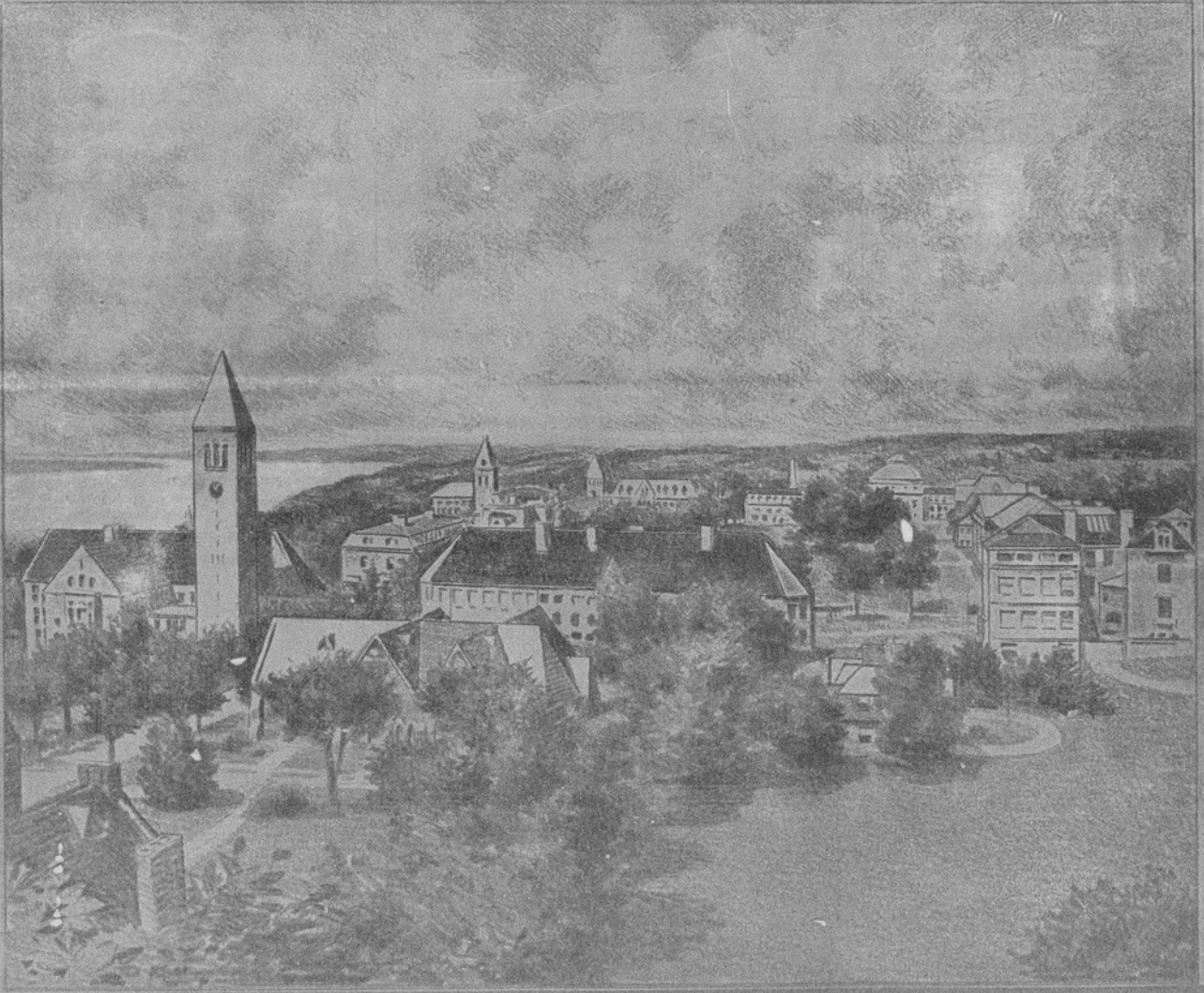


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Letters from Some Graduates of the University, All Disapproving the Suggestion that the Management of Cornell Be Given to the State.

The following letters are self-explanatory. The ALUMNI NEWS has received no communication expressing approval of the suggestion that Cornell yield fuller control to the State.—EDITOR.

A Sorry Day for Cornell.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 7, 1909.

To the Editor of the Alumni News: As an alumnus of Cornell University and a citizen of the State of New York, I desire to record my most emphatic protest against President Schurman's proposal to turn my *Alma Mater* over to the tender mercies of the State. It will be, indeed, a sorry day for Cornell when the State shall control absolutely its destiny. What an institution of learning we will have, when such distinguished educators and disinterested patriots as Murphy, Conners, Woodruff, Barnes and Hendricks, with other political bosses of like ilk to follow, shall dictate the instruction and instructors in Cornell! What a field day the politicians will have when they shall gain control of the revenues and patronage of the great university founded by Ezra Cornell and generously endowed by John McGraw, Hiram Sibley, Henry W. Sage, Ex-President Andrew D. White, Goldwin Smith and many other benefactors! Graft and favoritism will hold high carnival when that day comes. Education will be of little consequence except as an excuse for the extravagant expenditure and waste of the people's money. Private benefactions will cease. Support must depend upon the whim of piratical political bosses. State Socialism seems to have gone to seed upon the old campus.

It is not a big State University,

the foot-ball of politics, that we want, but a great independent, educational institution where "any person can find instruction in any subject." Why introduce boss politics into the curriculum?

FREDERICK W. SMITH '80.

We Want No "Kept University."

ALBANY, Dec. 6, 1909.

To the Editor of the Alumni News: I have read with interest both President Schurman's suggestions of State control of Cornell University, through the appointment of a large number of the trustees by the Governor, and your adverse comments thereon, wherein you invite expressions of opinion on the part of the alumni. Ordinarily one would hesitate to take a position at variance with the honored and successful head of the University, but I infer that his mind is open to conviction and that the wider the expression, on so vital a matter, the better.

To my mind, by far the most important consideration, which ought to be carefully canvassed, is the possibility of the injection of partisan politics into the appointment of professors, and a similar influence to be exercised in determining what should and what should not be taught on the great politico-economic questions of our time, such as the tariff and the trust problem. It is not unknown that even in privately endowed colleges attempts have been made to control or circumscribe the teachings of great professors whose work has been along these lines, and if a single great benefactor of a university is likely to be tempted to try to put the soft pedal on as to the tariff, from which he may have derived his wealth, or as to the prob-

lem of dealing with corporations, what would happen if it were a question of the possible future of a great political party, controlling, at the time, a majority of the trustees, named by a Governor of its faith, and confirmed by a Senate of like views? Men are but human, and because they happen to be appointed university trustees, instead of to some other office within the gift of a Governor and Senate, in a State which normally is close and debatable as to politics, it may be doubted whether they would suddenly grow wings, and become wholly disinterested as to partisan considerations.

There is no possible aspect of this question, it seems to me, at all comparable to the strict exclusion of all possibility that the great university founded by Ezra Cornell should become a mere annex to any party machine, a kept-university, for the dissemination of partisan schemes and isms.

ALBERT E. HOYT '88.

Hands Off!

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, 1909.

To the Editor of the Alumni News: Your editorial in this week's NEWS is gratifying to many of the alumni who have looked with disfavor on President Schurman's proposal to turn Cornell over to the State.

Has Cornell not made ample return to the State for the support she has received?

Cornell University is doing a good work in many special fields that it would be impossible for her to do as a purely state institution. Why destroy the usefulness of a great university in these lines, to satisfy the ambitions of a few men like Commissioner Draper and President Schurman?

If the great State of New York is in need of a state university why not establish a new institution beginning from the bottom and plan according to the needs of the State?

Since the Empire State feels rich enough to spend \$4,000,000 in the erection of an Education Building at Albany, I infer that the honorable

State Commissioner of Education would have little difficulty in getting an appropriation of, say, \$12,000,000 for the founding of a state university.

All the alumni with whom I have talked on this question say "Hands off so far as the State is concerned. Let well enough alone."

A. J. MACELROY '98.

Will Meet With Scant Support.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1909.

To the Editor of the Alumni News: Disapproving of President Schurman's State control plan, I am glad to enclose a short clipping from the *Jamestown Morning Post*.

ALBERT S. PRICE '01.

President Schurman's latest scheme for state control of Cornell University is condemned by the alumni and will meet with scant support from either the legislators or the taxpayers. New York needs no state university.—*From the Jamestown Morning Post, Tuesday, December 7.*

A Breach of Trust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1909.

To the Editor of the Alumni News: Shall the balance of power in the control of Cornell University be ceded to the State of New York?

I admit that the President in his report has not formulated a definite proposition. However, what he has said, coupled with the relations which have grown up within the past ten years between the University and the State, make the question pertinent at this time.

The Alumni will assume such a question to have been put, and will answer it emphatically and in the negative.

It is true that the University holds a trust from the State, but we have kept that trust and have administered it to the great advantage of the people of the State. It is enough reason for further appropriations that they will be used by us with the same wisdom and with the same benefits to the people with which the prior appropriations were used.

We hold other trusts. Great men have given their services, the inspiration of their lives and their money that the truth might be taught on the hill—that scholars might there teach

truth as they saw it in the academic freedom that legislatures have seldom understood. We have no more right to delegate this trust to the State than we have to turn over the State's charges upon us to these great men or their heirs.

What assurances of freedom could the State give us? Aid was withdrawn from the Forestry School because the legislators and their constituents could not understand that cutting down certain trees was consistent with forest preservation. With that incident in mind, is it rash to assert that the legislature might take disciplinary measures perverse of academic freedom if we taught that *utor* does not, as has been generally believed, take the ablative or that certain historical personages were not disinterested patriots? It is not an attack upon our form of government to say that the collective wisdom of legislative bodies has limitations.

There is no doubt that we need funds and that for various reasons few private individuals have recently evidenced their interest and faith in Cornell University by gifts of money. But there are ways out of this difficulty other than by selling ourselves and our traditions to the State of New York.

The State must not be given control of Cornell University. Any suggestion to the contrary, no matter how nebulous that suggestion may be, is enough to put every alumnus on his guard to prevent the breach of a great trust. Each of us is in a measure the guardian of that trust.

ROMEYN BERRY '04.

Spring Trip of the Masque.

Starting with a performance in the Star Theatre at Buffalo on Monday evening, March 28, the Masque will cross the state with "The Misfit Man," appearing at the Wieting Opera House in Syracuse on Tuesday, the Majestic theater, Utica, on Wednesday, Hermanus Bleecker Hall, Albany, on Thursday, and the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on Friday, April 1.

At a meeting of the Committee on Student Affairs, held December 2, two undergraduates, members of the class of 1913, were removed from the University for immoral conduct.

FACULTY FOOTBALL RESOLUTION.

Continuance of the Game Depends Upon Effective Revision of the Rules.

A special meeting of the University Faculty, called to consider the subject of football, was held last Saturday. After a long discussion, the Faculty adopted unanimously the following resolution:

"Resolved, that it is the insistent opinion of this Faculty that the continuance of football as a game for undergraduates depends upon a thoroughgoing and effective revision and enforcement of the rules regulating the game and the selection and conduct of players, officials and coaches, with a view to securing greater safety of life and limb and higher standards of honor and fair play."

Progress of the French Play.

If progress continues at its present rapid rate, the French dramatic club, Les Cabotins, expects to present its biennial play about the middle of January, 1910. It is always a difficult matter, even in a large university like Cornell, to find enough students with interest in French sufficiently strong to learn the long, involved rôles that a great play contains. But fortunately this year's cast is one of the best that ever played in any undergraduate production. Many of the actors have had previous experience in amateur dramatics, and all are prompt to profit by the excellent coaching of the French department.

The play to be presented is "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," one of the most famous of Molière's comedies, and one that will always live because it portrays those humorous phases of humanity which are universal. Within its field, it is perhaps unrivaled in French literature.

One of the features of the comedy, when presented, will be the incidental music written by the famous French composer, Lully. Another feature, and one especially difficult to reproduce in college representations, will be the beautiful and varied dances which the play contains.

GIFT BY GOLDWIN SMITH.

\$4,000 to Buy Additional Books for the Arts College Library.

Professor Goldwin Smith has again shown his generosity and his affection for the scene of his former labors, this time by a gift of \$4,000 to be used in buying additional books for the library in Goldwin Smith Hall. It is expected that the volumes will be ordered in the near future, and be placed on the shelves by the beginning of the second term.

With his usual modesty, Professor Smith sent no formal note with the money. It was all done quietly while President Schurman was visiting him in Toronto. Both men have shown deep interest in the College of Arts and Sciences.

When Dean Hull was asked about the significance of the gift to the Arts College, he said:

"What we plan to do is to obtain those books which are needed in technical Arts studies and in the collateral reading which the professors frequently prescribe. Now that this gift has been made, no doubt the authorities will see to it that the room is more effectively lighted and ventilated. Every effort will be made to render the Goldwin Smith library a place where the student can spend his odd hours to advantage—especially in preparing his Arts work."

Each of the other colleges of the University has a technical library of its own—books used exclusively in its particular field. This sum of money presented by Professor Goldwin Smith will enable Arts to rank with the other departments of the University in the adequacy of its library.

The Work of Barnes Hall.

The management of Barnes Hall is endeavoring to make the Hall more a part of student life every year. Besides the regular Bible and study classes, every Saturday night now sees the old building filled with students and Faculty members who have come together for better acquaintance. The whole building is thrown open for the social evening and what with a musical entertainment and a reading by one of the

professors, the time passes enjoyably and profitably.

Within the last few weeks a pool table has been installed in Barnes, and another is coming just as soon as the money is subscribed. This is the beginning of a development that may ultimately make the Hall the center of student interest.

A novel but splendid work is being carried on in the Social Service League Building near the Inlet. Four clubs of Ithaca youngsters are being conducted by Cornell students under the direction of Barnes Hall. There are regular gymnasium classes, a spring track meet and a banquet for the boys at the end of the season. Classes in manual training and sloyd work will soon be started, also under student leadership. Just now all their interest is centered in a Christmas entertainment to be given to the boys.

Modern Language Association.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America will be held at Cornell University, Tuesday, December 28 to Thursday, December 30. Members and guests of the Association should register promptly upon arrival at Room 159, Goldwin Smith Hall. The sessions of the Association will be held in the Amphitheatre, Room B. The schedule of sessions, etc., follows:

Dec. 28, 2:30 p. m. First session.

8:00 p. m. Address by the President of the Association, Professor M. D. Learned of the University of Pennsylvania. After the address President and Mrs. Schurman will receive the members and guests of the Association at their residence.

Dec. 29, 9:30 a. m. Second session.

1:00 p. m. The Association will be the guests of Cornell University at luncheon, Sage College.

2:30 p. m. Third session.

4:00 p. m. Reception by Ex-President and Mrs. White at their residence.

8:30 p. m. Address by Professor J. M. Hart of Cornell University, Ithaca Hotel.

Dec. 30, 9:30 a. m. Fourth session.

1:00 p. m. Luncheon, Sage College.

2:30 p. m. Fifth session.

GUIDING THE FRESHMAN.

Upperclassmen of the Arts Association to Give Counsel to First Year Men.

The problem of the proper guidance of the freshman is still interesting thoughtful persons on the Hill. At the opening of the college year, a Faculty committee was appointed to advise the freshman in the selection of his studies, and to set the feet of the bewildered first year man upon the straight intellectual path.

But it seems that this arrangement was not sufficient. The problem of the freshman outside the class room remained. Accordingly a meeting of the Association of the Men of the College of Arts and Sciences was held in Goldwin Smith Hall on Wednesday, December 8, at which a proposed plan for upperclass guidance of freshmen was discussed and adopted.

The plan, briefly, is this: A committee appointed by the president of the association will select a number of upperclass men who are each to have charge of ten first year men. These older students will act as guides and friends, introducing the newcomers around and explaining to them the meaning of college traditions and student activities. If the men in charge are really and unselfishly interested in the work, the plan, it is thought, will prove invaluable for developing a greater spirit of friendliness and intimacy than now exists in the College of Arts.

A minor question, but one in the same general trend, is that of the new smoking room in the basement of Goldwin Smith Hall. Outside of a few old chairs the place is at present unfurnished and far from attractive. The Association voted at this same meeting to levy a small tax on every undergraduate in the college, and in that way defray the expenses of furnishing the room. Dean Hull has loaned the students a large table, and the association will provide a number of leather-covered benches. The strenuous efforts that are being made to arouse a stronger college spirit in Goldwin Smith augur well for future relations on the Hill and more intimate associations among coming alumni.

The Savage Club entertained Otis Skinner on Saturday evening.

A NEW "HAT CLUB."

Formed by Seniors and Called Scarab— A Protest Against Existing Clubs.

A new "hat club" has been formed in the senior class. It is a rival to, or rather a protest against the Mummy Club, and its name is Scarab. Its members wear signs on their hats resembling the characters worn by the Mummy and Nalanda men. The new hats appeared on Sunday morning, the club having been organized on Saturday evening. Among the men who have been seen wearing the Scarab insignia are Griffis, Elser, Kent, Crosby, McCormick, T. L. Miller and Noyes.

In the *Sun* of Saturday was an editorial signed by Stanton Griffis, the editor-in-chief, condemning the "hat clubs" as undemocratic and giving notice of a movement to bring about their abolition by "fighting fire with fire." In part the editorial said:

"Cornell University vaunts its spirit of democracy. Alumni and undergraduates alike are proud of the ideal of the Founder which has become ingrained in the life of the University and which insists that student shall meet student, all on an equal social footing. Yet as an important part of the social system of Cornell exist organizations representing both odd and even classes, undemocratic in spirit, and, in their most characteristic feature, opposed to the ideals and traditions of Cornell University. We refer to the so-called "hat clubs," Mummy Club and Nalanda.

"Almost without exception, for the men composing the present membership of these organizations, we have the highest respect. And, in the past years of their existence, the overwhelming majority of their members have been strong, loyal Cornellians, worthy of the name. So, too, in every delegation of membership in the hat-clubs, there have been men who, in their heart, believed that the clubs to which they had affiliated themselves and whose insignia they wore, were a menace to the democracy of Cornell and unworthy of a place in her social system. Yet the clubs have continued.

"It is, of course, to be hoped that the saner view of the hat question

will prevail in the clubs themselves. But that view, despite the efforts of many club men, has not prevailed in the past. The movement against them from the outside, would, as we have noted, probably tend to bind them closer together. To accomplish their abolition, then, or to at least mitigate the evil in their presence, we see but one course of action, to fight fire with fire, to form other hat-clubs in both the odd and even classes, thereby broadening the scope and number of membership, and ultimately bringing the present organizations into an agreement to abolish all hat-insignia except those designating athletic awards.

"If one or more new clubs should be formed, their purpose should be that which we have outlined, to do away with the "exclusive" spirit of the present hat clubs by enlarging their membership, and steadfastly strive for the abolition of all unnatural social distinctions or spirit of snobbishness which has arisen as the natural result of the blatant ostentation of Mummy Club and Nalanda."

No Concert in Troy.

Early in the fall the management of the musical clubs announced through the *ALUMNI NEWS* that a concert would probably be given in Troy on the Christmas trip. The plans for this concert did not mature. To correct a misunderstanding which has arisen, the management asks us to say that the clubs will not give a concert in Troy. The Christmas trip of the clubs will be as follows:

Scranton, December 22.
New Orleans, December 27.
Mobile, December 28.
Birmingham, December 29.
Atlanta, December 30.
Savannah, December 31.
Brooklyn, January 4.

The 'varsity basketball team's first game of the season, played in the Armory on Saturday evening, resulted in a defeat by the University of Rochester five. The final score was 16 to 13. Cornell scored more field goals than Rochester, but lost on goals from fouls. The Cornell players were Whinery, Blumenauer, Crosby, Keasbey, Bennett, Heath and Phelps.

FAR WESTERN CORNELLIANS.

The Portland Alumni Association

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 30.

The annual meeting of the Portland Alumni Association was held at the University Club on the evening of November 24. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, W. J. Kerr '91; vice-president, A. B. Slauson '79; secretary and treasurer, Wells Gilbert '93.

Several members were necessarily absent owing to the wedding of L. R. Allen '08, which took place the same evening. The following were present: H. A. Rands '01, S. C. Hulse '01, R. Duniway '92, W. J. Kerr '91, G. Stubblefield '04, John L. Henderson '70, C. E. Murray '03, L. Rosenstein '07, John Burkhart '08, John G. Clemson '01, H. M. Tomlinson '97, W. S. Turner '86, W. B. Mersereau '73, L. W. Metzger '07, George Rae '96, T. M. Gardner '96, Dr. Alvin W. Baird '05, Thomas W. Baker '08, A. B. Slauson '79, Lawrence Ketchum '04 and Wells Gilbert '93.

The following day several members availed themselves of the invitation of President Kerr to the association, and attended the football game between Oregon Agricultural College and the Multnomah Athletic Club, as his guests.

The club contemplates publishing a roster of the Cornell men, and in order to secure as complete a list as possible, desires any Cornell men living in Oregon and the Columbia River Valley to send in their names to the secretary.

WELLS GILBERT,
Secretary.

News from the State of Washington.

SEATTLE, Dec. 3.

Archibald Stone '04 has been made general manager of the Willow Moor farm at Redmond, Washington. Redmond is a suburb of Seattle, and the farm is the largest pure-bred Ayrshire stock farm in the entire country.

Ernest Crosby '06 has recently been given a prominent position on the staff of the *Post-Intelligencer*, the leading daily newspaper of Seattle.

H. O. Westover '06 has been appointed scientific soil expert for the

State of Washington, by the Department of Agriculture.

Cornellians are continuing to come to Seattle in large numbers, and there has been an exceptional increase since the closing of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

Mynderse Van Cleef Chairman of Executive Committee.

At last week's meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, the vacancy in the chairmanship of the Committee was filled by the election of Mr. Mynderse Van Cleef '74, of Ithaca. The chairmanship has been vacant since the death of Samuel D. Halliday '70, two years ago.

'94 Memorial Contestants.

The following men have been chosen to compete on January 7 for the '94 Memorial Prize in Debate: J. C. O'Brien '10, Rochester; D. M. Palley '10, Brooklyn; W. F. Russell '11, Peekskill; G. H. Brown '11, Buffalo; H. E. Griffith '11, Utica; M. W. Bundy '12, Ithaca; alternate, R. H. Heath '11, Sidney.

The Baseball Schedule.

Following is next season's baseball schedule as ratified by the Athletic Council. A southern trip has not yet been arranged:

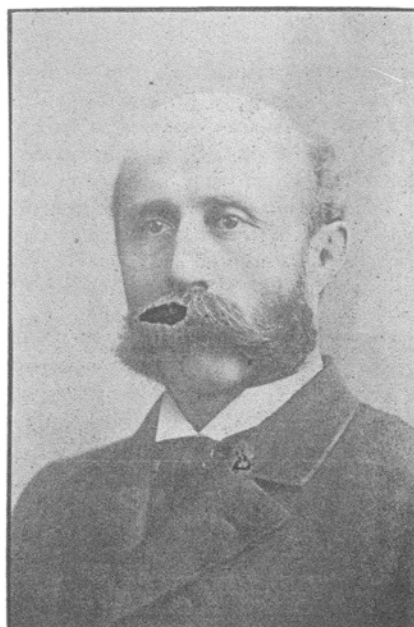
April 9—Bucknell at Ithaca.
April 13—Niagara at Ithaca.
April 16—Vermont at Ithaca.
April 19—Holy Cross at Worcester.
April 23—Columbia at Ithaca.
April 28—Penn State at Ithaca.
April 30—Amherst at Ithaca.
May 4—Williams at Ithaca.
May 7—Dartmouth at Ithaca.
May 12—Dartmouth at Hanover.
May 13—Amherst at Amherst.
May 14—Williams at Williamstown.
May 19—Oberlin at Ithaca.
May 21—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.
May 26—Wesleyan at Ithaca.
May 28—Michigan at Ithaca.
May 30—Pennsylvania at Ithaca.
June 4—Harvard at Cambridge.
June 15—Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.
June 18—Yale at New Haven.
June 21—Alumni at Ithaca.

The Christmas Smoker of the Masque will be held on December 17.

Memorial to O. F. Williams. '69.

A committee appointed by the Cornell Club of Rochester, N. Y., to take action on the death of Oscar F. Williams '69, has prepared the following memorial:

In the death of Oscar F. Williams, the Cornell Association has lost one



The late Oscar F. Williams.

of its earliest members and in many respects the most distinguished. Prominent among the first students at the University, he won eminence and honor by manhood and scholarship, and rank by military attainment.

His cool, self-reliant courage was strikingly manifested at the Cascadilla fire. The building was ablaze under the cornice overhanging the gorge and inaccessible from below. Williams was held head downwards over the cornice and water was passed to him with which he extinguished the fire. His act avoked the grateful commendation of President White. That quality was ever with him. It made him conspicuous in the service of his country at Manila and amid the battle of Manila Bay. At Rochester, Livonia and Canton are trophy guns presented by him which will ever link his name with the valor of that wondrous victory.

The University is what its students are. Their lives make its record.

achieve its glory and mold its character. Williams was a pioneer in this work for Cornell. Well did he bear his part. In all the relations of society, in all the activities of a busy life responsive to every call of duty, he was ever found fully equipped and with reserve powers for duty, he was ever found equipped any emergency.

Patriotism was his passion—loyalty his characteristic.

His friendship did not content itself with good wishes, but was active, aggressive and efficient in aid. His life was singularly pure—free from cant or affectation. His love and devotion to his wife and children was even an incentive to attain the truest, the highest and the best. His religion was made manifest in Christian living, more than by verbal profession.

At our first banquet he said, "The best is none too good for Cornell."

Happy the University whose graduates are of the best. His work is done and well done. He has left the priceless heritage of a good name and the exalted honor of service loyally rendered.

December 4, 1909.

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Race Won by Agriculture.

The 'cross-country team of the College of Agriculture won the annual intercollege race over the four mile course from the Armory and return on Saturday afternoon. J. P. Jones, a Sibley freshman, won individual honors in the fast time of 18 minutes 31 3-5 seconds, breaking the record for the course. The points scored were as follows: Agriculture, 12; Civil Engineering, 52; Sibley, 74; Law, 90; Arts, 112; Veterinary, 226; Architecture, 260. One hundred and four men started. The College of Agriculture will hold for a year the trophy cup presented by Howard Ehrich '05 and will also receive a banner as a permanent possession.



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A MEMBER OF the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania (said to be the wealthiest member of the board) has resigned because he could not sanction the retention in the faculty of a professor of social science who held a certain social opinion at variance with his own. The interesting and significant fact about the incident is that the board accepted the trustee's resignation and retained the professor. If our universities are to be of the highest service the teachers must be free to proclaim what they believe to be the truth, and the action of the Pennsylvania board is an important victory for freedom of teaching.

THE PLANS OF the Arts Association for the guidance of freshmen, the endeavor to make Barnes Hall a social as well as a religious center, the President's words of welcome to the Telluride dormitory, are all expressions of the yearning of the Cor-

nell congeries to be a real community. The longing has always been with us. From the beginning the University left its students to their own social devices, and their struggle to work out a social system is still going on. Anything that might promise to solve the problem—organization, clubhouse or dormitories—would be as welcome as the blossoms in May.

EVEN THE APPEARANCE of a new "hat club" is a sign of social revolt. The "hat clubs" are accused of being cliquish. Members of the clubs themselves have been heard to say that they are so. Older graduates of the University may not have heard of these clubs. They are organizations which are "handed down," the Mummy Club in the even-year and Nalanla in the odd-year classes. On their hats the members wear cabalistic marks in which Mr. John Corbin, who wrote a magazine article about the University, saw a resemblance to "Yiddish kosher-meat signs." The popular objection to the hat clubs seems to be, not so much that they are snobbish, as that they flaunt their snobbishness.

THE FINANCIAL ASPECT.

According to the report of the Treasurer of the University, the cash deficit for the year 1908-9 was \$3,239.20. This amount is less than one-third of one per cent. of the total income available for the year (\$1,129,135.94). For a corporation which is supposed to expend its entire income, a deficit of less than three mills in the dollar is not a very bad showing. It is not easy to see in the financial condition of the University any reason for resorting to the desperate expedient of thrusting the University's management into untried hands, of wrenching the institution from a course which it has pursued with some measure of success and forcing it into a path where, to say the least, it would be sure to encounter problems hitherto unknown to it and would have no certainty of escaping any present problems. For the suggestion of such a revolutionary step there is no apparent financial justification. It would seem practicable, therefore, considering the state of the treasury, to continue the present management for

some years longer, and during that time to make a thorough effort to increase the University's revenues in the way that has been usual to it, namely, through gifts from private sources. But if this course, which seems to be the logical and sensible one, be followed, talk of making Cornell a state university must stop. For no man is going to give money for the support of an institution which intends to-morrow or next year to barter itself to the state.

WHAT IS THE FACULTY'S OPINION?

The Faculty of Cornell University has always had a voice in determining the University's educational policy. The wisdom of this rule has, so far as we know, never been questioned. Presumably the present Faculty enjoys the confidence of the President and the Board of Trustees, or the President and the Trustees would before this have taken steps to obtain a faculty in whose judgment they could confide. To grant to the State "a larger measure of that control which Commissioner Draper demands for it" would, according to the testimony of Commissioner Draper himself, involve important questions of educational policy. In his address at Syracuse a year ago on "Agriculture and Its Educational Needs," the same address from which President Schurman quoted so liberally in his annual report, the Commissioner, after asserting that Cornell University's "sympathy with the agricultural industries has never been so consuming as to lead it to rise to very high altitudes in things agricultural, or to surmount the real obstacles to agricultural investigation and instruction," said that this alleged fault would "never be cured unless the university becomes the real instrument of the State, nor until there is a strong factor in the board of trustees so keenly interested in agriculture that it will use its power to compel the university to accomplish the really great agricultural ends which can be effected in no other way." "That college [the college of agriculture]" he continued, "will not only have to be as educationally respectable as any other college in the university, but it will have to stand in vital and living relations with every other. No matter how elaborately

equipped it may be, it will accomplish relatively little unless it has the fellowship and the stimulus of the union of colleges and graduate schools which we call the university."

Without inquiring into the justice of Dr. Draper's criticism and without considering several questions of fact which his argument raises, it is clear that he suggests a change in the Board of Trustees for reasons educational. This being so, it seems to us that the President and the Trustees will be justified in inviting the faculty to consider the suggestion of a change of management deliberately and carefully and independently, and in giving great weight to the Faculty's opinion, whatever it may turn out to be.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Barnes Hall—Regular mid-week meeting C. U. C. A. West Dome, 7:15 p. m. Regular mid-week meeting Y. W. C. A. Old Trophy Room, 7:30 p. m.

Medical College Lecture—Dr. E. R. Corson of Savannah, Ga., on "The Life and Work of Sir Charles Bell, Anatomist, Physiologist, Surgeon." Stimson Hall, 8 p. m.

The Society of Comparative Theology and Philosophy—Lecture by Professor Nathaniel Schmidt on "Mysticism," followed by discussion. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room B, 8 p. m.

The Cornell Civic Club—Informal Reception in honor of Messrs. Fox Holden '72, M. M. Sweetland '90, M. S. Halliday '06 and Dr. L. L. Forman. Reading Room, Barnes Hall, 8 p. m.

Cornell Section of the American Chemical Society—Meeting. Lecture by Professor H. N. Ogden on the "Disposal of Sewage." Morse Hall, Room 3, 8 p. m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Sanitary Science and Public Health—"Insanity and Public Health," W. L. Russell, M. D., Medical Inspector, State Commission of Lunacy. Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A, 12 m.

Readings in English Literature—Professor M. W. Sampson. West Sibley, 5 p. m. Dr. E. J. Bailey, College of Agriculture, Room 292, 5 p. m.

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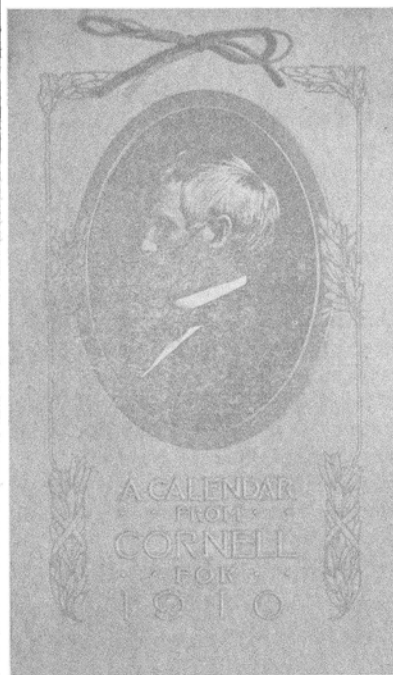
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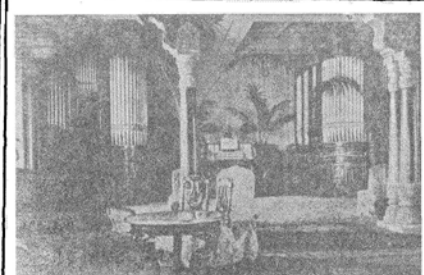
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13, 7:15 p. m.A. I. E. E.—Meeting. Subject:
"The Development and Operation of
Hydroelectric Plants." Franklin
Hall, 7:15 p. m.Arts and Sciences Lecture—"The
Nationalism of Petrarch," by Dr.
Arthur Livingston of the Depart-
ment of Romance Languages in Co-
lumbia University. Goldwin Smith
Hall, Room B, 8 p. m.Sigma Xi Lecture—"Halley's
Comet," by Professor O. M. Leland.
Public Lecture. Rockefeller Hall, 8
p. m.Second Freshman-Sophomore De-
bate—Goldwin Smith Hall, Room B,
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Tickets \$1.00.**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19.**Sage Chapel—The Rt. Rev.
Charles D. Williams, D. D., LL. D.,
Bishop of Michigan, Detroit, Mich-
igan. Morning service at 11 o'clock.
Vesper service at 3:15 o'clock.**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20.**

Arts and Sciences Lecture—"The

Nestorian Chinese," by Mr. Fritz V.
Holm of Copenhagen. Goldwin
Smith Hall, Room A, 8 p. m.Horticulturists' Lazy Club—For-
cing House, 7:30 p. m.**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.**Sanitary Science and Public
Health—"Betterment of Agricultur-
al Conditions," Herbert John Web-
ber, Acting Director of the New
York State College of Agriculture.
Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A, 12 m.Readings in English Literature—
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7:30 p. m.**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.**

The Christmas recess begins.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1910.

Instruction resumed.

Franklin Matthews '83, of the
New York *Sun*, had a large audience
last Thursday evening for his lec-
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'93, Ph. B.—Carlton E. Ladd is a member of the law firm of Rebadow & Ladd, 928-932 White Building, Buffalo.

'94, A. B.—Earl W. Mayo is a member of the Press Service Company, 439 Fifth avenue, New York, and lives at New Rochelle.

'98.—Harry W. Blodgett, United States district attorney for the eastern district of Missouri, has ten-

dered his resignation. Mr. Blodgett will form a partnership with Charles W. Bates, former city counselor of St. Louis.

'98, LL. B.—D. P. Williams is practicing law in Indianapolis. His address is 1313 North New Jersey street.

'01.—A. M. Doerffling is sales manager for the Wheeling Corrugating Company, 47 Cliff street, New York.

'01, M. E.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tryon on November 24 at 712 Cedar avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'01, M. E.—Marvin W. Strong was married on June 30, 1909, to Miss Ella L. Emmerich. They are living at 720 Ditmar avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'01, LL. B.—The *New York Tribune* of December 6 says: "The work done by the Attorney General's staff in this city in investigating violations of the primary and election laws will begin to bear fruit to-day. Two parts of the Court of General Session and the criminal part of the

Supreme Court have been set aside for hearing these cases, which have been prepared under the general supervision of Deputy Attorney General Prentice, in charge of the local office. Much of the good work accomplished was due to W. W. Pellet, who as a Special Deputy Attorney General had charge of the cases before the grand jury." These cases are being tried before Supreme Court Justice Cuthbert W. Pound '87. Mr. Pellet is continuing his work before the grand jury.

'02, LL. B.—James B. Kinne is practicing law at 110 Cherry street, Seattle, Wash.

'03, C. E.—The address of E. M. Lara has been changed to Bend, Oregon.

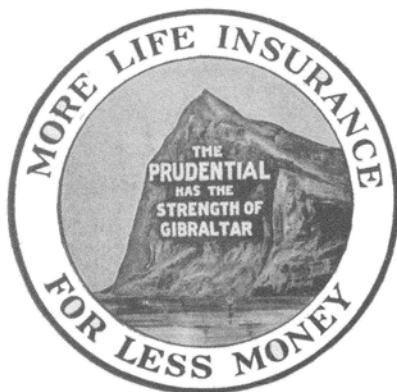
'03, A. B.—Eva F. Humphreys is teacher of Latin and Greek in the Atlantic City High School and her address is the New Holland Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

'04, M. E.—A. N. Bentley has been appointed manager of the Atlanta office of the Electric Storage Battery Company, with which company he was formerly employed as

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'04, A. B.; '05, M. S. A.—R. S. Woglum is a special agent of the United States Bureau of Entomology at Whittier, Cal.

'05.—E. T. Newman has changed his address to Riviera, Neuces county, Texas.

'05, LL. B.—A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Piper on September 12, 1909, at Winnipeg. She has been named Mary.

'05, M. E.—Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw for the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth Mahala, to Clarence Raymond Wylie, on December 22 at 125 Hosea avenue, Clifton, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Wylie is an instructor in the University of Cincinnati.

'06, A. B.—Paul A. Schoellkopf is engaged in the power business and also in manufacturing and banking in Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'06, M. E.—Harold W. Slauson is associate editor of *Recreation*. His office address is 24 West Thirty-ninth street, New York.

'06, M. E.—C. J. Walbran, jr., is a member of the firm of Vail, Walbran & Read, consulting engineers, 247 Equitable Building, Denver, Col.

'06, D. V. M.—Thomas A. McCarthy is an inspector in the Bureau of Animal Industry, and his address is Box 422, Santa Fe, N. M.

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'07, C. E.—Clare D. Murray is now at the Barge Canal office in Albany.

'07, B. S. A.—William J. Morse is now living at 121 V street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He is a scientific assistant in the Bureau of Plant Industry.

'07, A. B.—Charles H. Wicks is a teacher in the Canton Christian College, Canton, China.

'07, C. E.—George R. Ogier and James A. Silsbee have formed the firm of Ogier, Silsbee & Ogier, civil engineers, Majestic Building, Denver, Col.

'08, A. B.; '09, Ph. D.—Louise Fargo Brown is an instructor in history in Wellesley College.

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'08, A. B.—The address of Robert L. Coe was wrongly given in these columns recently as Waterville, Conn. It is Waterbury, Conn. He is with the Steele & Johnson Manufacturing Company.

'08, C. E.—Sol Kronberg has accepted a position as assistant engineer with the New York State Public Service Commission, First District, and is now working on the new Fourth Avenue subway in Brooklyn.

'08, M. E.—Clarence R. Andrews is assistant superintendent of the iron and steel foundries of the Bucyrus Company, South Milwaukee, Wis.

'08, M. E.—Edwin A. Stillman's address is 50 Church street, New York.

'08, M. E.—F. A. Cook, of the United States Revenue Cutter Service, is now on duty aboard the revenue cutter Pamlico at Newbern, N. C.

'09, Ph. D.—Dr. Horace Leonard Jones is to be married on December 28 to Miss Edna Earle Lyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lyle, of Radford, Va. Dr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home at the Virginia Institute, Bristol, Va., of which institution Dr. Jones is acting president.

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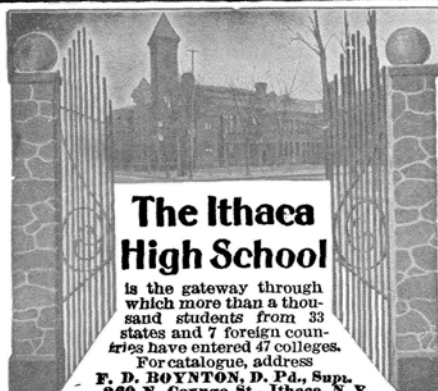
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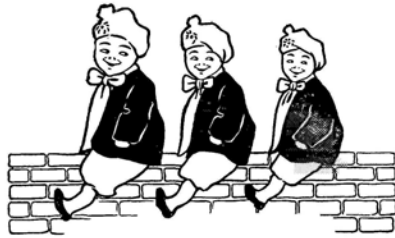
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