmen and sophomores, in order to meet the upperclass requirement. He may, it is true, if he knows what he is about and takes the trouble to lay his case fully before his adviser, plan for himself, at the beginning of his junior year, a fairly good course, but he may go through college without having had thorough training in any single field of work. Does it not seem a questionable educational policy which tempts the inexperienced student to dip into a multitude of elementary studies and does not oblige him to learn any one thing well?

One of the advantages of the old prescribed curriculum was that it possessed coherence and a natural sequential order; the learner proceeded from class to class, building upon his foundations and rearing something like an intellectual edifice. He could not profitably pursue a certain study until he had satisfactorily completed some other course; he had to climb the ladder rung by rung until he reached the top. It is still possible for a student to arrange his work in such a planful way; indeed in some cases he is compelled by the very nature of things to do so; he cannot take "second-year" language without having had the "first-year" course; he cannot take certain mathematical and scientific courses before he has studied the subjects upon which they are based. But in many important departments, not to speak of groups of departments, there is no such

progression of courses, no such orderly natural sequence; sometimes an introductory course serves as a prerequisite to all the other courses in the particular department; sometimes the approach to the more advanced courses may be made by way of two or three elementary courses.

#### Few Truly Upperclass Courses

In a memorandum entitled "Some Suggestions respecting the Requirements of the Degree of Bachelor of Arts," which Professor Hull has prepared and kindly placed in my hands, there appears an interesting table, which I add here with Professor Hull's explanatory statements:

The following table, showing the extent of pre-requisite in twelve important departments [of the College of Arts and Sciences], has been compiled from the Announcement for 1916-1917 by ignoring all courses avowedly equivalent to work that may be offered in satisfaction of entrance requirements, and also all courses announced as "for graduates," "seminary," or "research." The remaining courses have been tabulated according to their several statements of prerequisites. In some cases these statements may have been misinterpreted; but the general results cannot be far wrong:

COMPARATIVE PREREQUISITES OF COURSES					***
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Department of 11 courses.....	11	0	0	0	
" 18 "	6	4	5	3	
" 21 "	7	8	4	2	
" 22 "	16	3	3	0	
" 26 "	11	12	3	0	
" 27 "	5	10	6	6	
" 29 "	14	8	5	2	
" 31 "	3	15	12	1	
" 31 "	21	8	2	0	
" 38 "	7	26	5	0	
" 40 "	5	13	7	15	
" 54 "	1	3	9	41	

- No prerequisite course.
- \* One prerequisite course.
- \*\* Two prerequisite courses.
- \*\*\* Three or more prerequisite courses.

*Comment:* The work of the last two departments is done largely, if not chiefly, for technical students. In the first ten departments, offering 254 courses, there are 101 courses which require nothing that must be taken in the college; 94 that require but one course here; 45 sufficiently "advanced" to require two courses here; and but 14 so advanced that, if all courses were open to freshmen, it might require until the middle, and in some cases to the end of the sophomore year to reach them. In other words, not five per cent of the tabulated courses in these ten departments are so truly "upperclass courses" that an underclassman could not prepare for them. Or, to put the same thing another way, if the restricted list of courses open to freshmen did not interpose its bar, a student might fit himself to take any one of the remaining courses (95 per cent of the whole) in these ten departments while still an underclassman."

It would appear, then, from Professor Hull's investigation that unless the upperclassman constructs for himself a technical curriculum, he is practically debarred from doing what we expect him

to do, that is, from arranging his studies in a progressive sequence in which the courses become more and more advanced in character, for the very simple reason that such courses are almost entirely lacking. Our upperclass group system, although sound in principle, fails of its purpose because we have not carried out our good intentions by providing the courses demanded by the principle: there is a lamentable dearth of truly upperclass courses.

In theory, the student is required to begin a limited degree of "specialization" in his junior year; in practice, he is prevented from doing any such thing because only a few departments offer him the chance. The weakness of the system becomes even more apparent to us when we remember that the student is not restricted to any one department but may, in many cases, range over an entire group of departments during his last two years in choosing the twenty hours required by the upperclass rule. And he may dispose of the remaining forty hours which the Faculty calls for, as he pleases.

#### Ambitious Students Unsatisfied

This condition of affairs may be due to the desire of departments to attract large numbers of students; the more elementary the courses are, and the fewer the prerequisites, the more persons will be able to choose them. Or, experience may have shown that students do not take kindly to advanced work. In order to engage in studies which demand preliminary preparation it would be necessary for them to lay their plans rather early, and it is doubtful whether many, left as they are to themselves, have the foresight and knowledge to do this. Whatever may be the cause, the effects of our failure to satisfy the spirit of the upperclass idea, either by our legislation or by our practice, are to be deplored. Some earnest seniors complain that not severe enough demands are made upon their intellectual powers; they seem to themselves never to rise above a dead level of achievement, never to go very far beyond "introductions" to subjects, never to pierce the inner heart of things. How much of this dissatisfaction may spring from the natural tendency of human beings to blame others for their own shortcomings, I am unprepared to say: that it should be felt at all is, in my opinion, a very hopeful sign. At any rate, we have heard the plea "for the offering of increased facilities to those who wish to do a



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**I**N Director Nettleton's account of the work of the American University Union in Europe, contributed by him to *The Yale Alumni Weekly* and reprinted in part in this issue of the News, he speaks particularly of the individual bureaus which several universities have established in the Paris headquarters of the Union, and says that Cornell will open such a bureau shortly. His prediction will be realized. But the prediction should, for the present, serve as a reminder to Cornell alumni that the means for its realization are yet to be provided. Since he wrote the article the University of Virginia has, as we learn from the *Virginia Alumni News*, completed a fund of \$10,000 to support its own bureau in Paris and has sent one of its alumni, Mr. Lewis B. Crenshaw, to take charge of the bureau. Several hundred alumni and friends of the University of

Virginia contributed to that fund. Their interest in the undertaking is proved by the fact that they gave twice as much as they were asked for. They had been told that \$5,000 would be needed. Very soon now a Cornell committee will give our own alumni an opportunity to provide the means for a similar service to their fellow Cornellians in the American Expeditionary Forces. To do our full share in the work of the American University Union in Europe will be forever a source of satisfaction to us. To fall short of that would be forever a cause of regret.

## OBITUARY

### James H. Peirce '74

Word has been received in Ithaca of the death of James Harvey Peirce '74, of Chicago. A more extended notice will be published.

### James T. Hequembourg '16

James Treadway Hequembourg, a former member of the class of 1916 in the College of Civil Engineering, died on November 29 at his home in Dunkirk, N. Y., from the effects of injuries received in an airplane accident last spring. He was employed at Newport News, Va., as a flying instructor by the Curtiss airplane corporation. In a practice flight with a pupil his machine got out of control and crashed. The pupil was killed. Hequembourg's back was broken and the injury paralyzed the lower part of his body.

Hequembourg was twenty-five years old. He was prepared for college at Phillips (Andover) Academy. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

### Raymond S. Jeffers

Raymond Sayler Jeffers, who was a special student in the College of Agriculture in 1910-12, died on November 25, at the Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, of pneumonia. He was twenty-eight years old. He had been an instructor in the state agricultural school at Delhi, N. Y. Last September he enlisted in the Engineer Corps of the Army. He was in training at American University, Washington, when he contracted the illness which caused his death. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jeffers, live at Trumansburg.

THE TOPIC of last week's lecture in the series on the history of civilization is "The Stirrings of Social Revolution: Socialism, Anarchism, The International." The speaker was Professor Orth.

## Norton, Bird & Whitman The Members and Employees of the Firm Engaged in War Work

Cornell members and employees of the firm of Norton, Bird & Whitman, engineers of Baltimore and Chicago, have been engaged in war work since last spring.

Ezra B. Whitman '01 was civilian assistant in the Quartermaster General's office in Washington in the spring and summer, having duties in connection with the building of National Army cantonments. In the late summer he was appointed a major, U. S. R., and assigned to Camp Meade, where he has charge of utilities, water works, sewerage, road maintenance, fire department, and camp police.

William J. Norton '02 is general superintendent of the Maryland Dredging & Contracting Company, contractors for the new U. S. Army proving ground at Aberdeen, Md. He has charge of the construction of railroads, wharves, and roads, the clearing of large areas of land, the building layout and the foundations and emplacements of the guns.

Paul P. Bird '00 has been assisting Norton as organization superintendent.

S. G. Koon '02 is in the Naval Architect's office in Washington.

G. J. Requardt '09 is with Norton at the proving ground, Aberdeen, where he is engineer for the contractor.

N. L. McLeod '11 is field secretary with the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

B. L. Smith '15 is assistant utility engineer with the International Shipbuilding Corporation, contractors for building shipways at Hogg Island, Philadelphia.

## SIBLEY EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

580. Mr. Thomas C. Desmond, President, Newburgh Shipyards, Inc., Newburgh, N. Y., needs an electrical draftsman for electrical installation work in steel ship construction. The position carries with it exemption from military service. Salary \$25 per week to start. Apply directly to Mr. Desmond.

581. Mr. Warren F. Kendrick, power and construction department, Ford Motor Co., Detroit, Mich., needs an assistant engineer to test power plant equipment. Prefers a married man not liable to army draft. This is an exceptional opportunity, as the company has a number of important investigations to be made. Salary will be from \$150 to \$200 per month to start. Address all communications to Mr. Kendrick.

582. Mr. Lewis J. Hall '96, President, Columbian Bronze Corporation, Freeport, Long Island, N. Y., wants an energetic mechanical engineer for a responsible position in the commercial department of his company. He prefers that the man be an American, a Protestant, and that he be exempt from the army draft. It is also desirable that he have some office and commercial experience and be quick at figures. Splendid opportunity for advancement. Salary \$1,800 per year, "and possibly more to just the right man."

583. Mr. H. F. Hodgkins '15, assistant production engineer, Savage Arms Corporation, Utica, N. Y., is desirous of obtaining several Sibley men, with actual shop experience, for efficiency, time study, and production work. A knowledge of production systems would be valuable but is not demanded.

584. An examination for men desiring to enter the navy as "Acting Ensigns for Engineering Duty" will be held on Jan. 2-5, 1918, at various places throughout the country. Such acting ensigns, upon the completion of a probationary period of three years, of which two years shall have been spent on board cruising vessels and one year studying at the Naval Academy, shall be commissioned in the grade of lieutenant of the junior grade, be required to perform engineering duties only, and be eligible for advancement to the higher grades. Applicants must be between the ages of 20 and 26 *at the time of appointment*. therefore no man will be admitted to the examinations if he will *reach* his twenty-sixth birthday within two months after the date of the examinations. The pay of an ensign is \$1,870, while at sea, and \$1,700 plus allowances for quarters, heat, and light, while on land. The Employment Bureau has a few booklets giving full information about this subject, which it will send to anyone requesting one.

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#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS MILWAUKEE

The Milwaukee Alumni Association at its meeting on All Cornell Night spent some time in discussing the subject of undergraduate scholarship. The consideration of this subject was mainly confined to the discussion of ways in which the Milwaukee organization can help in this work. There is a general feeling among the Milwaukee alumni that a high grade of scholarship is more sought after and appreciated among both alumni and undergraduates at the present time than in the past. It is felt that one of the strongest incentives which can be brought to bear on the undergraduate to induce high scholarship is the realization that all employers of college men are looking with increased favor on men who have attained a high grade of scholarship, and we believe this point cannot be brought too strongly to the attention of undergraduates.

We believe that all alumni in making any comments about the University to undergraduates, and in discussing University affairs, should make sure that scholarship, as well as outside activities, is touched upon, and that any praise or blame bestowed should be made with due consideration of scholarship standing. It is our belief that the alumni can throw a great deal more weight on scholarship standing than they have done in the past, and that this action will result in increased effort on the part of undergraduates.

The Milwaukee organization is undertaking to get in touch with all Milwaukee men in the University, and plans to recognize in some manner the man who has attained the highest standing. We expect to hold a joint meeting with the Milwaukee undergraduates soon after the University closes in the spring. It is also planned to furnish all the Milwaukee alumni with a list of Milwaukee men in the University in order that we may know who they are, and keep in closer touch.

M. WASHBURN, JR., Secretary.

#### NEW ENGLAND

The Cornell Club of New England observed All Cornell Night by holding an informal dinner and smoker at the Hotel Lenox, Boston, on December 1st. About thirty members met for the dinner, which was notable for its good fellowship.

At the annual business meeting, held after the dinner, these officers were elected: President, Henry F. Hurlburt '75; vice-president, Edward T. Foote '06; treasurer, Harry S. Brown '04;

Athletic Councillor, Edward J. Savage '98; secretary, Creed W. Fulton '09, No. 58 Pearl Street, Boston; directors, A. C. Blunt, jr., '07, W. G. Ogden '01, R. L. Mann '12, and Linton Hart '14. The club returned to office the following vice-presidents residents in towns outside greater Boston: C. T. Reed '03, Worcester, Mass.; Joel F. Sheppard '07, Dover, N. H.; W. I. Tuttle '02, Attleboro, Mass.; C. H. Blatchford '95, Portland, Maine, and C. H. Davidson '11, Springfield, Mass.

A discussion was held covering various subjects of interest to the club and to Cornellians in general. Of particular interest were the topics suggested by the General Alumni Association. The discussion was animated and it demonstrated the lively interest which the men present felt in the welfare of the University. President Hurlburt gave a forceful address outlining the general policies of the club for the coming year.

A feature of the smoker was the presence of a number of Cornell men now in the service, who had interesting stories to tell of their experiences thus far in the Army or the Navy. There were some stunts by Jake Fassett and singing by Eddie Foote, Lin Hart and others.

The reports of the officers showed the club to be in a healthy condition in every way. Although the loss of members by their enlistment for war service has much depleted its numbers, the club is full of the old Cornell spirit and expects to make a special drive to do its part for the University and our country in these strenuous days.

#### TRAINED MEN WILL BE NEEDED

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington on December 1st said that Secretary Baker had taken steps to check the unnecessary reduction of the supply of scientifically trained men. In a letter to Dr. Hollis Godfrey of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense, he deplored students leaving school except when drafted, and pointed out the increasing need the Government would have for men who have taken special courses in science. Dr. Godfrey, president of Drexel Institute, had explained that large numbers of students, anticipating draft into the national army, were leaving school to volunteer their services either as enlisted men or as officers.

A DAILY CARTOON by J. N. Darling, staff cartoonist of the *New York Tribune*, is now appearing in the *Cornell Sun*.

### The Choice of Studies

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higher grade of work," as one of the young men interested in the movement to establish a system of honor groups expressed it in a letter published in the CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS (vol. XIX, no. 25, p. 292). The institution by the Faculty of the degree "with honors," to which I shall again refer, will perhaps bring relief to a select group of students, but it will not help the large body of our everyday academic citizens. The Dean has already called this entire matter to the attention of the Committee on Educational Policy, in connection with Professor Hull's "Suggestions," mentioned before, and he hopes that the committee will formulate recommendations for the consideration of the Faculty.

#### Easy Roads for the "Piker"

A further obstacle to the development of high scholarship is the existence of what the American college communities have come to call irreverently "snap-courses." Some of these courses are of such a character that the good student can derive benefit from them: the lectures are well organized; references to the literature on the subject are given; and those who follow the instructions and suggestions of the teacher in charge and do the work recommended by him have their reward. And it may be contended that this is as far as any instructor need or even ought to go; that it is not his business to compel the members of his class to work: the college offers every student the opportunity to get an education; in a university the table of knowledge is spread for those who have the intellectual appetite; the food is palatable, and no one can be made to eat who is not hungry. Ignoring the application of the truth contained in the saying, *l'appétit vient en mangeant*, we may regard this as a perfectly tenable position and adopt it as our educational philosophy; it is the German university idea. But it does not follow from this that persons who have an aversion to food should have a place at the somewhat expensive table and that all those present at it should be officially certified as having been well fed. Teachers who believe in the German method should not overlook the essential difference that, in the German university, students are not examined at the end of every semester and officially reported as having successfully completed the work.

According to our system, the professor is asked to pass judgment upon the

members of his class at the end of the term and to hand in a specific mark indicating each man's scholastic standing. Now, a course is called a snap-course by the students not because the teacher does not *compel* them to do the work assigned, but either because there is really no work to do or because he reports them as having done the work when they have not done it, giving credit which they and their fellows know has not been earned. There are many classes in which the student is left to his own devices and in which no sort of compulsion is exercised upon him, the understanding being that he will be judged by his fruits when the term is over, that his achievements will be measured by strict standards, and that he must meet these in order to pass muster. Such courses are never characterized as "snap-courses," and they are never sought out by individuals whose chief aim is to obtain their degrees cheaply. It is the classes in which the standards are low and which set the mark of approval upon the indolent and incompetent that sin against good scholarship by providing a safe refuge for academic derelicts.

FRANK THILLY.

(*To be continued*)

### TECHNICAL STUDENTS IN THE DRAFT

Dr. Hollis Godfrey, chairman of the advisory committee on engineering and education of the Council of National Defense, has, under authority from the Secretary of War, sent the following telegram to the presidents of 129 engineering and technical schools throughout the United States:

"I have just been authorized by the Secretary of War to request you to inform all your technical students that if they wait until called under the selective-service law they can upon summons to the cantonment take with them letters from you stating their special qualifications. Such letters are to be filed with the occupational census questionnaire of the War Department under authority of this authorized telegram. The Secretary of War also authorized me to say that every effort will be made to use each student's special training in connection with specialized occupations in the Army, so as to afford technical students of National Army age as great an opportunity through the National Army as if they enlisted now."—*The Official Bulletin*.

### ATHLETICS

#### NEW KIND OF ATHLETIC TRIUMPH

*From "Old Penn"*

This is no time to talk of football championships, nor indeed to measure athletic results in terms of games won or lost. But we do feel that the athletic authorities deserve congratulation for carrying through their football season so successfully. Cornell, too, deserves quite as much commendation, although the score of the Thanksgiving Day game was 37-0 in our favor. \* \* \* If the battle of Waterloo was won on the cricket fields of England, perhaps the great European war will be won on the gridirons and other athletic fields of the United States.

We cannot refrain from adding a word of commendation for our rivals from Cornell. Pennsylvania feels no superiority over this worthy rival by reason of its victory. It so happened that the material we had left was a little more mature than that on which Cornell had to depend. The thing worth while was that Cornell kept on in spite of a series of gridiron defeats. Her men played just as valiantly at the end as at the beginning. Cornell was as great in defeat as in victory.

### BASKETBALL

The first practice game of the basketball team is a match with Niagara University, scheduled for December 15 at Ithaca. The schedule of the intercollegiate league had not been completed up to the middle of this week.

### WEARERS OF THE C

The university C has been awarded to these players:

Football: C. F. Ackerknecht '18, F. H. Eisenbrandt '18, A. L. Hoffman '18, R. C. Van Horn '18, G. E. Cross '19, M. W. Herriman '19, L. S. Huntington '19, D. G. Nethercot '19, Sherman Trowbridge '19, C. W. Carry '20, W. H. Colvin, jr., '20, F. L. Harris '20, F. S. Pendleton, jr., '20, B. O. Reuther '20, H. H. Straus '20, and R. E. Swanson '20.

Cross-Country: C. H. Yost '18, I. C. Dresser '19, C. J. Seelbach '19, R. D. Spear '19, and J. M. Croxton '20.

Rowing.—Keith W. Benson '19, of Sterling, Ill., has been elected assistant manager of the Navy. He is a member of the Chi Phi fraternity.

Cross-Country.—Ivan C. Dresser '19, of Ithaca, has been re-elected captain of the cross-country team.

## ALUMNI NOTES

'78, M.E.—Robert H. Treman of Ithaca has been re-elected a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of the District of New York for a second term of three years expiring January 1st, 1921. There are nine directors. Mr. Treman is one of the three Class A directors, who are chosen by the larger banks of the district. He is the president of the Tompkins County National Bank of Ithaca. During the last year he served as deputy governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of the district.

'80—Dr. Eugene H. Porter, of Upper Lisle, Broome County, was selected to succeed John J. Dillon as state commissioner of the division of foods and markets at a meeting of the newly organized Council of Farms and Markets at Albany on December 10. The appointment will take effect on January 1st. Dr. Porter was formerly state commissioner of health of New York.

'97, Ph.B.—Mrs. James R. Benton (Eleanor Mix) is teaching English in the Scarsdale High School. Her address is 59 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, N.Y.

'98, B.S.—Dr. John Ernest Gignoux, 616 Madison Avenue, New York, is secretary of the American Medical Military Aid Association, formed to give free medical service to families of soldiers and sailors. He announced in the newspapers of New York City last week that it was the intention of his organization to enlist at least 2,000 of the 8,000 physicians in New York, to devote an hour a day to the care of families in their neighborhoods, and that he had received acceptances from eighty per cent of the physicians addressed. To help pay the expenses of the organization, an unusual entertainment and ball will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on December 18. An intercity fencing competition will be held before the ball. The New York team will include Dr. Gignoux. He was the first winner of the Amsler medal at Cornell, in 1898, and was a member of the American Olympic fencing team at Stockholm in 1912.

'03, A.B.—Porter R. Lee has been appointed Director of the New York School of Philanthropy. He succeeds Dr. Edward T. Devine, who is in France as chief of the Bureau of Refugees and Home Relief of the American Red Cross. The school is the oldest educational institution for the training of social workers in the United States. It has an endowment of more than one million dollars.

After graduation and until 1909 Lee was connected with the Buffalo Charity Organization Society. From Buffalo he went to Philadelphia as general secretary of the Society for Organizing Charity of that city. In 1912 he was called to the New York School of Philanthropy, where he has conducted the courses in family welfare. He has had charge of the instruction in twenty-five Home Service Institutes conducted by the Red Cross in different parts of the country. He was chairman of the Committee on Organization of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, now the National Conference of Social Work, during the session of 1917. While the universities and colleges generally have had smaller classes because of the war, the School of Philanthropy has not only maintained its usual enrollment of regular students but has this year the largest class of second year students in its history. Thirty-one persons are now taking the full two-year course. There are sixty first year students and the total number of persons taking special courses is one hundred sixty-two. The demand for trained social workers both in the rehabilitation work abroad and in the increased social activities in this country is so great that the school expects to start a new class in February. The full course continues for two years. The School of Philanthropy is affiliated with Columbia University and is the department of philanthropic education of the Charity Organization Society of New York.

'04, B.Arch.—Lieut. Phillips H. Mallory, Quartermaster Corps, National Army, is now construction officer for the camp quartermaster at Camp Dix, N. J. As soon as Captain Skinner leaves (about December 15) Mallory is to be constructing quartermaster. In addition to completing the original contract for barracks, he has sixteen small buildings ordered or under way.

'04, A.B.; '05, M.S.A.—Charles S. Wilson, state commissioner of agriculture of New York, has been reappointed to that office by the newly organized Council of Farms and Markets at Albany. His original appointment was made almost three years ago by the Governor. Mr. Wilson was then professor of pomology in the State College of Agriculture at Cornell.

'05, A.B.; '07, M.D.—Dr. Esther E. Parker of Ithaca, who went to France for the American Red Cross, has written that she is to be put in charge of X-ray work in the American Red Cross hospital

at Evian, on the south shore of the Lake of Geneva, in Switzerland. That hospital was established for the care of refugees from the invaded districts of France. Since she arrived in France Dr. Parker has been in Paris studying X-ray practice under the instruction of Mme. Curie.

'05, '06—John M. Gauntlett '05 and Morris S. Halliday '06, of Ithaca, have enlisted in the Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps, U. S. Army, and have been ordered to the training school for ground officers of the Aviation Section at San Antonio, Texas. Halliday said that he would resign his seat in the New York State Senate. He has a year yet to serve of his second consecutive term.

'05, D.V.M.—Philip V. Weaver, of Glen Cove, L. I., is now a second lieutenant in the Veterinary O.R.C. and is at a remount station in Virginia.

'05, C.E.—Captain H. F. Porter, Quartermaster R. C., was relieved from duty at Camp Custer, Mich., on November 27 and ordered to proceed to Washington, there to take station and report to the officer in charge of cantonment construction, General Littell. He is to stay in Washington as a supervising constructing quartermaster, having charge of the erection of warehouses at various quartermaster depots. He had been at Camp Custer since August. One of his tasks there was the erection and operation of the camp's refuse disposal plant. During the last six weeks of his stay there he acted as the officer in charge of utilities pending the arrival of the officially designated officer and organized an operating and maintenance force of more than three hundred men.

'06, M.D.; '07, A.B.—The address of Captain Frank P. Goodwin, Medical R. C., is Base Hospital No. 23, American Expeditionary Forces.

'07, M.E.—Captain George Ruhlen, jr., Coast Artillery Corps, U.S.A., has been transferred from Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, to Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, Cal.

'08, M.E.—Captain Arthur H. Leavitt reported for duty as an officer of the Quartermaster Reserve Corps in April. He is now detailed as purchasing officer of motor transportation at the Chicago Depot of the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. Army, 3615 Iron Street, Chicago, Ill.

'08, M.E.—The Trube-Goodhue Company, 1412 Manhattan Building, Chicago, of which Herbert L. Trube is a member, recently completed at Neillsville, Wis., the first of a series of large



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'08, M.E.—Warren McArthur has been handling the state food campaign in Arizona as campaign director. He is in the automobile business at Phoenix.

'08, M.E.—Charles A. Carpenter of New York City has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Ordnance Reserve Corps, U. S. Army.

'09, A.B.—Robert E. Coulson attended the second officers' training camp at Plattsburg Barracks and was commissioned a captain of field artillery.

'09, A.B.—Walter L. Todd of Roch-

ester announces a change of his address to Apartment 606, No. 2400 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'09, Sp.—William H. Richie, of Moorestown, N. J., has undertaken the work of Promoter of Service at the West Branch of the Philadelphia Y. M. C. A., having given up the practice of his profession of landscape design. In recent years he has been interested in Y. M. C. A. work in Burlington County, N. J.

'09, A.B.—Fritz Fernow is in Company 19, 5th Battalion, 153d Depot Brigade, Camp Dix, N. J.

'10, C.E.—A son, Raymond Robert, was born on October 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Critchlow. Mrs. Critchlow is the daughter of Professor and Mrs. Moler. Mr. Critchlow is the Water Engineer of the State of New Jersey and their residence is at 673 Rutherford Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

'12, C.E.—Harold D. Hynds has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the construction division, Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps. His address is 917 Nineteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'12, M.E.—M. H. Leidy is a lieutenant (junior grade) in the U.S.N.R.F., and is taking the reserve officers' training course at the U. S. Naval Academy. He was called into active service as chief electrician on April 9, received a provisional commission as ensign on October 4, with assignment to the Naval Academy, and was advanced to his present grade on November 17. He expects to be assigned to sea duty soon after the first of the year.

'12, M.E.—R. J. Kehl is a first lieutenant in the Ordnance Reserve Corps. He is assigned to the Division of American Ordnance Base Depot in France, and is at present stationed at 613 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

'12, M.E.—C. B. Ferguson is still with the Cutler Hammer Mfg. Co., 77 Franklin Street, Boston, Mass. Much of his work is the equipping of factories which supply shipbuilding plants and the Navy Department.

'12, M.E.—L. R. Phillips is employed as a refrigerating expert by the War Department.

'12, M.E.—The address of Lieut. Harold C. Strohm, U.S.R., is Hotel Monmouth, Highlands, N. J.

'12, A.B.—George L. Walter, jr., of Pittsburgh, attended the latest officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and was commissioned a sec-

ond lieutenant, Infantry O.R.C. He is now assigned to the 34th Infantry, U. S. Army, stationed at El Paso, Texas.

'13, B.S.—Charles Paul Alexander was married to Miss Mabel Marguerite Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Miller, at Lawrence, Kansas, on November 10. Alexander is assistant curator of the entomological collections at the University of Kansas.

'13, C.E.—Howard R. Moore, formerly with the Phoenix Construction Company of New York, is now in the construction division, Aviation Section, U. S. Signal Corps, at Taliaferro Field No. 1, Dallas, Texas. He has been working on the construction of flying fields since the middle of August. His home address is 73 Railway Avenue, Patchogue, L. I.

'13, LL.B.—George B. Thummel is in training at the balloon school at Fort Omaha, Neb., for a commission in the U. S. Signal Corps, Aviation Section. In civil life he is a member of the law firm of Sullivan, Rait & Thummel of Omaha.

'13, M.E.—Franklin Leroy Newcomb was commissioned a first lieutenant, Engineer O.R.C., on August 15, and is now assigned to Company C, 24th En-

gineers, temporarily stationed at Camp Dix, N. J.

'13, C.E.—D. Harvey Ham of Spokane, Wash., is in training at the balloon school at Fort Omaha, Neb., for a commission in the U. S. Signal Corps, Aviation Section.

'14, M.E.—The address of Ensign John James Munns, U. S. Naval Reserve, is U.S.S. Arizona, in care of the Postmaster, New York.

'14, M.E.—Warren R. Scott was married to Miss Alice Bell Ensign of Youngstown, Ohio, on September 3, 1917. Scott is in Company 3 at the engineers' training camp, Washington, D. C.

'14, C.E.—Albert M. Bowles on July 4 was commissioned second lieutenant, Engineer O.R.C., on August 15 was promoted to first lieutenant, and is now assigned to Company D, 315th Pioneer Regiment of Engineers, Camp Travis, Texas.

'14, M.E.—Edwin S. Dawson has received a commission as captain in the Coast Artillery Reserve Corps at the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Monroe, Va., and has been assigned to duty at that post.

'14, A.B.—Howard K. Walter is a

second lieutenant, O.R.C. His address is 23d Company, 6th Battalion, 151st Depot Brigade, Camp Devens, Mass.

'14, M.E.—Anson L. ("Pink") Clark, who has been an instructor in the U. S. Army School of Military Aeronautics at Cornell, has been ordered to the school for ground officers of the Aviation Section at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

'15—Howard S. Rappleye is a second lieutenant in the Engineer O.R.C. He was transferred from the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey to the E.O.R.C. on active duty September 24, 1917, and was in camp at American University, D. C., till November 27. He was married to Nettie L. Brewer of Ithaca, N. Y., on October 7, 1917.

'15, B.Arch.—J. Lakin Baldridge was married to Miss Alice Young, daughter of Mr. Laurence A. Young, of Chicago, on December 6. "Lake" is now in the U. S. Naval Reserve Force and is serving on board the U. S. S. Vencedor (S. P. 669). His address is 128 East Sixtieth Street, New York.

'15, M.E.—The address of A. A. Booth is changed to his home, 30 Center Street, City Island, New York City. He is now an ensign in the ordnance department of the Navy and is ordered abroad for duty.

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'15, M.E.—Walter L. Maxon is with the Shannon Copper Company, Clifton, Arizona.

'15, B.S.—Israel Cohan is employed as a bacteriologist at the New York State department of health laboratory in Albany. His address is 19 Franklin Street, Albany, N. Y.

'15, A.B.—Everett W. Newcomb is quartermaster sergeant in charge of the subsistence department at Camp Upton, L. I.

'15, M.E.—Kenneth C. McCutcheon was married to Miss Florence L. Thornburg of Los Angeles, Cal., on August 12, 1917. McCutcheon is in the Coast Artillery training camp at Fort Monroe, Va.

'15, C.E.—Charles K. Kerby is a sergeant in Company B, 503d Engineers Service Battalion, American Expeditionary Forces.

'16, A.B.—Alden C. Buttrick has enlisted in the Signal Enlisted Reserve Corps and has been ordered to the school for ground officers of the Aviation Section at San Antonio, Texas.

'16, LL.B.—Mario Lazo, recently commissioned a captain in the Infantry O.R.C. after training at Plattsburg, has been ordered to Camp Meade, Md.

'16, M.E.—Second Lieutenant Laurens Hammond is in the 16th Engineers (Railway), American Expeditionary Forces. The regiment arrived in France in August and since that time has been doing railway construction work, establishing lines of communication over which to supply the American army when it arrives.

'16, M.E.—William Insull, first lieutenant, Signal Corps, U.S.R., is at the signal officers' training camp, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

'16—Arthur W. Jones is in Company 28, U.S. Naval Radio School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

'17, B.S.—Carl D. Smith is in the 108th Ambulance Company at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

'17, C.E.—The address of Leroy P. Raynor is 1042a Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a lieutenant (junior grade) in the U. S. Naval Reserve Force.

'17, A.B.—Clarence H. Page of Westfield, N. Y., is in the National Army.

'18—Russell Lord is a corporal in Battery F, 110th Field Artillery, Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama. He is not yet a captain, as the NEWS erroneously announced a few weeks ago.

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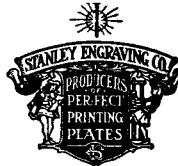
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