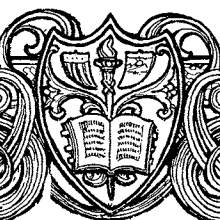


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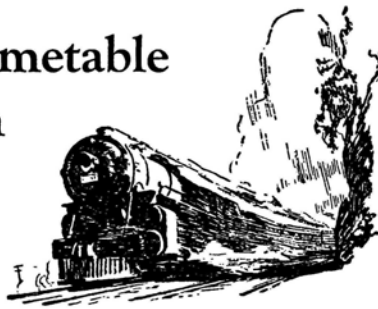
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## New Cornell Letters

### Proposal Once Made that Founder Urge College in Iowa with a Gift to Change Name

Correspondence between Ezra Cornell and a Methodist Episcopal minister on the subject of changing the name of Cornell College, Iowa, to prevent confusion with Cornell University has been found among the Founder's papers by his daughter, Miss Mary Cornell.

The correspondence reveals an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Ezra Cornell to pay the Iowa institution to have its name changed. The exchange of letters began with one to Mr. Cornell dated May 20, 1870:

"Mr. Ezra Cornell,

"Sir,

"Though a stranger, I write to you concerning college matters.

"Yesterday, in conversation with Dr. . . . . president of Northwestern University, at Evanston, the subject of Cornell College, Linn Co., Iowa, came up. It appears that in 1855 (or near that time) Rev. G. B. Bowman waited on W. W. Cornell and, as we then thought, secured a handsome gift for the new college. In due time a fine building was erected, a very liberal charter was obtained and the school is prospering grandly. But no benefit, gift, devise, or anything has been found in the will of the late Mr. Cornell that we have learned. The college is happily named, and has a fine reputation, now of nearly fifteen years. But we as ministers, publishers, and journalists frequently are entangled with Cornell College, Iowa, and Cornell University, N. Y. President . . . . . thought you might get the name of the first changed for a consideration, in the shape of a donation or scholarship.

"I suppose nothing of the kind has ever been suggested to you before.

"If you think favorably of the matter, tell me what would be the best you could do, and I will lay the matter before the trustees, who will meet in a few weeks, and urge the change. The Legislature I think, meets in December.

"As there are but about twenty days before Commencement be pleased to let me hear from you soon.

Fraternally,

Pastor M. E. Church"

Mr. Cornell's reply, dated May 30, 1870, follows:

"Rev. . . . .

"Dear Sir,

"Yours of 20th inst. is at hand suggesting that I can probably get the name of 'Cornell College' changed for a consideration. That is quite likely, as it seems that anything can be done for a consideration nowadays.

"I have been informed by parties connected with the college that the late Mr. W. W. Cornell of New York (not a relation of mine) gave several thousands of dollars to found this college.

"The trustees accepted the money, and called the college after his name. When I founded the Cornell University at Ithaca I had not heard of the existence of the 'Cornell College' in Iowa. I have no fear that the latter will ever be mistaken for Cornell University, and I cannot consent that its reputation be tarnished 'for a consideration,' or the laurels of its founder purchased with my money.

Yours Respectfully,

EZRA CORNELL"

### TALLMAN GIFT TO BOWDOIN

Frank G. Tallman '80, vice-president of the E. I. du Pont Company, who last year made a gift of \$50,000 to complete the \$200,000 fund for the establishment of a professorship in mechanical engineering in memory of Professor John Edron Sweet, has given to Bowdoin College \$100,000 "to establish the Tallman Lecture Fund as a memorial to the Bowdoin members of his family." The income will be used to bring to Bowdoin visiting professors and lecturers.

Many of Mr. Tallman's ancestors were graduated from Bowdoin. His great-grandfather, Peleg Tallman, was an overseer of the college for forty years. His grandfather, Henry Tallman, was a member of the class of 1828, and his father graduated in 1858.

### 1931 HOLDS BANQUET

Class rivalry appeared on the Campus April 23 when the freshmen held their banquet in Willard Straight Hall without the presence of four members of the committee. The threat of civil war on the part of the sophomores was carried out to that extent, but the toastmaster, Donald E. Seeley '31 of Ithaca succeeded in making his appearance.

The speakers included Romeyn Berry '04, Colonel Joseph W. Beacham '97, Ezra B. Whitman '01 of Baltimore, and Captain Charles G. Mead, the new University proctor.

## Howard F. Thurber '90 Dies

### Was Former Chairman of the New York Telephone Company Board of Directors

Howard Ford Thurber, former chairman of the board of directors of the New York Telephone Company, and a member of the Class of 1890, died at his home in New York on April 21, of pneumonia.

He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on August 6, 1869, the son of Abner D. and Anna Ford Thurber. He received the degree of M.E. in E.E. in 1890.

As an undergraduate he was inspired by the lectures of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, and after his graduation obtained a position with the Metropolitan, later the New York Telephone Company, and in three years became assistant chief engineer. When he was twenty-five years old, he was general superintendent of the company.

In those early years of the telephone, there were only 9,000 phones in Manhattan and the Bronx. As general manager of the Metropolitan Company, and later as general superintendent and vice-president of the New York Telephone Company, Thurber aided in increasing this small number of phones until there were 2,000,000 instruments in the same two boroughs when he retired.

After serving a short period as vice-president of the Eastern group of the Bell Telephone Company, he became president in 1919 of the New York Telephone Company, and five years later, chairman of the board. Ill health forced his retirement after thirty-seven years of service.

His success was due not only to exceptional and detailed knowledge of the telephone industry, but also to his ability to select capable assistants and inspire them with his own ideals. The thirty-two story Telephone Building at 140 West Street, New York, was first thought of by Mr. Thurber, and he played a large part in its planning.

He was a member of the University and Lotus Clubs in New York, and of the St. Maurice Fish and Game Club of Canada.

He is survived by a brother, Raymond D. Thurber, and two sisters, Mrs. Joseph R. Duryee and Mrs. T. Kennedy Stevenson.

WILLIAM MASLOW '29 of New York was awarded first prize in the Cornell section of *The New York Times* intercollegiate currents events contest. Ignatius G. Failla '29 of Canandaigua took second, and Margery I. Blair '28 of Buffalo third.

## ATHLETICS

### Win Cup Game

Cornell scored a 4-3 victory over Columbia in a twelve-inning game on Hoy Field April 26, after losing, 7-2, to New York University April 25. The victory over Columbia, coupled with postponed games in other scheduled League encounters, gave the Red and White first place in the Quadrangle Cup League standing.

The Dartmouth-Cornell game, scheduled for April 28, was cancelled when the Green nine arrived in Ithaca to find a blanket of snow over Hoy Field.

Cornell played top-class baseball to defeat Columbia, the Red and White players finding their batting eye and reaching the Lion's hurling ace, Captain Art Smith, for fourteen hits. Froelich, on the mound for Cornell, allowed only seven hits. It was his second victory of the season, and Cornell's second as well.

Against the undefeated New York University nine, Cornell played well, until Boies, Red and White hurler, weakened in the eighth and ninth innings to give five hits and issue two passes, the visitors scoring five runs to break the 2-2 tie.

Cold weather ruled at both games, and it rained for a greater part of the New York University game. The Columbia game was played under clearer skies but with the temperature low.

Columbia and Cornell each scored in the first inning of their game, the first in the Quadrangle Cup League series. The Lions took the lead in the third, but Cornell scored two runs in the fourth to lead, 3-2. The New Yorkers tied the score in the eighth, and both teams battled four innings before Cornell won out.

The defensive play of both teams was spectacular, and Cornell contributed many of the fielding highlights of the game. Smith himself set the stage for the Red and White victory in the twelfth.

McConnell singled, and Crosby sacrificed him to second. Smith purposely passed Degenhardt, but Hebert, next on the Cornell batting order, punched out his fourth hit of the game, a single to left, to score McConnell with the winning run.

The box score of the two games:

#### N. Y. U. (7)

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Roberts, lf.....	3	1	0	1	0	1
Mayell, 2b.....	3	1	1	1	3	1
Madison, 3b.....	4	0	0	1	3	0
Sackett, 1b.....	5	2	3	12	0	1
Strong, cf.....	4	0	1	2	0	0
Kastner, rf.....	3	1	1	0	0	0
Bergen, ss.....	4	0	1	3	1	1
Norton, c.....	4	1	2	6	2	0
Gallagher, p.....	2	1	1	1	1	0
Totals.....	32	7	10	27	10	4

#### Cornell (2)

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cooper, lf.....	4	1	1	2	0	1
Hebert, 3b.....	3	0	0	1	1	0
McConnell, cf.....	3	0	1	2	0	0
Balderston, ss.....	4	1	0	2	3	0
Crosby, rf.....	4	0	2	2	0	0
Degenhardt, 1b.....	2	0	0	12	0	0
Steff, 2b.....	3	0	0	1	3	0
Giehner, c.....	3	0	1	4	0	1
Boies, p.....	2	0	0	1	5	1
Rollo, p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Donnelly.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
**Moon.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
***Cushman.....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	31	2	5	27	12	3

\*—Batted for Steff in ninth.

\*\*—Batted for Giehner in ninth.

\*\*\*—Batted for Rollo in ninth.

Score by innings:

N. Y. U.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	—7
Cornell.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—2

Summary: Two-base hits, Gallagher, Strong. Three-base hits, Kastner, Sackett. Sacrifice hits, Hebert, Boies, Madison, Degenhardt, Gallagher, Roberts, Mayell. Stolen base, Cooper. Double play, Norton to Sackett. Bases on balls, off Gallagher 2, off Boies 4, off Rollo 2. Struck out, by Gallagher 4, by Boies 2. Left on bases, N. Y. U. 10, Cornell 8. Hit by pitcher, by Gallagher (Cooper). Hits, off Boies 10 in 8 2-3 innings. Losing pitcher, Boies. Time of game, 2.05. Umpires, Herold and Divinney.

#### Cornell (4)

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cooper, lf.....	5	0	0	2	0	0
Balderston, ss.....	6	0	2	0	10	2
McConnell, cf.....	6	2	2	3	2	0
Crosby, rf.....	5	0	1	3	0	0
Degenhardt, 1b.....	4	1	1	19	0	0
Hebert, 3b.....	6	1	4	0	3	2
Giehner, c.....	5	0	1	3	3	0
Steff, 2b.....	5	0	1	6	3	0
Froelich, p.....	5	0	2	0	6	0
Totals.....	47	4	14	36	27	4

#### Columbia (3)

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Morrison, 2b.....	5	1	0	2	5	1
Furey, lf.....	4	1	2	0	0	0
Havorka, 1b.....	5	1	2	17	1	0
Kunitz, c.....	5	0	2	9	1	0
Smith, p.....	5	0	1	2	7	0
Thorsland, cf.....	5	0	0	2	0	0
Costes, rf.....	5	0	0	1	1	0
Paxson, 3b.....	5	0	0	0	2	0
Harris, ss.....	4	0	0	1	1	1
Totals.....	43	6	7	34	18	2

\*One out in 12th when winning run was scored.

Score by innings:

Columbia.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	—3
Cornell.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—4

Summary: Two-base hits, McConnell, Hovorka 2, Hebert. Sacrifice hits, Furey, Crosby. Stolen base, Balderston. Double play, Smith to Kunitz to Hovorka. Bases on balls, off Smith 2. Struck out, by Smith 8, by Froelich 3. Left on bases, Columbia 4, Cornell 12. Time of game, 2:10. Umpires, Herold and Divinney.

### Five Place in Relays

Cornell opened the outdoor track season at Philadelphia April 27 and 28 when five Cornell men placed in three events in the annual Pennsylvania Relays at Franklin Field.

Wright, intercollegiate 35-pound weight champion, won the special hammer throw event with a toss of 152 feet 11 inches. Worden, Cornell, took third in the event with a throw of 142-feet 5 3-4 inches, and

Cohen was fifth with a mark of 132 feet 2 inches.

Anderson captured fifth place in the shot put, heaving the iron ball 43 feet 6 3-8 inches, a mark well below his best puts of the indoor season.

Caruthers was the only Cornell man to score a place in the track events. He finished second to McDonald of Holy Cross in the 120-yard high hurdles. McDonald's time was 15 1-5 seconds, and he led Caruthers to the tape by the narrowest of margins.

Cornell's freshman mile relay team was the only Cornell team entered, and the yearling quartet failed to place.

### Lose at Lacrosse

Syracuse defeated Cornell's lacrosse team, 5-2, at Syracuse on April 28 under weather conditions that almost caused a cancellation of the game.

The Orange players made four scores in the first half before Captain Harrison, second attack, tallied Cornell's first goal. He added the second Cornell goal in the second half, the final shot of the game.

Painter and Baker led Syracuse's attack, each getting two points. Bizik scored the other Orange point.

The Syracuse freshman lacrosse team also won its game with the Cornell yearling twelve. The score was 9-1.

### Tennis Team Wins

Cornell's tennis team scored a decisive win over West Point netmen on the Drill Hall courts April 28, winning 8-1 after snow prevented the matches scheduled for the Baker courts. The Army got its only point in doubles, Lewis and Matthews defeating Biket and Strachan, 8-10, 7-5, 6-1.

Levin, Biket, Custer, Runey, Bush, and Strachan won their singles matches in straight sets over the Army's netmen. Levin and Bush scored the best win of the afternoon over Brooks and Stone in doubles, 4-6, 6-2, 13-11. Runey and Custer added Cornell's other point in doubles.

### SMIDDY UNABLE TO COME

The Hon. T. A. Smiddy, Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of the Irish Free State, who was scheduled to be the honored guest of the Model Assembly of the League of Nations to be held here on May 4 and 5, has been compelled to cancel his arrangements because of the reception plans for the arrival of the German Irish fliers.

Mr. Smiddy expressed his very great regrets that he could not attend owing to the many pressing claims on his time occasioned by the arrival of the Bremen in this country. The Secretary of the Legation in advising the Cornell authorities of the change in plans wrote:

"The Minister is very disappointed that he cannot go to Cornell as he has been looking forward with pleasure to this trip."



## Move Clocks Ahead

Daylight Saving Effected That Way,  
Instead of Starting Classes  
at 7 A. M.

Settlement of the question of the method of operating the daylight saving schedule adopted by the Faculty has been made by an executive order advancing the University clocks forward one hour in advance of Eastern Standard Time.

When the Faculty adopted the new schedule, no definite decision was reached on advancing the clock. One group of Faculty members favored the advancing of morning classes one hour.

The order reads:

"The University clock will be set forward one hour in advance of Eastern Standard Time for the beginning of University exercises on Tuesday, May 1, inaugurating a daylight-saving schedule which is to remain in effect until the Thanksgiving Recess, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Faculty and approved by the Board of Trustees. During this season of daylight saving, all University schedules will adapt themselves to the change of time."

No decision has been reached by the City of Ithaca on the question of daylight saving, now considered an issue as a result of the University's decision. The Ithaca Traction Corporation has arranged its early morning schedule to provide transportation for workers in the University living downtown.

President Farrand, in a letter to Mayor Fred B. Howe of Ithaca, expressed the hope that inconveniences arising from the operation of two different times in the community may be adjusted and that "the obvious possible advantages of the new plan to the students of the University may be realized.

## FUNDS FOR OLYMPIC TEAM

The Intercollegiate Finance Committee was organized at the meeting of the American Olympic Committee on the 25th of November, 1927, with Gustavus T. Kirby of New York as chairman and Stanley deJ. Osborne of Cambridge, Massachusetts, as vice-chairman. General Douglas MacArthur, the president of the American Olympic Committee, caused this committee to be formed in order that every important college in the United States should be enlisted in the Olympic campaign to select and send the best representatives of America to the Olympic games, which this summer will be held at Amsterdam, and which, in 1932 will be held at Los Angeles, California. Cornell is taking an active part in this campaign. Romeyn Berry '04 is an advisory member of this committee, and G. Norman Scott '27 is an active member.

It is the hope of the committee that one hundred per cent of the colleges in the country will be represented by some contribution, either from their athletic organizations or their graduates and undergraduates. A large number of colleges have generously supported this movement because they realize the benefits of outside competition, of contact with outsiders, of friendly rivalry with strangers. And there is no doubt that these games do make for better international understanding among those competing. What is more, 86 percent of the points scored by the 1924 American team were scored by college men, and more than 150 colleges have been represented on Olympic teams.

The Athletic Association has contributed \$1,000 to this fund, and a few of the alumni who are familiar with the movement have contributed small amounts. Cornell is directly interested in the Olympic games this year, since several of

its athletes are competing for places on the American team.

The Cornell Clubs in the larger cities have been taking an active interest in this work. There is no conflict here with the local American Olympic Committees. Contributions made by college men are sent to the Intercollegiate Finance Committee, 57 East Fifty-sixth Street, New York, and the moneys thus received are credited to the locality of the contributor, as well as to the college from which he comes. Every contributor to the Olympic Fund through the Intercollegiate Finance Committee receives *The Intercollegiate Olympic Journal*, which is devoted exclusively to the college interests in the Olympic games. Communications from college men will be welcomed, as will any suggestions pertaining to the work of the committee.

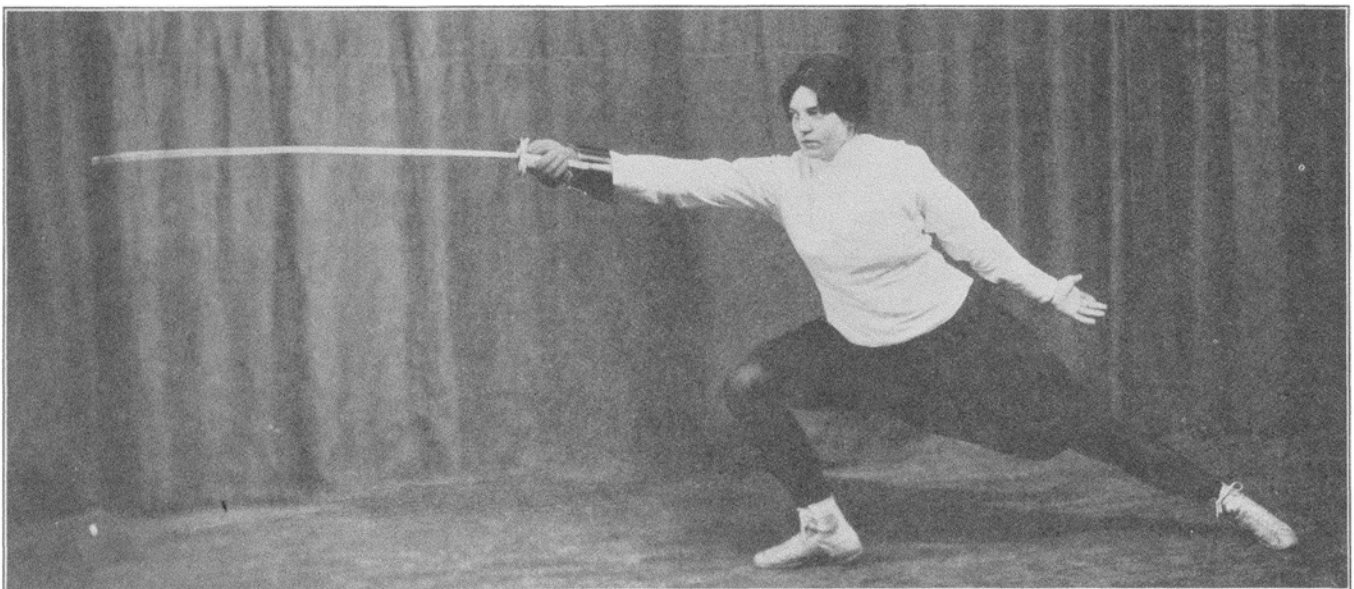
## HOLD FLOWER SHOW

A spring flower show was held in Willard Straight Hall April 28 and 29 under the auspices of the Department of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, the Society of Pi Alpha Xi, and the Cornell Florists Club, while snow covered the Campus.

The main entrance hall was banked with evergreens, with shrubs, flowering plants, and a small rock garden in the corners. The main exhibit was held in the Memorial Hall, and included displays by a number of florists. Table arrangements, with floral centerpieces, the work of students in floriculture, were a feature.

Among the special displays were exhibits of cacti, orchids, new varieties of roses, and a nursery display.

LIONEL MINTZ, city editor of the Ithaca Journal-News, conductor of its colyum, "Sidelights," has recently published extracts from the colyum under the title of "Rays from Sidelights."



INTERCOLLEGIATE WOMEN'S FENCING CHAMPION

Kathryn M. McGuire '29 took first place in the women's sabre class in the Intercollegiate Fencing Tourney. She is also winner of the O'Connor Cup at Cornell.

Photo by Troy

## BOOKS

## Modern Hygiene

*A College Textbook of Hygiene.* By Dean F. Smiley '16, M.D. '19, Medical Adviser and Assistant Professor of Hygiene, and Adrian G. Gould, Assistant Medical Adviser and Assistant Professor of Hygiene in Cornell. New York. Macmillan, 1928. 20.3 cm., pp. xvi, 333. Price, \$2.

This book is a valuable addition to the growing literature on hygiene. It is the product of experience. "The plan of organization adopted for the book has been developed gradually during the past seven years in our courses in personal and community hygiene for Cornell University students, and we hope that it will prove well adapted to the needs of teachers and students at other colleges and universities."

The grouping of topics and the general arrangement of the book are admirable. The introductory chapters deal with the more general subjects: College Health Problems and Program; What an Educated Person Should Know About Health; Factors That Influence Health; Heredity and Health; Bacteria and Disease; Infection and Resistance.

The next group takes up the specific prevention of certain diseases by inoculation, as well as the problem of immunity. It would be well if this definite and accurate account of the results of inoculation as shown by carefully gathered statistics could be read by parents generally throughout the country.

The third topical group treats of the hygiene of the respiratory system. Especially valuable is the chapter on the common cold. Some quite extensive experimentation upon colds has been conducted by the department of Hygiene, and thus our authors speak with expert knowledge.

The fourth group treats of the structure, functions, and hygiene of the digestive tract. The fifth group handles the nervous system and includes sound information on the important problems of stimulants and recreation. Chapters on the muscular system contribute points on exercise, effects good and bad, and especially factors influencing the choice of kinds of exercise.

Particularly well done and valuable are the four chapters on sex hygiene. But perhaps the most important part of the whole text, to the lay reader, will be the section dealing with the endocrine system. This includes data concerning recent investigations with nutrition, vitamins, and the ultra-violet rays.

The volume is equipped with a well made index and glossary of technical terms. Following each section is a bibliography and reference list. The foreword is by President Farrand, whose deep in-

terest in the subject is well known, and who writes with his usual enthusiasm and incisive approach.

## Books and Magazine Articles

In *The Minute Man* for April William F. E. Gurley '77 has some verses entitled "Flag of Ours."

In *The Psychological Review* for March Professor Robert M. Ogden '01 publishes an article on "The Gestalt-Hypothesis."

In *The American Journal of Psychology* for April Professor Edwin G. Boring '08 of Harvard reviews the first number of *The Journal of General Psychology*, which appeared in January under the editorship of the late Professor Edward B. Titchener and Carl Murchison. "Problems of Philosophy" by Professor G. Watts Cunningham, Ph.D. '08, is reviewed by M. M. Fisch. Professor Joy P. Guilford, Ph.D. '27, of the University of Kansas, reviews "The Psychology of Time" by Mary Stuart. Professor Julian E. Butterworth reviews "Problems in Educational Administration" by George D. Strayer. Florence Woolsey Hazzard, Grad., reviews "A Short Outline of Comparative Psychology" by C. J. Warden. Frank S. Freeman reviews "Measurements in Secondary Education" by P. M. Symonds. Professor Boring reviews "The Seven Seals of Science" by Joseph Mayer. Graydon L. Freeman, Grad., reviews "Thought and the Brain" by H. Pieron, translated by C. K. Odgen. Professor Karl M. Dallenbach, Ph.D. '13, has a note entitled "Dr. Weber on Attention and Clearness." Professor Boring has a note on "A New System for the Classification of Odors." Frank S. Freeman contributes "A Note on the Intercorrelation of Intelligence Tests." Professor Gilbert J. Rich '15, Ph.D. '17, describes "The New York Meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association."

In *The Cornell Civil Engineer* for April John W. Towle '94 writes on "The Erection of the Yuma, Arizona, Bridge over the Colorado River." Robert W. Clark '09 discusses the question, "What is Engineering Training?" Professor Ernest W. Rettger describes "The Discovery of Neptune." There are obituaries of Willard Beahan '78, Frank E. Baxter '80, Roger Lewis '95, Eugene D. Burnell '06, and Alexander C. Meikle '15.

In *Modern Language Notes* for March Professor Albert LeRoy Andrews publishes "Old Norse Notes." Professor Lewis P. Shanks '99 of Johns Hopkins has "A Note on Baudelaire." H. W. Nordmeyer, "Edward Fitzgerald's Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam" is reviewed by Professor Albert W. Boesche.

In *The Herald Tribune Books* for April 15 Sinclair Lewis's "The Man Who Knew Coolidge" is reviewed by Henry F. Pringle '19. "Memoirs of La Grande Mademoiselle" translated by Grace Hart Seely '04 is reviewed by Isabel Patterson.

## OBITUARIES

## Hillyer Ryder '71

Hillyer Ryder died on February 11 at his home in Carmel, N. Y., of pneumonia.

He was born in Carmel on July 24, 1850, the son of Judge Ambrose and Mary Hillyer Ryder. He spent three years at Cornell taking the civil engineering course.

In 1876 he was appointed assistant cashier of the Putnam County National Bank, of which he was subsequently cashier for twenty-three years, and which he served in various capacities for over fifty years, until January 1, 1928.

His avocation was the collecting of rare coins, of which he left a notable collection.

He never married. He is survived by two brothers, Clayton Ryder '79 and Stephen Ryder '86. Four of his nephews also attended Cornell.

## Frank B. Hine '76

Frank Brooks Hine died in Mexico on August 3, of kidney and heart trouble.

He was born in Berlin Heights, Ohio, on April 24, 1853, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horatio S. Hine. He studied natural history and received the degree of B.S. in 1877. He was a member of the Philaetheian Society.

He had spent the last thirty-five years in the El Oro district in Durango, Mexico. He acquired large mining interests of his own of which he lost in the Madero revolution. Since then he had been doing surveying and prospecting for different companies.

## Helen Oakes Davidson '84

Helen Mar Oakes (Mrs. William C.) Davidson died at her home in Holland Patent, N. Y., last June.

She was born in Steuben, N. Y., on December 17, 1859, the daughter of Sanford and Mary Jones Oakes. She took the course in Science and Letters, receiving the degree of B.S.

She is survived by three children.

## John M. Scott '92

John Milton Scott died of pneumonia on March 20, in Los Angeles, Calif.

He was a graduate student at Cornell in 1892. He was the able minister of the First Unitarian Church in Ithaca from 1891 to 1897. He later left the ministry.

JOHN C. MACAROW '28 of Hazelton, Pa., speaking on "The Electrical Industry in Politics," won the Fuertes Memorial Contest in Public Speaking April 20. Second prize was awarded to Donald E. Mallory '28 of Deposit, whose subject was "The Development of the Colorado River," and third prize was given to Arve S. Wikstrom '29 of Montclair, N. J., whose topic was "Mississippi Flood Control."

# RECALLS COURTNEY'S WORK

William G. Barney '86, an oarsman under the late Charles E. Courtney, has recalled in a letter recently published in *The Wall Street Journal*, some interesting facts about Cornell's crew coach. The article is reprinted as having interest to Cornell alumni.

Reference recently to the extraordinary success of Mr. Courtney as crew coach at Cornell for many years happened to catch the eye of William Grant Barney of Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., investment securities, Buffalo. Mr. Barney, who pulled a varsity oar under Courtney, writes in a highly instructive personal letter. He courteously has granted permission to make extracts from it. He was interested in the mention of "Bill" Haines, well known English oarsman and at present coach at M. I. T., having such "regard for form in rowing as compared with 'Ed' Brown's disposition to overlook it." Mr. Brown, as has been mentioned here before, is now head coach at Cambridge, after twenty years of coaching the Crimson class crews.

"This was in part because it substantiates what I always regarded as one of Charlie Courtney's secrets of success with Cornell crews," Mr. Barney adds.

And with reference to his college days he continues, "At that time I did not speculate much on the way in which he turned out such a large percentage of winning crews. I and all the others in the boat worked as he told us to, and took results for granted.

"But since I left college, and since his death and the notable drop in Cornell rowing supremacy, I have done no little thinking in regard to what it was in his method which contributed so much to the average superiority of his crews with no advantage of material from the 'rowing schools.'

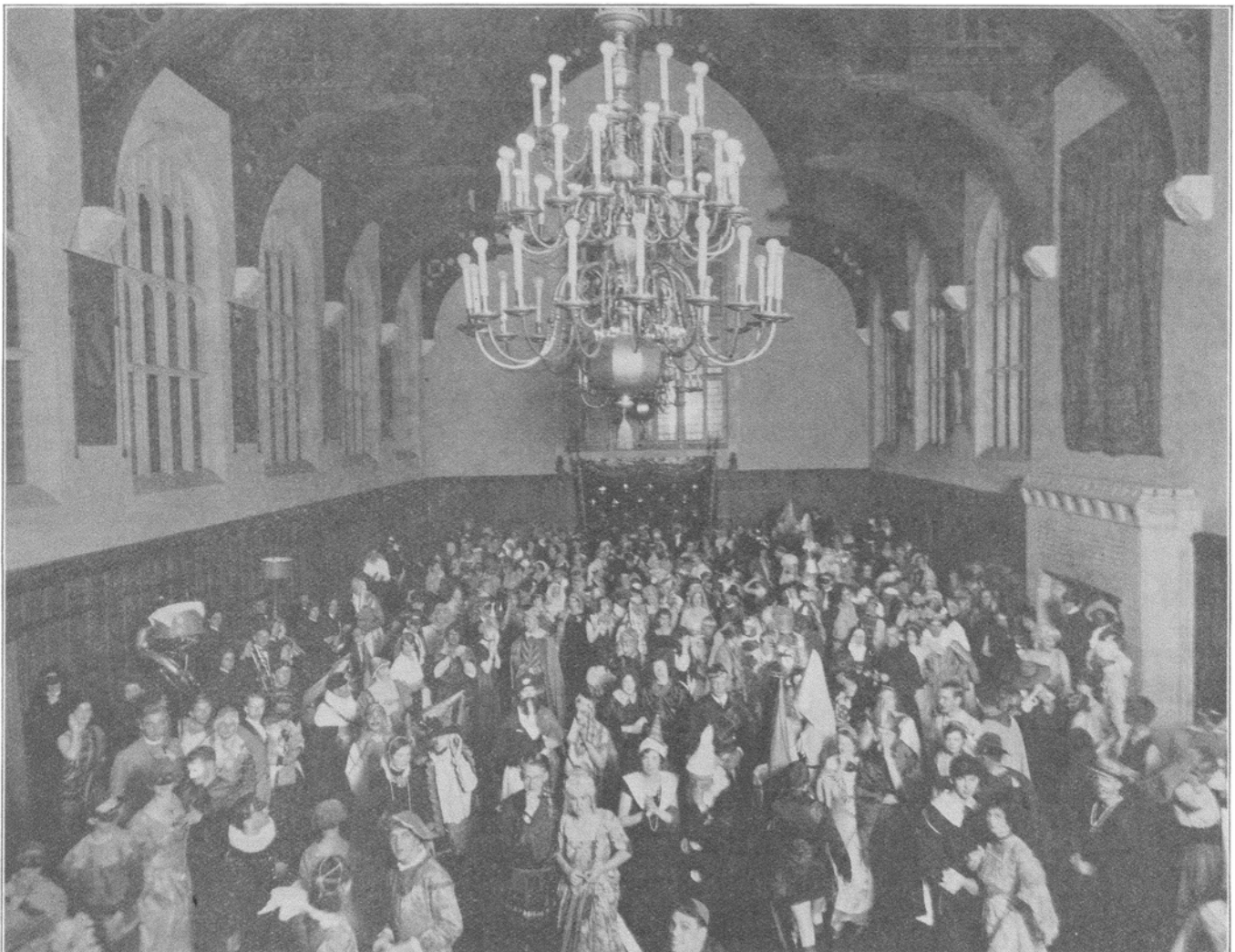
"One of the points I have reached very definitely was that he never 'nagged' us overmuch on form or individual defects in style—certainly never to the point of producing discouragement or over-attention thereto on the part of the oarsmen. Naturally we were trained, from freshman days on, in the fundamentals of sound rowing form. But this training never went to 'machine limits.'

"Courtney was a wizard in boatrigging. He studied his men, and noted their individual idiosyncrasies of body movement in their oarsmanship. Then, whenever possible, instead of trying to make them over, or distracting their minds from the main effort of getting as much power as possible out of each stroke, he quietly altered their seats and outriggers to meet their special defects, while maintaining the smoothness and full power balance of the boat.

"If an individual oarsman tended to lift his oar too high in the recovery, Courtney lowered his outrigger a bit. Conversely if the tendency was to feather low, the outrigger was raised. In case a rower tended to reach out too far on the recovery his foot-grip and slides were moved a bit forward in the boat. If the tendency was to pull through a trifle too far on the stroke or to catch a bit too short, the foot-grip and slides were moved an inch or two toward the stern.

"All this, and other minor variations of individual rigging, was done quietly, to improve the efficiency of oarsmen who Courtney knew were pulling strong,

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A PLEASING REVIVAL

The Beaux Arts Ball was this year moved from the architects' own domain in White to Willard Straight Memorial Hall, finding there an appropriate setting for the medieval period represented.

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#### ON SELECTING FRESHMEN

**B**OARDS of admission to the several colleges in the university are at work sifting out the prospective members of the Class of 1932 for admission next fall. The work will become more and more intensive with the approach of summer and fall.

The system is full of faults. Many of them lie in the fact that determining admissions is a full time occupation for a large staff, while at present the work is performed by some of the busiest members of the Faculty as additional work. Eventually, and perhaps soon, we shall have a department of admissions whose sole work is to make these contacts. The Class of 1932, however, will probably be admitted under the present plan.

The committee of the Alumni Corporation is making some excellent contacts for the University with various preparatory schools directly and through local alumni clubs. Certain of the Faculty committees on admission are relying on this very practical alumni help for securing information concerning the quality of the applicants. Consequently many more alumni this year than formerly will be asked to render very important service to the University in giving information about the personnel of the incoming class. We have confidence in the ability of our alumni and in their desire to render this service.

It is important that opinions should be given both promptly and pertinently. The task of the University is to weed out a majority of the applicants and cultivate only the soundest specimens. This process improves the product and reduces the overhead. The committees are in general willing also to consider by-products as assets if the material can be selected with principal reference to the main business of the industry. In this they do not differ materially from alumni in general.

When an alumnus receives a request for information concerning an applicant it should be his privilege to set to work at once. His University needs prompt service. The applicant is in a contest against several thousand applicants. Suspended animation on the part of the alumnus means a handicap on his particular entrant.

The University also needs conscientious investigation as well as mere action. It is fair to point out that the object is to discern by mail the applicant's probable personality. His father's ability as an after-dinner speaker or a squash player, although interesting information, is not wholly relevant, and must be backed up by a few words about the character and ability of the applicant himself.

If the alumni can render this service efficiently they can make of Cornell whatever kind of institution they desire.

#### COMING EVENTS

(NOTE: All University activities at Ithaca are scheduled on Daylight Saving Time, one hour in advance of Eastern Standard Time.)

##### Friday, May 4

Baseball, Columbia at New York.  
Tennis, Princeton at Princeton.  
Freshman baseball, Manlius at Ithaca.

##### Saturday, May 5

Baseball, Princeton at Princeton.  
Freshman baseball, Columbia at Ithaca.  
Track, M. I. T. at Cambridge.  
Tennis, Harvard at Cambridge.  
Lacrosse, Hobart. Alumni Field, 3 p.m.  
Freshman lacrosse, Hobart at Ithaca.

##### Tuesday, May 8

Woodford Prize Contest. University Theater, 8 p. m.

##### Wednesday, May 9

Baseball, Colgate. Hoy Field, 3.30 p.m.

##### Saturday, May 12

Baseball, Ohio State. Hoy Field, 3 p. m.  
Freshman baseball, Cortland Normal at Cortland.  
Track, Pennsylvania. Schoellkopf Field, 2 p. m.  
Crew, Harvard and M. I. T. at Cambridge.  
Lacrosse, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Freshman lacrosse, Syracuse Central High School at Ithaca.

Tennis, Ohio State. Baker Courts, 2 p. m.

##### Wednesday, May 16

Baseball, Syracuse at Syracuse.

##### Saturday, May 19

Baseball, Yale at New Haven.

Freshman baseball, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

Track, Princeton at Princeton.

Crew, Yale and Princeton at Derby, Conn.

Lacrosse, Princeton. Alumni Field, 3 p. m.

Tennis, Swarthmore at Swarthmore.

#### SPORT STUFF

##### Night Letter

Tubby Sailor Ithaca

At Pennsylvania Relay Games stop Am dizzy from watching little white boys with spaghetti arms chasing colored men around the track for two days and Grammar School championship of America stop Am told it is many different boys in many different races but you can't believe anything you hear at these games stop Have not ascertained whether it was Oxford which won that last one for Nordic supremacy or Pottstown School of Chiropractic for Medical Championship of Pennsylvania stop Nevertheless great athletic fair or trade convention stop Graduate managers sporting goods dealers and coaches out of jobs by thousands gathered here from other side of Jordan to exchange goods and unreliable information stop Have just learned that Navy has signed up to play three games with Southern Methodists in Dallas starting with 1936 and Eddie Brannigan has been let out by University of South Pasadena for talking too loud about Trustees stop He will now write syndicate stuff about clean sport wrestling and overemphasis stop Will spend Sunday in Princeton and restore my faith in Calvinism stop Monday in New York to fix up special trains for Spring Day and meet Lake Baldrige and Bob Treman for study of Tex Rickard technique stop Hope you don't mind my sending this collect stop Anyone who has just done business with Tex Rickard has to send them that way

R B

A SCHOLARSHIP CUP, offered by the Sigma Delta Tau Sorority, has been awarded to the Pi Beta Phi Sorority for the highest scholarship average during 1927 by the Pan-Hellenic Association. The sorority's average was 78.62 per cent. Alpha Xi Delta had the second highest rating, 78.37 per cent. Sigma Delta Tau won permanent possession of the former scholarship cup last year.



## The Week on the Campus

CAMPUS pacifists who proclaim that the old war spirit is dead and that classes, like nations, are now united in bonds of good-will received a rude shock this past week. Nation rose up against nation, and class against class, and brother betrayed brother. And many wailed and howled, and went stripped and naked; they made a wailing like the dragons, and mourning like the owls. Thus was fulfilled what was foretold by the prophet Micah.

IT BEGAN A WEEK AGO Saturday, when the freshman banquet was held. In the course of the afternoon certain turbulent sophomores laid violent hands on several members of the Freshman Banquet Committee. There were a series of escapes and captures; shortly before the scheduled hour of the banquet a band of stalwart sophomores imitated the tactics of Leonidas at Thermopylae and occupied the main entrance to Willard Straight. Wave after wave of Freshmen rolled up and were hurled back. Then the Freshmen, imitating the tactics of Hydarnes in the same engagement, took the Sophomores in the rear and cast them forth, with the invaluable aid of the fire-hose.

THE SOPHOMORE SMOKER, scheduled for Friday evening, became a symbol in the eyes of the Freshmen. The class discovered cohesion, found that it possessed a collective honor, and that this honor was in jeopardy. Two members of the Sophomore Committee, Michael Catalano and George B. Emeny, were taken captive. The mutterings of the mob stirred the upper classes to action, for Willard Straight with its precious carvings and equipment, and its noble mural paintings, is no place for a battle. A special guard of thirty heavy-fisted C men was constituted, to hold the keep of Willard Straight against friend and foe alike. Nevertheless, the battle was waged without the walls for an hour and a half. The Freshmen took up a strong position on the steps; the Sophomores attacked, armed with ammonia, rotten eggs, and vegetable matter on the decline. The Sage Chapel hose was brought into action; many of the combatants were completely stripped, and protected their modesty only with the help of the mud in which they were lavishly caked. The sophomores at last discovered the unprotected postern gate, and thus were enabled to enter and hold their festival. The wiseacres say that we have not heard the last of the strife. The underclassmen have tasted blood; there are atrocities to be avenged on both sides. As well expect peace and harmony in the Balkans.

DAYLIGHT SAVING goes into effect on Tuesday, May 1, within a radius of three-quarters of a mile from the Library clock. The inconveniences of the plan become more obvious. As its purpose is to give

the students an extra hour of afternoon, all those who feed the University will have an extra hour of duty. Co-eds must check in at nine-thirty, downtown time. If one must lunch or dine downtown, he may not find the restaurants open. The teachers and students who have eight o'clocks groan at the prospect of rising at six. We shall find in the fall that it is almost impossible to fill the eight o'clock sections; it is hard enough now.

OUR OWN PREDICTION is that the system, which has been installed with the benevolent purpose of pleasing the students, will prove so unpopular with them that we shall not repeat the experiment next year. The alumni who made the original suggestion will no doubt be surprised and hurt; but the bitter cry of those who must rise in the night and appear in class as dawn is breaking on cold November mornings will drown out the approbation of the football players.

A FLOWER SHOW was held in Willard Straight over the week-end. This is a novelty, and one which has excited the loudest of approval. Local florists and the Department of Floriculture took part. The display includes not only flowers as flowers, but also a number of dinner tables with elaborate floral decorations, and examples of bouquets as they might be arranged in the home, on telephone stands, writing desks, and so on. There are, further, special exhibits of rare orchids, desert flowers, a rock garden, and a "plant zoo," collected by Charles J. Hudson, including everything from cerasium mouse ears to anthurium elephant's ears.

WILLIAM MASLOW '29 has had his name in the papers almost monotonously this week. First he won the first prize in the *New York Times* Current Events Contest; Ignatius G. Failla '29 was second and Margery I. Blair '28 third. Then Maslow was elected to the *Sun* board; William S. Benedict '29 and Arthur L. Douglas '29 were also elected. Finally the announcement came that Maslow has won third prize in *The Nation's* contest for prize essays by college students who spent the summer in industry or agriculture. Maslow wrote of his experiences as a waiter in New York hotels.

FAITHFUL to our policy of recording events in the Sport for Sport's Sake League, we observe that Morris M. Rubinsky '28 is tied with Argus J. Tresidder '28 for the handball championship, after an elimination which has been going on all winter.

AND THE WOMEN FENCERS, in a match with the New York Women's Fencing Club, lost by a score of 13 to 3. Caroline G. Getty '29 scored two of the points by defeating Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Miss

Teddy de Bernard, and Kathryn M. McGuire '29 defeated Miss de Bernard. Here is no cause for repining; the New York Team included a national champion, (Mrs. Charles Hopper) and others of the same caliber.

THE UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA gave a special Schubert concert last Monday in honor of the centennial of the composer's death. George L. Coleman '95 was the leader, and Ruth Blackman Rodgers, soprano, sang. It is commonly agreed that the Orchestra is pretty remarkable for an amateur organization.

THE ROTARY CLUB gave a dinner for sons of Rotarians last Thursday. Dean Albert R. Mann '04 was the principal speaker.

LECTURES of the week were delivered by L. Marnus of Copenhagen on "The Evolution of Danish Architecture"; by Leon F. Camino of the Department of Romance Languages on "El Greco, Velazquez, and Goya"; by Professor John H. Muirhead of the University of Birmingham and the University of California on "The Problem of Truth and Some Principles in Aid of a Solution"; and by Professor James F. Mason of the Department of Romance Languages on "English Gardens in France."

GENE TUNNEY, as of course you noticed, lectured to Professor Phelps's class in Yale on Shakespeare, thereby bringing a great deal of deserved publicity to Professor Phelps and Shakespeare. Some one missed a bet here. Strangler Lewis was in town Saturday, April 21, and nobody seems to have asked him to lecture. But perhaps it is just as well. If we had asked Strangler Lewis to lecture he might have courteously returned the request by asking us to wrestle. M. G. B.

### CONGRESS RECOGNIZED

The United States Senate has passed a resolution authorizing and requesting President Calvin Coolidge to extend invitations to foreign governments to be represented at the International Congress of Entomology to be held at Cornell immediately after the close of the Summer Session. The measure has also passed the House of Representatives, and it now awaits the President's signature.

FOUR MEN have been elected to the cheer-leading squad. They are Milton W. Arling '30 of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Robert D. Junge '30 of Ridgewood, N. J., Malcolm C. Mattice '30 of Ithaca, and George R. Schodinger, Jr., '31 of Columbus, Ohio.

CHARLES A. KRAUSE '29 of Milwaukee, Wis., has been elected chairman of the Freshman Advisory Committee for next year. Other officers named are Ben P. Gale '29 of Cleveland, Ohio, secretary, and Frederic Eaton, Jr., '29 of Washington, D. C., senior representative on the Freshman Advisory Council.

## RECALLS COURTNEY'S WORK

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honest strokes, and who were worth having in the boat. There was no yelping at their individual faults while in the shell, unless he thought they were soldiering—and men who showed any such tendency did not last long in the crew.

"The result was that men in the Cornell boats had their minds on only one thing—the putting of their full energy into their oar and the pulling of a stroke which should win if it were a human possibility. The 'Git Thar' stroke, a Cornell tradition from 'Jack' Ostrom's days, was an idea that Courtney carefully fostered. Style and form were good, so far as they could be developed, but driving power on the oars and consequently speed for the boat, were the essentials stressed. Individual faults in form were matters taken up in only personal—and always quiet—admonitions and discussions when out of the shell."

"Charley" Courtney is himself only a tradition now in the annals of American sport and a fond memory in the hearts of those hundreds of Cornell men who had the good fortune to row under the direction of admittedly the greatest coach this country ever harbored. He was as loyal to that university 'far above Cayuga's waters' as its sons were to him and to the high standards of sportsmanship he inculcated.

Offers, persuasions, promises from other colleges—Harvard among them—were never able to attract him. Courtney frequently is said to have been a despot on the waters of Cayuga, but as this interesting description indicates, a benevolent and a highly intelligent despot—and one who was singularly contented to govern the same little kingdom that knew and understood him so completely.

Courtney has since rowed across to the unknown shore. It is well that his memory should remain a great tradition, not now for Cornell alone but for all America, to whom he and his great crews belong; but he should not be allowed to become a myth. The knowledge and inspiration he left should not be neglected, so that a description of his methods and the character of the man behind them, which they help to define, come as a timely contribution.

Possibly they are made more valuable because in this instance the chronicler was himself especially trained to observe and to analyze, as the writer some years ago of the column "Listening in on Buffalo Business," when he was financial editor of the Buffalo News.

CORNELL was represented at the Mid-Western sectional conference of Women Self-Government Associations at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., April 18 to 21, by Catherine B. McLeod '28 of Buffalo, president of the Cornell Association, and Constance A. Cobb '29 of Rockaway Beach.

## THE ALUMNI

'80 BLit; '15 AB—Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Huntley ((Sarah M. Wilson '15) are now traveling in Europe, spending some time at Menton on the Riviera and in Paris, where Mrs. Huntley will take work at the Sorbonne. She will attend the Oxford Summer School for American Women Teachers and Graduates during July. They will return home in September. Their permanent address is 283 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Huntley is a teacher of elocution at the Bay Ridge High School in Brooklyn. Mr. Huntley has retired as principal of Public School 184, and expects to do some law work on his return from his vacation.

'05—Milo L. Cleveland is president and treasurer of Cleveland and Sons Company, engineering contractors, in Brockport, N. Y. He is also first vice-president of the First National Bank.

'06 AB; '06 AB—Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Landmesser (Jane B. Cheney '06) live at 48 Osborne Terrace, Newark, N. J. Mrs. Landmesser has been president of the Ex-Officers' Club of the Eighth District of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

'07 BArch—Carl C. Tallman has moved his office to 29 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pa. His work is mainly in Williamsport, Auburn, and Ithaca. He lives in Williamsport on Upland Road.

'08 ME—Leonard W. Gavett is with the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. He has recently been transferred from division traffic manager of the Northern Division to be general traffic engineer of the central area with headquarters at 210 Pine Street, Harrisburg.

'09—George C. Brainard has been elected president of the General Fireproofing Company in Youngstown, Ohio. Recently he had been vice-president in charge of operations, and from 1920 to 1923 he was vice-president of the Hydraulic Steel Company in Cleveland, with which he had been since 1913.

'12 AB—Maurice Dubin is director of the Mt. Sinai Hospital at Fifth and Reed Streets, Philadelphia. They have just broken ground for another \$1,250,000 addition.

'13 AB; '16 AB—Florence M. Carpenter is teaching English in the new Long Beach, Calif., Junior College. Her address is 2505 East First Street. She writes that Lillian G. Avery '16 is teaching English in the Redondo Beach, Calif., Union High School.

'15 AB—Arthur W. Doyle was married on April 21 to Miss Helene Looker of Akron, Ohio. He is practicing law in Akron.

'19 LLB—A son, Stephen David, was born recently to S. Howard Sundell.

'21 AB; '19 AB; '26 BS—Helen M. Bateman is an instructor in William Smith

College, in Geneva, N. Y. She lives at 630 South Main Street. She writes that a son, John Bateman, was born last August to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice W. Crook (Margaret L. Bateman '19); and that Virginia E. Tyler '26 was married last July to Charles Rose Mellen, Jr. They are living in Geneva at 40 Grove Street.

'21 ME—Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller of Seattle, Wash., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Eugenie, to John C. Atwood, Jr.

'21; '23 AB—John P. Huestis is permanently located in Youngstown, Ohio as superintendent of warehousing and shipping for the General Fireproofing Company, with whom he has been since graduation. His address is 717 Yale Avenue.

'22 AB—Arthur S. Baker is with the Baker-Levine Construction Company, Inc. in New York. He lives at 250 West Ninety-fourth Street.

'23 AB—A son, David Sheldon, was born on January 30 to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Kilbourn (Lucy A. Wohlhueter '23). They live at 350 North Park Atreet, East Orange, N. J.

'23 BS—Marion Fish is teaching clothing in the Monroe High School in Rochester, and teaches advanced foods in the evening school. She lives at 575 Genesee Street. She spent last summer traveling abroad.

'23 BS; '23 BS—Malcolm E. Smith is in the market news service in the Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. His address is 18 Wesley Street, Kingston, Pa. He writes that Adriance S. Foster '23 is completing his second year of research at the University of Leeds, England. He has been working chiefly on bud structure and development.

'24 MS; '27 PhD; '26 AM—Mrs. Leonard D. Slattery of Amsterdam, N. Y., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Mabel Kathleen Slattery '26, to George P. Vincent '24. He is now in the research laboratory of the Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester. Miss Slattery, who received her A.B. from Vassar in '25, is now Carnegie research assistant in physics at Cornell.

'24—Abraham L. Stoller was married on February 25 to Miss Adelyne Endore, a member of the cast of "Funny Face."

'24—Mrs. Pitt Townsend of Cleveland has announced the marriage of her daughter, Ruth Estella, to John S. Lucas.

'25 AB—George W. Noyes '92 and Mrs. Noyes (Irene C. Newhouse) '95 of Kenwood, New York, have announced the marriage of their daughter Imogen Constance Noyes '25 to Leslie Phelps Stone, in New York on March 10.

'25 ME—Clinton M. Vernon was married on April 9 to Miss Dorothy E. Welsh of Phillipsburg, N. J.

# How civilized are we?

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'25 ME—Howard W. Burden is with  
the Duquesne Light Company in Pitts-  
burgh, Pa. His address is 3406 Iowa  
Street. On July 1 he expects to start on  
a vagabond journey around the world,  
to be gone several years.

'26 BS—Florence C. Crofoot is an  
assistant in institutional management in  
the College of Home Economics at  
Syracuse University. Her address is 805  
Comstock Avenue, Syracuse.

'27 BS—Helen E. Grant is manager of a  
Consumers' Cooperative Service food  
shop at 165 East Thirty-third Street, New  
York. She lives at 16 Commerce Street.

'28 AM—M. Ruth Michael is teaching  
English in the High School at Laurel, Del.  
She is living at the Laurel House.

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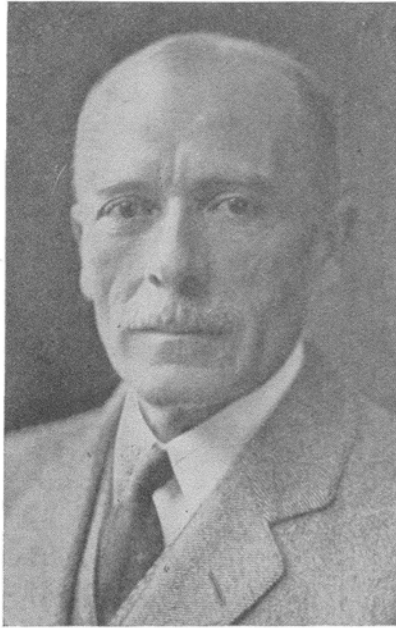
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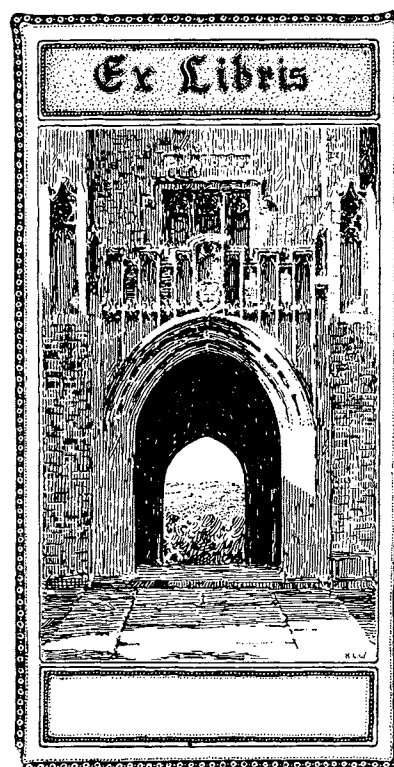


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