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ARISTOCRACY of service rather than an aristocracy of brains was the theme of an address given by Dr. Frank P. Graves, president of the University of the State of New York and State Commissioner of Education, before more than a thousand students and members of the Faculty, at the Founder's Day convocation on January 12 in Bailey Hall. Dr. Graves urged that each student be taught that the privilege of education has been given him that his development may contribute toward social welfare, rather than for him to use his knowledge and training for selfish ends.

A FREAK OF WEATHER sent the Ithaca temperature down to six below zero last week, while the surrounding towns escaped and kept pleasantly warm. A heavy fall of snow the first of the week and frequent storms on succeeding days have the city pretty well buried.

THE CONTINUED COLD caused such a shrinkage of the water in Beebe Lake that the ice settled away from the foot of the toboggan and the University power house in the gorge below was forced to stint its allowance of electricity to dormitories and office buildings for several days.

THE CORNELL GRAPHIC announces the election of John M. Groves '27 of St. Louis, Missouri, to its business board, and William A. Reed '27 of New York to its photographic board.

AL-DJEBAR, honorary chemical society, initiated to membership at a banquet on January 10, Ludwig F. Audrieth of Elizabeth, New Jersey, George P. Vincent of Garrettsville, Ohio, John D. D. Ware, of Sewanee, Texas, all graduate students; and Alexander Becker '25 of Hawthorne, New Jersey, Eugene M. Hakanson '26 of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Winton I. Patnode '26 of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

THE TROPHY-GATHERING DESIRE of a Cornell freshman cost him \$25 after he had been caught in attempted larceny by local police. He and a friend tried to take home a picture from the Strand Theater display cabinet. The friend escaped, but the freshman was arrested and taken before Judge Daniel Crowley '07. He escaped a heavy jail sentence by paying the fine.

TO FILL A VACANCY left by Paul W. Hunter '26 of Fulton, Benjamin E. Tilton, Jr. '16 of Utica, son of Benjamin E. Tilton '97, has been appointed chairman of the Junior Smoker Committee.

FOR THE EIGHTEENTH TIME Roger B. Williams was elected president of the First National Bank of Ithaca. Ebenezer T.

Turner '83 was elected a vice-president. Among the directors chosen were Howard Cobb '95, and Jared T. Newman '75. At a meeting of the Tompkins County National Bank stockholders, Mynderse Van Cleef '74, Robert H. Treman '78, Charles E. Treman '89, Charles H. Blood '90, Robert E. Treman '09, Charles D. Bostwick '92, Leon D. Rothschild '09, and George F. Rogalsky '07 were elected to the Board of Directors. Robert H. Treman was elected president for approximately his twenty-fifth consecutive term.

THE JUNIOR WEEK GUIDE cover competition was won by Weston M. Geety, of New York, a senior in the College of Architecture. Besides the honor, Geety gets a five-dollar prize.

FIFTY-EIGHT WOMEN are on the "black list" of the Department of Physical Education for failure to pass their swimming tests. If they don't get on the "white list" by Commencement they cannot graduate.

MEMBERS OF YE HOSTS, hotel management society, were entertained at a smoker in the Dutch Kitchen January 13 by Leonard C. Reulein, manager of the Ithaca Hotel. Letters were read from J. S. Warren, editor of *The Hotel Management Magazine*, and from Ring W. Lardner.

MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED veterinarians from New York and adjoining states attended the annual conference of the State Veterinary College held in Ithaca, January 15 to 17. Dean Veranus A. Moore '87 opened the sessions with an address of welcome, in the course of which he appealed to the alumni to interest young men in taking up veterinary work as a profession. A special feature of the program was the presentation to the College by alumni of a picture of Dr. Pierre A. Fish '90, who has been professor of veterinary physiology since 1902.

A NIGHT IN JAIL was enjoyed by a trio of Ithaca Thomases who apparently had forgotten about the Eighteenth Amendment and that they could be apprehended if they overstepped its mandates. When they were released in the morning Thomas Ennis, Thomas Garrity, Jr., and Thomas Foley declared they had no longer any doubts of the vigilance of Ithaca officers.

THE SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS was hostess at a meeting of heads of the home economics departments of the schools of the State at sessions held last week.

RAIDS CONTINUE TO BE MADE in Ithaca. The latest are against chance games,

punchboards, money machines, and all such as are against the lottery law. Police found punchboards in two candy and fruit stores, operated by Greeks, and summoned the men to court, where they were let off with a warning that there would be a heavy fine for the second offense.

AFTER AN OPERATION for the removal of his tonsils, Dail L. Hill, colored steward at the Johnny Parson Club, died suddenly at the City Hospital January 10. Before coming to Ithaca, Hill was assistant butler in the home of George Eastman, Rochester kodak manufacturer.

A GOLDFISH RAN AMUCK in Rothschild's department store last Friday when a shopper accidentally knocked its glass home on the floor. A salesgirl captured the ichthyopsid, but, fishlike, it slid out of her grasp and flopped against an innocent shopper. Reserves gave timely help in getting the goldfish back to its bowl.

THE SAGE CHAPEL Preacher for January 25 will be the Rev. Dr. Shailer Mathews, dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

TWO LECTURES are scheduled for this week: "The Detection of Wood Alcohol in Beverages" by Dr. Frederick R. Georgia '15, of the Department of Chemistry, before the Cornell Section of the American Chemical Society, on January 19; and "The Coming Eclipse" by Professor Samuel L. Boothroyd, '04-8 Grad., on January 21.

MAURICE C. BURRITT '08, former director of extension of the College of Agriculture, has been appointed controller of the Co-operative G. L. F. Exchange, the largest farmers' co-operative buying organization in the country. The exchange, which has 35,000 farmer shareholders in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, is doing a business of \$8,000,000 yearly. Burritt will be responsible for carrying out the financial policies laid down by the directors.

A COMMITTEE to ascertain what tasks electricity may do for farmers has been formed in New York State, with Professor Howard W. Riley '01 as chairman. The committee represents the farmers and the Empire State Gas and Electric Association.

THREE BAGS OF MAIL destined for Ithaca were strewn around the Owego station last week, when a freight train struck the baggage cars into which the letters were being loaded. The men loading them jumped to safety but the freight train, going at thirty miles an hour smashed the baggage cars, scattering the contents along the track for three hundred feet.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

New York Women

The Cornell Women's Club of New York will hold its annual luncheon on February 14, at 1.30 o'clock at the Hotel Commodore. The speakers will be President Farrand and Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve of Barnard College.

All Cornell women who may be in the vicinity of New York on that date are invited. Reservations should be made, not later than February 10, with Miss Lulu O. Smith '11, 106 East 52d Street.

Cleveland

Fifty members present at the luncheon on January 8 at the Hollenden Hotel enthusiastically accepted the responsibility, for the Cleveland Cornell Club, of taking the leadership among college associations in the city in the local drive to raise funds for Western Reserve University. They were addressed by Dr. Robert E. Vinson, the president of the university, who outlined his ideas for the fruition of a greater Cleveland university. In its relation to this campaign the Cleveland Cornellians take the same responsibility that the Cornell Club of Rochester did for the benefit of the University of Rochester.

FAMOUS ALUMNUS HERE

Dr. Theobald Smith '81, one of Cornell's most illustrious alumni, spoke at the annual conference of veterinarians at the College last week. He also addressed the Veterinary Forum on "The Purpose of Research." Dr. Smith has an international reputation in the field of comparative pathology. According to Dean Veranus A. Moore '87, his investigations have brought more light to the problem of disease control than those of any other one man, with the possible exception of Louis Pasteur.

He it was who first discovered, through his work on Texas fever of cattle, that the virus of such diseases is transmitted by insects. This discovery led to the later control of malaria and yellow fever through eliminating the mosquitoes that spread them. Thus was made possible the building of the Panama Canal through the mosquito-infested swamps where the white race had previously been unable to survive.

In 1898, Dr. Smith found that the human and bovine tubercle bacilli differ, and that tuberculosis of cattle is not transmitted to human adults but that children are sometimes affected with it. He has also made important contributions to the preparation of diphtheria antitoxin, and to laboratory technique. As director of the department of animal pathology of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research at Princeton, he is now investigating infectious abortion and other diseases of cattle.

Dr. Smith has received honorary degrees from Harvard, Chicago, Washington

University, Yale, Princeton, and Breslau. He is an honorary member of La Societe de Pathologie Exotique of Paris, and of the Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, of London, and a member of many American learned societies. From 1884 to 1895 he was director of the pathological laboratory of the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and from 1895 to 1915, when he was chosen for his present position, he was director of the pathological laboratory of the Massachusetts State Board of Health and professor of comparative pathology at Harvard University.

SPORT STUFF

There is a new fur overcoat which is tremendously popular. It is said to have originated on goats. It looks like a million dollars and costs only thirty-five. Hence its vogue—and a certain amount of skepticism along the side lines. Those students who haven't one are waiting hopefully and excitedly for the new fur overcoats to demonstrate what is the matter with them.

The professors are putting on a monster steamed clam orgy at the Town and Gown Club right in the middle of the examination period. It doesn't seem just right to cheer while the poor devils are dying. Those alumni who are also fathers will see moreover a horrid bit of ghastly symbolism in their staging an eclipse of the sun just at this time.

The roof is on the new Union. There's another thing on the road to completion. In a university things move much as the celestial bodies do. You can't see them move, but you are conscious that great changes are going on all the time.

R. B.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

The University Faculty at its meeting on January 14 elected Professor Rollin A. Emerson, '99 Sp., of the Department of Plant Breeding, its representative to the Board of Trustees to serve for three years and to succeed James Parker Hall '94, whose term expired on January 1, 1925.

Professor Frank Thilly was elected Faculty representative on the Board to serve the unexpired term of the late Professor James E. Creighton, to January 1, 1926.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY of the Medical College will be on the program of the annual scientific meeting of the New York Academy of Medicine on January 23. The general subject of the meeting will be "Education of the Physician Regarding Cancer." Papers will be read by Dean Walter L. Niles '02 and by Dr. James Ewing, who is both a Cornell professor and director of cancer research at the Memorial Hospital in New York.

ATHLETICS

Hockey Team Defeats M.A.C.

Superior team play gave Cornell a 2 to 1 victory over the Massachusetts Aggies in a hockey game on Beebe Lake Saturday afternoon. Benton and Filton shot goals for Cornell, Moberg for the visitors.

Lose First League Game

The basketball team lost its first league game Saturday night at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania coming out ahead by a score of 24 to 19. The rivals were even in field goals, seven all, but Pennsylvania was more adept at throwing baskets from the foul line. The Red and Blue took a commanding lead in the first half, and though Cornell rallied nicely in the second, the margin was too great to be overcome.

An injury to Rosenbaum, left guard, in the Rochester game the week before, compelled Coach Ortner to make a shift in the line-up. He moved Molinet back from right forward to Rosenbaum's position. Pennsylvania found the Cuban's defense vulnerable, and Carmack got by him twice in the first half for field goals. While trying to handle him as well as his own man, Rossomondo committed fouls which gave Carmack a chance to make four additional points.

Coach Ortner then changed the line-up, Clucas and Molinet exchanging places, and the defense stiffened at once. Pennsylvania however had obtained a big lead by half time, the score standing 18 to 7. In the second half Cornell scored twelve points while the Quakers obtained only six. The closest Cornell came to tying the score was a minute or two before the game ended, when the count was 22-19.

Rossomondo starred for Cornell, caging three goals and making one foul goal. Carmack and Block were high men for the Red and Blue.

The team is scheduled to meet Princeton, one of the favorites for the championship, in the Drill Hall Saturday night.

The line up and summary:

Pennsylvania (24)	Cornell (19)
Dessen.....L.F.....	Winkler
Carmack.....R.F.....	Clucas
Block.....C.....	Dake
Davenport.....R.G.....	Rossomondo
Goldblatt.....L.G.....	Molinet

Field goals: Carmack 2, Block 2, Davenport 2, Goldblatt, Rossomondo 3, Clucas, Dake, Winkler, Albee. Foul goals: Carmack 4, Davenport 4, Goldblatt, Kneass, Dake 2, Winkler 2, Rossomondo.

Substitutions: Clucas for Molinet, Molinet for Clucas, Albee for Molinet, Bregman for Albee, Kneass for Dessen, Morris for Carmack.

Referee, Walsh; umpire, Jones.

Freshmen Lose Basketball Game

St. Johns Military Academy at Manlius defeated the freshmen basketball team Saturday, 27 to 17.

Many Cornell Clubs Celebrate Founder's Day in Many Places

Alumni Organizations in All Parts of the World Commemorate Event With Varying Programs Over Period of Four Days

ALTHOUGH Ezra Cornell's birthday anniversary this year fell on a Sunday, more Cornell clubs than ever before have held Founder's Day celebrations. Some clubs celebrated on Friday or Saturday, January 9 or 10, while others held meetings in the week of January 11. So far as they have been reported, Founder's Day meetings were held in Ithaca, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Florida, Washington, Hawaii, San Francisco, Detroit, Omaha, and Knoxville, Tennessee. Accounts of some meetings have not yet come.

PERHAPS the largest meeting was held in Ithaca on January 9, when two hundred Cornell men and women, members of the two local alumni clubs, dined at Prudence Risley. Several in the room could remember Ezra Cornell and the early days of the University.

Not unnaturally the speeches were for the most part serious, and even the toastmaster, Professor Frank Thilly, omitted the humorous references which have come to be considered a part of the toastmaster's equipment, giving in their place a brief word-picture of the "tenacious, reticent, patient man with the good of the people at heart," who devoted his life and his fortune to found a university.

Addresses by Professor George L. Burr '81 and by Charles E. Cornell, "the eldest son of the the eldest son" of the Founder, took the form of appropriate personal reminiscences. Professor Burr, the literary executor of Andrew D. White, read excerpts from a number of Dr. White's letters from such important figures in the young University's progress as Goldwin Smith, James Russell Lowell, Willard Fiske, and Frederick Law Olmsted.

President Farrand in a brief address said that in his judgment there was no question that the ideals of the founders of Cornell University were being carried out so far as the quality of academic work was concerned. But he said that he was not so sure that we have maintained some of those ideals other than the academic. "Ezra Cornell," said the President, "believed in the human touch, in a democracy of Cornell. He wished no obstacle to be placed in the way of the boy of slender opportunity. Cornell has maintained this ideal to a considerable degree, but there is a very real temptation to erect or develop in such a university certain of the ideas of privilege which do so much to undermine the sound principles of democracy." Dr. Farrand added that this was one particular reason why he welcomed the erection of the Cornell Union, the memorial to Willard Straight.

Mrs. R. Warren Sailor (Queenie Horton) '09, as president of the Cornell Women's Club of Ithaca, presented the toastmaster, and following the addresses, William H. Morrison '90, president of the Cornell Club of Ithaca, thanked the women for the invitation which had resulted in this first joint observance of Founder's Day. Miss Mary Cornell, the only surviving child of

the Founder, who was invited to attend the dinner as guest of honor, was prevented by illness from being present.

THE Cornell Club of Omaha celebrated Founder's Day with a dinner at the University Club on the ninth. Judge Ernest C. Page '89, president of the club, presided. Wives of members were invited to hear reminiscences by Judge Arthur C. Wakeley '78 and by representatives from various other classes down to the young graduates of '23.

PRINCIPAL speakers at the Founder's Day dinner of the Cornell Women's Club of Cleveland were Mrs. Willard Beahan (Bessie DeWitt) '78 and Mrs. Viola Buell (Viola Smith) '80, with other members paying supplementary tributes.

The policy of the Club's meetings was discussed, with a decision to hold future luncheons downtown. The annual meeting in May is to be in celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Club, and a tribute to Mrs. Beahan, the present secretary-treasurer, who was instrumental in the organization and who has been largely responsible for its activities. Mrs. Beahan has served variously as president, vice-president, and all the other officers.

WITH George W. Loos '72 as principal speaker, the Cornell Club of Philadelphia claims that at its Founder's Day luncheon on January 9, it went back as far into the history of Cornell as any other club. Loos entered the University in 1868 with the first class, spent one year there, and returned again in 1873, graduating with the Class of '76.

Besides giving incidents of the early days at Cornell, when students did much of the construction work at fifteen cents an hour, Loos described the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, where he had charge of the Cornell exhibit.

He recounted many incidents of his associations with David Starr Jordan, Hiram Corson, and Benjamin Ide Wheeler, and mentioned especially Mr. Cornell's personal interest in the students. He used to visit them in their rooms to get first hand information of their ideas about the University and their living conditions.

Word from the Club is that they heard just enough from Loos so that they have already asked him to come again and fill in the gaps of his story of the early days of the University.

THIRTY members of the Cornell Club of Springfield, Massachusetts, met at the University Club on January 10. Paul W. Tarbox '78 of Agawam, said to be the oldest living alumnus in western Massachusetts, gave the club by letter an old and valuable document entitled "In Memoriam. The Death and Burial of Hon. Ezra Cornell, Founder of Cornell University." Mr. Tarbox in his letter told of the University of his day, and of his impressions when as a freshman he attended the Founder's funeral.

Henry R. Huntting '93 and Sidney E. Whiting '98 spoke briefly. Chester P. Johnson '15, secretary of the Club, reported on the annual alumni convention held in New York in November. Cornell songs, old and new, were led by Victor M. Catok '18.

Oley D. Roats '06 was elected president, and Johnson was re-elected secretary of the Club. Other officers elected were: vice-president, Donald C. Mackintosh '07, of Holyoke; treasurer, Arthur A. Swinnerton '09, of Longmeadow. The board of governors for the year is as follows: chairman, Walter L. Mulligan '98 (ex-officio), Arthur J. Shean '11, John J. D. McCormick '13, Robert P. King '12, Harold C. Atwater '08, and Luther Banta '15.

As the retiring president, during whose term of office the Club has grown to the largest membership in its history, McCormick was presented with an engraved shingle in appreciation of his services.

INSTEAD of planning a program of sentimental reminiscing for the Founder's Day program of the Cornell Women's Club of New York, Katherine R. Buckley '01, the president, decided that it would be just as much in keeping with the spirit of the day to know first hand some of the new happenings and to look forward to what Cornell may do in the future.

The club invited Martha Van Rensselaer, head of the School of Home Economics, and it was interested to learn of the growth of the school, from its initial class of four in 1911 to its entering class of one hundred and twenty this fall, and to know that despite ominous warnings in the beginning that women would not come to college to learn how to become successful home-makers, many have done that very thing. Miss Van Rensselaer related how the students have had such practical experience as actually mothering

"Dicky Domecon" and his successors, besides learning how to be charming hostesses while, behind the scenes, doing housework, marketing, and taking care of the baby!

The New York women were also interested to hear that the School feels it has had good support from the Trustees and Faculty, and fair play all around in the many innovations it has caused in University life. After much waiting, it expects the bill to pass at Albany whereby it will be a separate college instead of a school in the College of Agriculture. This change, while not in any way increasing the administrative staff necessary for its work, will enable the School to give its graduates a diploma for their four years' work which will stand for what they have accomplished in home economics rather than in agriculture.

Miss Van Rensselaer read a list of the professional positions held by some of the graduates of the School.

This meeting of the Club, held at the Women's Allerton Hotel, had the best attendance of any meeting of the year. Tea was served after the program.

THE Cornell Women's Club of the Bay Cities of California held its Founder's Day meeting on January 10. Mrs. C. A. Carney (Fannie D. Boone) '14, was hostess to the club at a luncheon at her home, after which two of the members, Miss Sophy P. Fleming '74 of Berkeley and Miss Lucy Washburn '85 of Los Gatos, talked on the early days of the University.

Miss Fleming claims the distinction of having been the first woman to enter Cornell. Only one other woman attended that year, 1871, as the authorities were not yet ready for women. They were having difficulties enough in caring for the young men who flocked to the doors of this new University. It seemed that the day for women would have to be postponed indefinitely, but these two pioneer women managed to pave the way and the next year about a dozen more entered.

Miss Washburn is a niece of the late Henry B. Lord, who was the first Alumnus Trustee, a position which he held throughout his long life. Miss Washburn talked intimately of her uncle, who was closely associated with Ezra Cornell. She showed some original photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell, taken in 1865; also portraits of James Russell Lowell and George William Curtis, some of whose lectures she heard while a guest of her aunt and uncle at Ithaca in 1869. Reading from the "Account of the Proceedings of the Inauguration" of the first President of the University, the speaker pointed out that in this pamphlet, dated October 7, 1868, Dr. Andrew D. White, as president, Francis Miles Finch as Trustee, and Mr. Cornell, as Founder of the University, all mentioned women as future students.

Miss Washburn also exhibited a copy of the first number of *The Cornell Era*, dated

November 28, 1868, and an original letter from Ezra Cornell, dated February 26, 1869. In this letter the Founder mentioned the fact that there were four hundred young men in the entering class of that year, the largest entering class of any college in America at the time. A new member present at this meeting was Miss Margaret Cornell, who is a great-granddaughter of Ezra Cornell.

Mrs. Finis E. Yokum (Wilhelmine Wissman) '11, who entertained the club at luncheon in December, returned from her trip to New York, as delegate to the Corporation Convention, full of enthusiasm and renewed zeal. She brought many valuable suggestions to the Club and personal greetings from old friends and classmates to individual members.

AT Pittsburgh, the regular weekly luncheon on January 9 took the place of a formal Founder's Day banquet. Herbert D. Kneeland '10, president of the Club, gave a short biographical and appreciative sketch of the life of Ezra Cornell. The guest speaker was Chancellor John G. Bowman of the University of Pittsburgh, who described the already well-known sky-scraper contemplated by that institution. This original and distinctly modern idea of an entire university of ten thousand students housed in one building, presented with the enthusiasm of one of its creators, furnished one of the most interesting addresses the Pittsburgh club has had.

BUFFALO Cornellians held a Founder's Day smoker at the University Club on January 9. The principal speaker was Coach Gilmour Dobie, who talked intimately of football conditions. Lewis R. Gulick '04 presided as president of the club.

New officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: president, William H. Kennedy '10; vice-presidents, Oliver S. Bruce '08, Edgar F. Wendt '11; secretary-treasurer, Herbert R. Johnston '17; board of directors, Frederick C. Backus '14, Amos G. Peterson '09; athletic director, William L. Webster '19.

CORNELL men of Detroit celebrated on January 9 at the University Club, with a combination Founder's Day meeting and interscholastic football smoker. The Cornell Association of Michigan presents each year a silver cup to the team winning the interscholastic football championship of Detroit. The club also presents to each letter man of the winning team a bronze medal bearing a replica of the cup trophy. This year an unusual situation developed in that three teams were tied for first place. Fifty-one letter men, representing the three high schools, were therefore invited to the smoker, and each was awarded a medal. A Harrington Place '94 was chairman of the meeting. Fred M. Randall '00, president of the Association, presented the trophies.

The Founder's Day address by former

Professor Clarence F. Hirshfeld '05 was designed particularly to give to the high school boys and the other visitors a picture of the ideals for which Cornell stands.

THE meeting of the Cornell Women's Club of Pittsburgh, a luncheon on January 10, brought out an unusually large attendance of the alumnae of Western Pennsylvania and was the best meeting held for many months. The Founder's Day part of the program consisted for the most part of a discussion of the early days led by the secretary of the club, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull III (Clara Howard) '14. She read excerpts from a batch of Ezra Cornell's relatively unknown letters and showed photographs of the University in its present development. Herbert D. Kneeland '10, president of the Cornell Association of Western Pennsylvania, repeated much of the talk he had given at the men's meeting on the preceding day.

AN EARLY ACQUISITION

Before the days of football mascots and animal clinics, in the early days of Cornell the authorities were called upon to contend with wild beasts, according to a story which was published in *The Ithaca Journal* of fifty years ago. The story was headed, "There's a Lion in the Way," and it recorded the strenuous efforts of the Founder and his executive committee to deal with an unprecedented situation brought about by the gift to the University of "a young lion, eight months and nineteen days old" from H. Barnum, manager of "Howe's London Circus."

Mr. Cornell, it seems, had called an extra session of the Executive Committee of the University, stating that "business of pressing importance" demanded their attention. He received them with a solemn face, looking, according to the story, "very grave and thoughtful." The *Journal's* account goes on as follows:

"After opening the meeting he continued: 'You have been kind enough but yesterday to take an elephant off my shoulders [referring to the transaction by which the University assumed Mr. Cornell's place in the management of the college land script] and I now have to request your good offices in removing a lion from my path.' So saying, and drawing a letter from his pocket, Mr. Cornell, with a face as solemn as that of those hired chief mourners whom Dickens has so skillfully sketched for us, handed it to Mr. Finch, with the remark, 'Read that and it will acquaint you with the whole matter.'

"Suddenly the solemnity of the occasion was broken in upon by Mr. Finch's breaking out into a hearty laugh. To the look of astonishment from his compeers he answered by reading in a clear, distinct voice the following letter:

"Connersville, Indiana,
"Nov. 26, 1874.

"Hon. Ezra Cornell:

"Sir: I send you by express one box containing a young lion eight months and

nineteen days old. I send this on behalf of Mr. H. Barnum, now manager of Mr. Howe's London Circus, and Sanger's English Menagerie, late manager of the Central Park Menagerie.

"Wishing you would accept the same as a present from Mr. H. Barnum of Howe's London Circus, remain your, etc.

"Dr. R. H. Disco,
"Head keeper, late of the Central Park Menagerie."

"When the violent and prolonged explosion of laughter (during which Mr. Cornell's face assumed a less severe expression) had subsided, the really serious matter of getting this lion out of Mr. Cornell's path was discussed. After many suggestions were advanced, learnedly discussed, and abandoned, the matter was concluded for the day by appointing President White and Mr. Selkreg a 'committee on the lion' with full powers.

"This committee had concluded, it is said, to receive this king of beasts in a manner befitting his high rank, and then undertake a negotiation for his admission into the menagerie of Central Park, New York, until such time as the University should have a sufficiently large collection to make it profitable for that institution to set up in competition with Barnum's 'World's Fair on Wheels.'

"Meanwhile the news of the expected advent of the distinguished but ferocious stranger had reached the express office, causing a nervousness among the gentlemanly occupants thereof not at all in keeping with their usually self-contained and dignified bearing. It was amusing to see how gingerly the nimble clerks handled all express packages which bore any resemblance to the vivid mental picture which each one had formed of the 'lion's

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NORTON '02 TALKS ON GERMANY

That the Dawes Plan for payment of reparations has served to "feel out" the financial affairs of Germany and is not the "cut-and-dried" affair that it is popularly supposed, but is extremely flexible, was the statement of William J. Norton '02, who came to Ithaca to lecture on "The Operation of the Dawes Plan in Germany" on January 15, and before the Saturday Lunch Club on January 17 on "The Economic Situation in Germany."

Norton recently returned from Berlin, where he served unofficially on the staff of Owen D. Young, the first Agent General of Reparations. He was in close contact with the work of the Expert Commission on German Finances and Reparations, commonly known as the Dawes Commission, of which Henry M. Robinson '90 was a member.

Instead of stamping out Germany financially and politically, Norton says, the plan has proved to the world at large, especially France and England, that Germany can pay any fair amount of reparations. Because of the results of the plan, other nations have already loaned Germany money.

He prophesied that the plan will work quietly for about two years, with little change, until the time is ripe for translation of German payments to the Allies through foreign exchange. The real test will come in 1927 or 1928, when Germany will undertake the payment of \$625,000,000 a year. So far, the payments have been light, and have been made chiefly in kind—that is, in coal, iron, lignite, dyes, and such natural products.

By that time, Norton said, Germany must be stronger economically than before

the War, which means that other countries must buy more of her products. Herein lies the most important test of the United States—whether she will constitute herself a market for German products and thereby help to give that nation economic impetus.

He explained that the Dawes Plan was merely an agent in the rehabilitation of German finances. The Germans had nearly straightened out their own affairs without intervention before the plan came into being. The Dawes Plan, however, gave stability to the convalescent money system, and made possible the loans upon which Germany has had more or less to depend in getting on her feet.

As for the actual working of the Dawes Plan, Norton characterized it as successful in every respect. Up to date, the Germans have made all required payments, and have cooperated perfectly. In fact, they have overpaid to some amount.

The operation of the system mapped out by the Dawes Commission is extremely complicated, with forty-five boards, commissions and commissioners. The whole mechanism harks back to the original Reparations Commission. Five boards under the Agent General constitute the main operating apparatus in Germany, keeping the financial situation there under their finger tips; they are the Co-ordinating Board, the Controlled Revenue Board, the Industrial Debentures Board, the Railway Commission, and the Bank Commission. Of these, the most important is that of Controlled Revenues, holding the reins of the chief revenue-returning staples—customs, tobacco, beer, alcohol, and sugar. These revenues reach the Agent General through the Commissioner of Controlled Revenue.



THE NOON HOUR AT "DOMECON"

Photo by Troy

Although it feeds eight to nine hundred persons every day of the University year and during the Summer Session, the cafeteria of the School of Home Economics is run primarily as a teaching project. Women students in the courses in institutional management and men in the hotel courses get practice in preparing and serving the four bushels of potatoes, eighty-five pounds of meat, thirty-five loaves of bread and fifteen dozen rolls, and similar quantities of other viands that its patrons eat every day. The average expenditure for breakfast is said to be about twenty-five cents, and for the other two meals, about forty cents each. More than half of the daily quota are fed at noon.



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AN ACHIEVEMENT IN TEACHING

IF we were composing cross-word puzzles—we definitely are not—we should abuse the eyes and patience of those readers that would work at them by the frequent employment of words of Greek derivation. We could then offer prizes with lavish hand and comparative security. When this trick failed longer to work, we could polish up a bit on Greek literature with confidence that we could put either our vertical or horizontal beyond the reach of any but a chosen few of our very best people.

It is with considerable gratification, then, that we learn that the course in beginners' Greek, the announcement of which caused such a flurry in the local and national press about a year ago, has been quite successful. Readers may recall that the course comes at various reasonable hours; that one may enter it in either term; that one soon gets into reading Homer; and that the registration has been heavy enough to compel it to run in sections. It begins to look as if Cornell, a pioneer in breaking away from required Greek in the Arts course, would also be considered a pioneer in interesting the ordinary modern student in the worth of this ancient culture as an elective.

This achievement seems to us as valuable as any research. We do not intend to minimize research, but rather to magnify the achievement. The need and value of research are still as urgent as they were when the Endowment campaigners first introduced the term to the non-academic world. Exploits in teaching, on the other

hand, have not been so effectively presented. Consequently the brilliant teacher, who gives the investigator his groundwork and fires his imagination, must usually yield homage to his celebrated pupil. Yet the real teacher furnishes the inspiration that sweeps us beyond the realms of the known to delve into the treasures of the unknown and the forgotten. Obviously there is equal need in a University for both. Without either the plan fails. Each is as essential as the other, and as rare.

Consequently Cornell can feel considerable pride in its department's achievement in baby Greek; an achievement on a parity with research of the most profound sort; an achievement involving knowledge of much in addition to Greek, and including perhaps unconscious research into human nature and student inclinations—factors not infrequently disregarded by the profession as negligible.

In the commercial jargon that we now have with us, they have sold Greek freely in the face of a dull and falling market. This is usually considered salesmanship of the highest order. May they continue to prosper.

A CORRECTION

Through an error in the printing of the report of Edwin N. Sanderson '87, as Alumni Trustee, in our issue of January 8, the last paragraph on page 187 read as follows:

"Some idea of the need of the new Central Heating Plant, entirely irrespectively of the economic consideration, may be gained by comparison of operating statements, which show in 1920-21 the University used 104,280 M. pounds of steam, and 1923-24 the consumption has increased to 346,027 M. pounds."

The following paragraphs should have appeared in place of that statement:

"Some idea of the need of the new central heating plant, entirely irrespectively of economic considerations, may be gained from the statement giving the consumption supplied by that plant for the year 1923-24 as 346,027 M. pounds.

"By way of comparison the consumption supplied from the old central heating plant, which served principally the buildings about the quadrangle, for each of the three previous years was: 1920-21, 104,280 M. pounds; 1921-22, 114,674 M. pounds; 1922-23, 184,007 M. pounds."

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES

THE MICHIGAN *Daily*, after some investigation, has come to the conclusion that at least \$80,000 is spent annually at Michigan for dances. At Wisconsin it has been estimated that \$100,000 goes annually into this form of amusement.

AT CASE 152 boys last summer earned \$37,302, an average of \$245.41. The individual sums ranged from \$15 to \$630. Not the least valuable of their gains was their experience, which included many an eye-opener.

OBITUARY

Crines H. DuBois '74

Crines Hardenburgh Du Bois died of stomach trouble at Los Angeles, California, on February 13, 1918, it has recently been learned.

He was born at Kingston, N. Y., in 1849 and after getting his early education in that vicinity, came to Cornell in 1870 as an optional student. He remained for one year. He was a member of the Philathea Society.

After leaving Cornell he became superintendent of schools in Long Island City, N. Y., and after holding this position for a time, went to the Michigan Law School. Before completing his course he launched out as a writer and for ten years was editor and publisher of *The Saturday Evening Spectator* in Minneapolis, Minn.

He next moved to Texas, where he was married and later went with his family to California. He was for some time editor and publisher of the *Los Angeles News*.

Eugene F. Ballard '82

Eugene Forrest Ballard was killed in an automobile accident at Denver, Colo., on May 10, 1910, according to word just received.

He was born on November 30, 1857 at China, Maine, and after attending school there came to Ithaca and entered Professor Kinne's Preparatory School. In 1878 he entered Cornell as a student of history and political science and remained two years. In his sophomore year he was historian of his class.

Harley W. Fisher, Sp. '84

Harley Wilson Fisher died on September 13, 1921 at Buffalo, N. Y., according to word recently received.

He was born on April 20, 1859, at Tionesta, Pa., the son of James J. and Nancy Yost Fisher. After getting his early education in the South Oil City, Pa., High School, he entered Cornell in 1883 as a special student and remained one year.

After leaving the University, he went to Oil City, Pa., and studied law. Later he was admitted to the bar and was a practicing attorney until his death.

Walter S. Harshman '92

Walter Scott Harshman died on July 1, 1924 at Tryon, N. C.

He was born at North Jackson, Ohio, on July 19, 1859 and after getting his early education there, went to Western Reserve University from which he received the degree of B. S. in 1880. He then went to Ohio Normal University and in 1883 received the degree of C. E. from that institution.

From 1884 to 1885 he was professor of mathematics at the Tri-State Normal College and from 1885 to 1888 in the American Normal College. In 1888 he entered Cornell as a holder of the McGraw Scholarship, in civil engineering, and remained for two years. He left to attend

Columbia, now George Washington, University and in 1892 received the degree of M. S. and in 1894 that of Ph. D.

On August 25, 1900 he was appointed by President McKinley professor of mathematics at the United States Naval Academy and held this post until January 11, 1916, when he was retired with the rank of commander. During the years 1901 to 1907, he was also director of the *Nautical Almanac* office, and from 1900 to 1907 was professor of applied mathematics in the Graduate School of George Washington University.

He was much interested in astronomical matters and assisted considerably in work on the astronomical papers of the American Ephemeris, including tables of planets, secular variations, the orbit of Polyhymnia and the mass of Jupiter. He was also noted as a contributor to numerous mathematical journals.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Frances M. Hodges of Sumter, S. C., and whom he married on December 9, 1890.

Chas. C. Poindexter '05-07 Grad.

Charles Cardoza Poindexter died on June 2, 1913 in Nashville, Tenn., following an operation, it has just been learned.

He was born on March 10, 1880 at Pennsboro, W. Va., the son of Joseph A. and Lucy Jordan Poindexter. After attending school there, he went to West Virginia Colored Institute, then to Ohio State University, where he secured the degree of B. S. in Agr. in 1903. In 1905 he entered Cornell as a graduate student and left in January of 1907. While in the University, he was married to Miss H. Florence Newton of Canastota, N. Y.

After leaving Cornell, he became an assistant in the division of agriculture at Hampton Institute. Later he was director of agriculture for the American Church Institute for Negroes. He was a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the National Educational Association, the American Nature Study Society, and the National Association of Audobon Societies. At the time of his death he was professor of agronomy and biology in Fiske University.

Elwyn G. Ross, Sp. '07

Elwyn Garfield Ross died at Rochester, N. Y., on September 15, 1924.

He was born in Penfield, N. Y., on June 27, 1881, the son of Edward S. and Mary Clark Ross, and a direct descendant of the first settlers in Rhode Island.

After attending the High School in Spokane, Wash., and the Washington State Preparatory School, he was at Washington State College from 1904 to 1906 as a student of agriculture. In 1906 he came to Cornell as a special student of agriculture and remained for one year. He was a member of the Lazy Club.

After leaving the University, he was engaged with his father in fruit growing near Rochester, but more recently had

been in the investment business in that city.

Jamie P. Boags '11

Jamie Percy Boags died in New York City on September 10, 1910, it was recently learned.

He was born in Washington, D. C., on March 4, 1888, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Boags. After attending the M Street High School, he entered Cornell in 1907 as a student in the College of Arts and Sciences and remained two years.

Dorothy Conwell '23

Dorothy Conwell died at Jackson Heights, N. Y., on November 19, 1924.

She was born in Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y., on September 3, 1900, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Conwell. After attending the Newton High School in Elmhurst, she came to Cornell in 1918 as a student of mechanical engineering and graduated in 1923 with the degree of M. E. While in the University she rowed on her freshman crew, and was a member of the sophomore baseball team and the Dramatic Club. Last summer she spent in Europe, traveling with E. Ada Edsell '22.

LITERARY REVIEW

Liberty in Christian Thinking

Honest Liberty in the Church: a Record of the Church Congress in the United States on Its Fiftieth Anniversary, A. D. 1924, with an introduction by the General Chairman, Right Rev. Charles L. Slattey. New York. Macmillan. 1924. 19.7 cm., pp. xviii, 408. Price, \$2.25.

This is an admirable collection of addresses by some of the foremost clergymen and laymen of the Episcopal Church. Naturally all points of view are represented, from the ultra-conservative to the liberal. One feels that in this great historic church there are champions of all shades of thought who are not afraid to defend their views, and that consequently there will be progress in thought and forward-looking action.

The subjects treated at this Congress are The Person of Christ in the Thought of To-Day; Christian Marriage; The Value of Auricular Confession; Shall We Continue Making Creeds a Requisite of Church Membership? The Christian Approach to the Solution of Industrial Problems; How Shall the Church Deal with Fundamentalism? The Present Situation in the Church.

As a specimen of the thought presented at the Congress we select the papers on Fundamentalism, especially since the first speaker was Bishop G. Ashton Oldham '02, of the Diocese of Albany.

Bishop Oldham's attitude is eminently just and fair. We must first of all, he says, try to understand Fundamentalism and then attempt to deal with it sympathetically and constructively. The Fundamentalists think they are putting out a fire, set by infidels and apostates, who at-

tack our faith not alone openly but also by insidious innuendo. Besides, Fundamentalism enshrines and expresses certain fine loyalties which we can ill afford to lose; it exhibits an earnestness and enthusiasm which religion to-day sorely needs. Its errors are of the head rather than of the heart and if we can allay its fears and quiet somewhat its turbulent feelings we may be able to enlighten its understanding." We must handle the situation with tact: trying to show the Fundamentalists that many evolutionists believe in God and Christ as deeply as they; that opposition to science does harm, as Andrew D. White has so admirably shown in his *Warfare of Science and Theology*. On the other hand there must be plain speaking. We must make it clear that the Bible is not to be held as infallible. "An infallible Bible leaves us no choice between wholesale credulity and blank scepticism." As opposed to an infallible Bible we may defend an inspired one; further we may point out that the Bible has nothing to do with science as such; its essential message is about God.

Dr. Augustus N. Hand pleaded for the toleration of both authority and the spirit of free inquiry within the Church. When asked how the Church is to stand without dogma, he virtually replies that less dogma will do as well. Rosewell Page, representing the point of view of the South, where Fundamentalism is supposed to be especially strong, says, let the Fundamentalists alone; they serve their purpose. Bishop Hall of Vermont favors teaching a progressive revelation, the inspiration of the writers of the Bible rather than the verbal infallibility of the Book; also a broad distinction between the Old and the New Testament.

All of the discussions are marked by breadth of view, sympathetic penetration, and a desire to be fair to all sides. With such leaders of thought the Episcopal Church is bound to go forward, we believe, and to contribute its quota to the reconstruction work of the new era toward which we are bound.

Books and Magazine Articles

In *The Cornell Countryman* for January Professor Louis M. Roehl writes on "The Care and Repair of Farm Machinery." Professor Bruce L. Melvin and William R. George present "Yeas and Nays of the Proposed Child Labor Amendment"; Professor Melvin holds that there is a need of the regulation of child labor even in commercialized agriculture, while Mr. George says the amendment is so drastic that it strikes at the liberties of every person below the age of eighteen. Professor Rollin A. Emerson, Sp. '99, concludes his serial on South American life entitled "Where the Shadows Seek the South."

In *The Century Magazine* for January Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, Ph. D. '97, writes on "A New College." He would like to see a small college started with twenty-five or thirty teachers and only two

hundred fifty to three hundred students; the first year to be devoted to the study of ancient Greek civilization, the second year to that of a modern civilization. In the upper years the student would work in a special field with one who has special power and training in that field. Tutorial instruction would replace the lecture system.

The Rotarian for January has an appreciative review of "The Child: His Nature and His Needs" by Professor Michael V. O'Shea '92.

The Mount Hermon Alumni Quarterly for December has a portrait of Henry R. Hunting '93, head of the H. R. Hunting Co., Inc., book sellers and publishers, of Springfield, Mass.

In *The American Historical Review* for January "A History of the British People" by Professor Edward M. Hulme, A. M. '02, of Stanford, is reviewed by C. E. Fryer. Professor Alfred H. Sweet, Ph. D. '17, of St. Lawrence University, reviews the second edition of "Benedictine Monasticism: Studies in Benedictine Life and Rule" and "Illustrations of the Life of St. Alban in Trinity College, Dublin, Ms. E. 1.40." Professor Preserved Smith's "Erasmus" is reviewed by Professor Ephraim Emerton. Professor Smith himself reviews "L'Épanouissement de la Pensée Religieuse de Luther de 1515 à 1520" by Henry Strohl. Professor Wilbur C. Abbott, '92-5 Grad., of Harvard, reviews Keith Feiling's "History of the Tory Party, 1640-1714." Professor Eloise Ellery, Ph. D. '02, of Vassar, reviews Hippolyte Roy's "La Vie, La Mode, et le Costume au XVII^e Siècle—Époque Louis XIII: Étude sur la Court de Lorraine Établie d'Après les Mémoires des Fournisseurs et Artisans"

In *Science* for January 18 Professor Benjamin M. Duggar, Ph. D. '98, of Washington University and the Shaw Botanic Garden, writes on the work of "The International Congress of Plant Sciences." Dr. David Starr Jordan '72 reviews "Maker, Man and Matter: Thread of Life Series I" by Pierson Worrall Banning.

AN EARLY ACQUISITION

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age.' But all this apprehension was causeless, as the event proved, for the lion was dead. This fact was very reassuring and had the effect of very much simplifying the duties of the 'committee on the lion.'

"It was then understood that the kind-hearted donor had heard of Dr. Wilder of Cornell (as who has not?) and that the deceased king of beasts was designed to grace that celebrated naturalist's museum. We are sure everybody interested is very grateful, not more for the lion than for his death. But Dr. Wilder, in particular, we feel assured, is almost frantic with delight, for in his estimation a live dog is not better than a dead lion."

Increasing the Intellectual Interests of Students

A Comprehensive Report by Robert C. Angell of Michigan on a Subject of Importance to Every College Man

In three recent issues of *The Michigan Alumnus* there has appeared a notable serial article by Robert C. Angell, Michigan '21, now of the department of sociology of the University of Michigan, made at the request of President Burton and the deans of his alma mater. So important is it that we believe our readers will be interested in a summary of it with some quotations.

There are few American colleges, he says, that have not some complaint to make of the intellectual life of their students. Confining himself to the University of Michigan, which after all is probably typical rather than unique, he says that the atmosphere of the campus is one of intellectual apathy rather than intellectual enthusiasm. Many professional students do exhibit commendable interest in their specialties; but all too frequently this is due not so much to intellectual curiosity as to a desire to get ahead in the competition.

Have Too Many Students

The background of entering freshmen is not conducive to a high degree of intellectual interest. The automobile manufacturer and the airplane pilot are too often regarded as the true heroes; the scholar is only an uninteresting recluse who is neither trying to make a fortune nor spending his life in the endless search for a noisy, speedy, and otherwise immoderate good time. Neither parents nor their children are interested primarily in the work of the school. The children find the element of adventure in the learning process insufficient to compete with the many more colorful pursuits at hand.

"The difficulties which the liberal arts college in a State university faces are compounded chiefly of two elements—intellectual indifference and numbers. Either alone would present a formidable problem, but together they give rise to a well-nigh insoluble one. Numbers have laid education under necessity. They have compelled close organization, and organization means mechanics, and mechanics means artificiality. The freshman throngs which tax the capacity of our recitation rooms require large classes, formal testing knowledge, credit by hours, grading systems, absence reports, warnings, and probation—things which do not make education more vital. Were these men and women possessed of a burning desire for knowledge, the problem of numbers might be met. But, unfortunately, very few are guilty of any such feeling. Probably the majority came to increase their earning power; many to spend a pleasant four years and emerge on a superior social level; some to distinguish themselves in athletics or other extra-curricular activities; a small

minority to increase the meaning of their lives by achieving a better understanding of man and nature. College is no longer, if it ever was, solely a place for those who wish to become cultured; it is a social practice ground where men and women learn to make friends and to carry on mutual undertakings, where they acquire a certain amount of polish and enjoy, free from worries, the most delightful period of life. It is small wonder that the intellectually eager are almost unremarked in the throng. Coupled with apathy toward things of the mind is the lack of a sufficient foundation of knowledge upon which to rear a well-fashioned structure. Now, when all classes come to college, the college must give that active, positive background which in former generations was prepared for it outside. It must create the intellectual stomach as well as present the food.

"Many of the activities are, of course, valuable. Perhaps all would be if they were entered into solely as a means of self-expression and training in cooperation. Too often, however, the incentive is the desire for prominence. If the editor of the *Daily*, the captain of the baseball team, and the president of the Union were not heroes in the eyes of undergraduates, these activities would lose much of their charm. Nor is the academic work wholly free from the taint of personal aggrandizement. The idea of brain activity as a pleasure in itself, common among the French, is foreign to the American student's mind. He does not revel in the discovery of truth nor is he keenly desirous of acquiring that breadth of knowledge and that depth of sympathy which are true culture. Many make brilliant records for whom the great fields of intellectual endeavor have little charm. Some are aiming for the Phi Beta Kappa key. Others pile up honor points as a miser his gold pieces."

Intellectual Achievement Needs Prestige

The most promising factor in the situation is the self-assertive impulse of students; they want to feel that what they do counts. The best lines of approach, then, will be the endeavor to enhance the prestige of intellectual achievement and to procure a sense of self-expression in the performance of intellectual tasks.

"A beginning might be to take outstanding students on scientific expeditions or to let them share in solving problems brought to the University from outside. Honorary societies and departmental clubs might so reorganize as to furnish more opportunities for intellectual companionship. The more of value which these organizations impart to their members, the more will students desire to be chosen and consequently the greater prestige will the fortunate ones enjoy. The expediency of utilizing all other organized groups in the development of respect for scholarship is evident. Fraternities and sororities are especially

important since they have great influence in the formation of campus public opinion. Fellowships in other institutions might well be established by these groups for their members, as well as by their respective general organizations, the Interfraternity Conference and the Pan-Hellenic League. Alumni committees on scholarship in these house groups charged with the duty of fostering intellectual interest and attainment could find methods of giving unusual advantages to their best students. Private donors could do few things better calculated to increase scholarly interest than to endow traveling fellowships, a type of privilege which appeals strongly to undergraduates."

Honors courses are probably the most effective method yet found of increasing the prestige of scholarship. They have been tried in a number of colleges with marked success. They both benefit the few who undertake them and raise scholarship in the eyes of the other undergraduates.

Giving credit for work in proportion to the grade of work done seems questionable in theory and has not been thoroughly demonstrated in practice. It puts a premium on cramming and tends to

shorten the academic residence of those who presumably receive most benefit from university work. Nor are intercollegiate scholarship competitions of undoubted value. True culture can hardly be tested competitively, like baseball. Scholarship should be rewarded, perhaps, but not so that the reward itself becomes the chief incentive.

New Lines of Thought Help

A recent commendable innovation is the freshman survey of a large field of knowledge. Such a course, on "The Nature of the World and Man," is to be tried at Chicago this year.

Every new line of thought with which the student is brought into contact increases the chance of his curiosity being aroused. Extra-curricular lectures do good service. Much more might be done to encourage students to form the habit of good reading. Faculty and alumni cooperation in building up fraternity libraries would be helpful. Round table discussions have served well at some colleges.

Further, the intellectually curious student should be able to forge ahead with a minimum of red tape to trip him up. Good advice to freshmen as to the best kind of

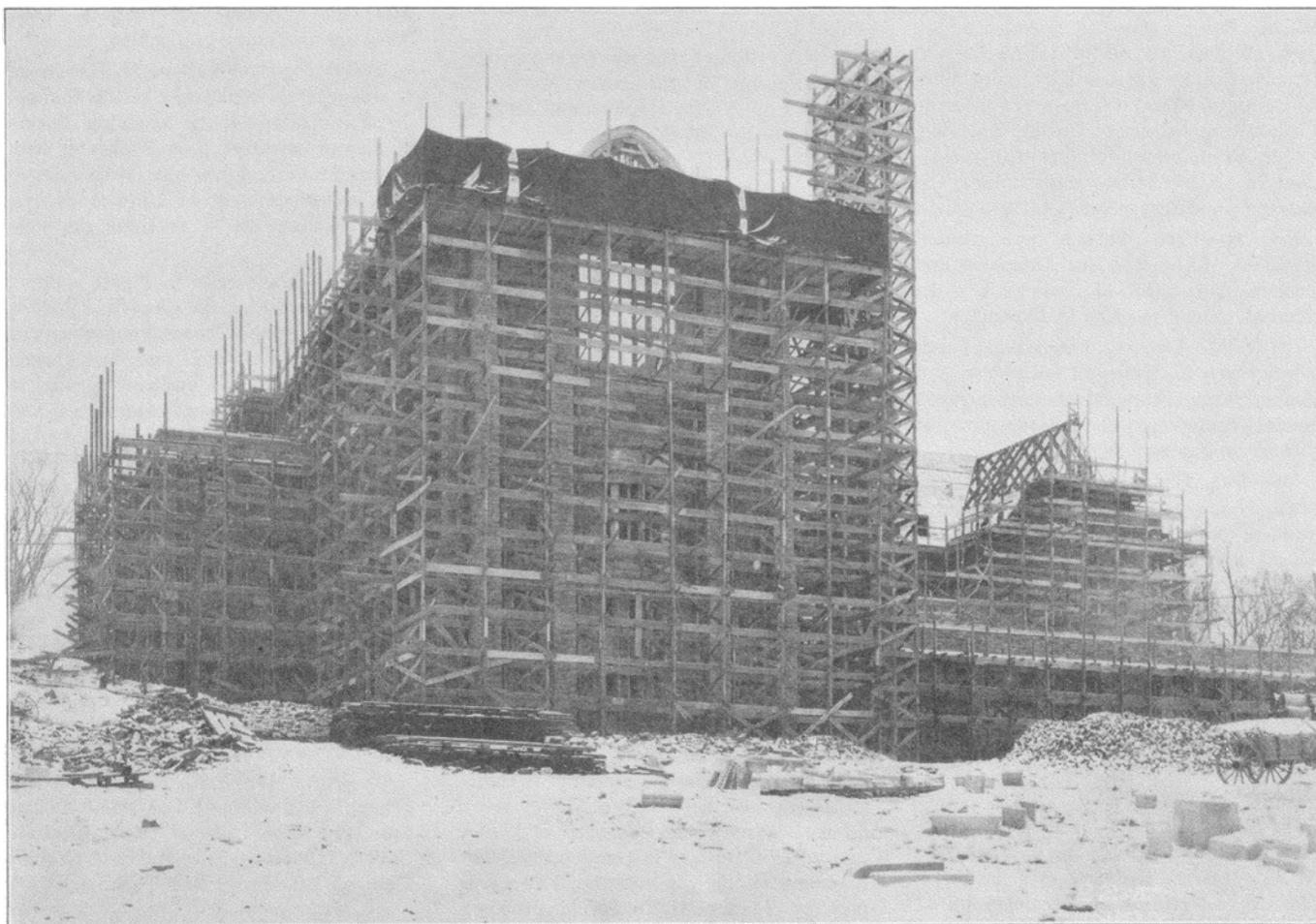
studies for them will help to save their time. Many freshmen have to be taught how to study. The Columbia course "An Introduction to Reflective Thinking" ought to be useful, especially in convincing the high school student of the seriousness of college work.

Continued next week

PROFESSOR CLARIBEL NYE '14 attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the New York State Home Economics Association in New York on December 29. Miss Nye is legislative chairman of the committee.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the American Association of University Professors, held recently in Washington, Professor Martin W. Sampson was elected a member of the Council.

DEAN DEXTER S. KIMBALL of the College of Engineering attended the meetings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Federation of American Engineering Societies held in Washington last week. He was also the principal speaker at a dinner given by the Washington Cornell Club in honor of Ezra Cornell.



THE CORNELL UNION FROM THE WEST

Photo by Troy

Although still hedged in closely by the scaffolds used in its construction, this photograph gives a good idea of the progress being made on Cornell's newest building, and of its appearance from the lower part of Library Slope. Since the picture was taken, much of the roof of the main wing has been raised and covered. By looking closely, one can make out at the right in the photograph the flat step like roofs of the two lower levels, which will house the theater and rehearsal rooms. Construction will be delayed somewhat, it is announced, by the substitution of fir oak in the dining hall trim, which is now being carved. Half of the 160,000 cubic feet of field stone quarried was used in the foundations and half in the walls. Stone especially selected to form a concave surface was used for the dome of the vestibule at the Central Avenue entrance.

ALUMNI NOTES

'78 BCE—Willard Beahan is head of a field engineering party which is doing re-location work for the Nickel Plate Railroad on their Clover Leaf Railroad running from Toledo to St. Louis.

'91 LLB—On December 27 last, the law firm of Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass of Buffalo, N. Y., held its annual dinner at the Buffalo Club. Walter P. Cooke '91 is one of the members of the firm, which has existed for ninety years and which began business in the days of Andrew Jackson. At the dinner were several guests of honor, among whom were Frank H. Hiscock '75 and Cuthbert W. Pound '87.

'94 PhD—Professor Joseph A. Leighton, of Ohio State University, will be a member of the staff at Stanford during the summer quarter.

'03 PhD—Professor Robert C. Brooks, of Swarthmore, will be absent on sabbatic leave for the second semester, and will study political and economic conditions in England, France, and Switzerland.

'04 ME—A. Morris Buck, Jr., was recently named managing editor of *The Electric Railway Journal*, of which he has been an associate editor for two years. Prior to that he was associated with John A. Beeler of New York for seven years as a consulting engineer. During that time he carried on several important investigations of electric railways throughout the country for railways and public officials.

'08 Sp—Peter Grimm was elected president of the Building Managers and Owners' Association of New York at its eleventh annual meeting in December.

'08 DVM—Victor G. Kimball, professor of veterinary medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, attended the seventeenth annual conference of Veterinarians at Cornell on January 15 and 16.

'08—Mrs. Henry F. Taylor of Morristown, N. J., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Ruth Taylor, to Theodore C. Knight '08, of Buffalo, N. Y. During the war, Knight served as a captain in the Aviation Corps.

'10 LLB—William H. Kennedy is manager of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and of the Maryland Motor Car Insurance Company in Buffalo, N. Y. He and his wife have two sons and they are living at 847 West Delavan Avenue.

'13 ME—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Chapman of 23 Carolin Road, Montclair, N. J., announce the birth of a daughter, Eleanor Vanderburg, on December 23.

'13 CE—Samuel Garmezy is acting chief engineer and chief designing engineer for the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company at Manila, P. I.

'16 ME—Knibloe P. Royce is selling and an engineer for the Dilts Machine

Works at Fulton, N. Y., of which Frank B. Dilts '95 is the head. The concern has been making paper mill machinery for over fifty years. Royce can be reached at 210 South Fifth Street.

'16 AB—Robert A. B. Goodman of Dallas, Texas, was married on December 17, 1924, in that city to Miss Elizabeth Vardell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Vardell.

'16 DVM—James F. Shigley, professor of veterinary medicine at Pennsylvania State College, attended the sessions of the conference for veterinarians held at the College on January 15 and 16.

'16 BS—Mr. and Mrs. William D. Chappell of 4939 Hazel Avenue, West Philadelphia, Pa., have announced the arrival of Catherine Marie Chappell on January 11.

'16 LLB—Ramon Siaca is associated with Delafield, Thorne and Burleigh at 27 Cedar Street, New York. Besides being engaged in the general practice of law, he specializes in Spanish-American legal matters. After his graduation he went to Porto Rico for a study of Spanish civil law. He practiced there for five years, except for a year and one-half spent in the military service. Since 1922 he has been practicing in New York.

'17 CE—John P. Redwood is engaged on an extension of the water works at Palmyra, N. Y., for Hopkins and Field of Rochester, New York.

'17 CE—Mr. and Mrs. George J. Cooke of Chicago have announced the engagement of their daughter Mary to Robert G. Meade, 2d.

'17, '21 WA—Geoffrey E. Maclay is supervisor of the throwing and reeling department of the DuPont Fibersilk Corporation at Buffalo, N. Y. The department comprises about five hundred girls and fifty men. Maclay and his wife had a son, Geoffrey Graeme, born to them on February 9, 1924. They live at 236 Exeter Terrace in Buffalo.

'18 AB—Mr. and Mrs. George M. Agnew have announced the marriage of their daughter, May Allen, to George W. M. Robertson '18 on January 14 at Huntington, W. Va. After a wedding trip through Ohio in a car, they expect to be at home at 3 East Tenth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

'19 AB—In a recent issue it was stated that Seth W. Heartfield had left the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Baltimore, Md., to become purchasing agent for the Chapin-Sacks Company of Washington, D. C., one of the largest ice-cream manufacturers of the country. This was a mistake. Maurice K. Heartfield is the one that made the change. Seth is still with Schieffelin and Company at 170 Williams Street, New York. The address of Maurice in Washington is Stoddert Apartments, Twenty-ninth and G Streets.

'20 AM—Dr. André Beziat, professor

of Romance languages in Vanderbilt University, died at his home in Nashville, Tenn., on December 17, after a short illness. He was a Ph. D. of the University of Chicago, class of '99. He was the husband of Mrs. Kate Bradley Beziat '20, of the Ward-Belmont School, Nashville.

'20 CE—Herbert H. Linnell was married on October 18, 1924, to Miss Marian Richardson at Springfield, Mass. They are planning to make their home in Cuba, but at present are living at 356 Prospect Avenue, Springfield.

'21 AB—Donald C. Fabel of 11,428 Carolina Road, Cleveland, Ohio, is an instructor in the Department of Metallurgical Engineering at the Case School of Applied Science and is associated with H. M. Boylston, consulting metallurgical engineer. Last year he was president of the Pi Delta Club of Cleveland.

'22 AB—Alda E. Liddle is at the head of the department of Spanish and Latin in the high school at Mahony City, Pa., and living at 313 East Mahanoy Avenue. She writes that she misses the friends and good times that she had while in the University.

'22 CE—Reginald F. Wocher was married early last September to Miss Gertrude M. Deming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin L. Deming of Yonkers, N. Y. They are now living in Yonkers.

'22 BS; '23 BS—William H. Hutchings is assistant sales manager in the Buffalo, N. Y., division of the Ralston Purina Company, covering New York and New England. He and his wife (Esther Davis '23) have their home at Hammondsport, N. Y., where she is teaching domestic science.

'24 BS—Marguerite L. Pigott is doing settlement work on the East Side in New York and trying to teach youngsters not to say "foist," "thoid" and "goil" when they mean first, third, and girl. She writes that the work is unusually interesting and that it is chiefly among Czecho-Slavs and Italians. Her address is 232 East Seventy-ninth Street.

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