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CLEAVAGE IN ARTS COLLEGE.

Students in the Two Lower Classes Put Under a Special Staff.

What is virtually a distinct staff of instruction for freshmen and sophomores in the College of Arts and Sciences was created last week by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty of the college. As the work of the first two years in the college has come to have a different method and purpose from the work of the last two years, so hereafter there will be a similar differentiation in teaching staffs. Supervision of the work of students in the two lower classes has been put into the hands of an administrative board consisting of a definite group of teachers. The teachers selected to form this board are men whose courses are elected by considerable numbers of freshmen and sophomores and who may therefore be presumed to have especial interest in the work of the underclassmen.

Greater thoroughness of instruction of freshmen and sophomores is the primary object sought. It is hoped, too, that closer personal and social intercourse between teacher and student will be the effect of bringing the freshmen and sophomores into direct relation with a definite group of teachers regarded as especially their own. Furthermore, the administration of the college is expected to be made simpler and more effective by concentrating responsibility for the work of the underclassmen.

The dean of the college will be *ex officio* chairman of this administrative board in charge of freshmen and sophomores. In order that the dean, whose functions are already numerous and heavy, may not be overburdened, another member of the administrative board will be appointed secretary of the board to serve as assistant to the dean. The members of the board are to be appointed annually by the president. The following

members of the Faculty have been appointed to the board by President Schurman for the year 1908-09: The Dean of the College, chairman *ex officio*, and Messrs. Adams, Bristol, Browne, Catterall, Creighton, Durham, Faust, Gordon, Ibershoff, Olmsted, Prescott, Reed, Sampson, Shearer, Tanner and Tarr.

This plan to differentiate the staff of instruction for the benefit of freshmen and sophomores has been under consideration of the Trustees and the Faculty for several months, and the scheme that has been adopted was worked out by a joint committee consisting of President Schurman, as chairman; Trustees Van Cleef, C. E. Treman and Newman, and Professors Crane, Hill, Hull, Nichols and Willcox. Several facts made it seem advisable to adopt at this time some method to insure closer supervision of the work of freshmen and sophomores. These facts may be summarized thus: (1) The definition of the university by the Association of American Universities as an institution which, besides possessing a strong graduate department, bases its professional work on a college course of liberal education, consisting ordinarily of at least two years; (2) the recent action of the professional faculties in the University contemplating five-year or six-year courses, which action gives a new importance to the work of the first two years in the College of Arts and Sciences; (3) the existence in the college already (as in other colleges of liberal arts) of a well defined break in curriculum and methods of instruction at the end of the second year; (4) the fact that many students, in the early stages of their work in the college, need to be taught how to work and need supervision and advice that will keep them interested in their work. Such supervision exists in the college now in the case of juniors and seniors, each of whom, at the beginning of the junior year, selects a professor as his adviser, with whom he must consult and whose approval he must obtain

for at least twenty hours of work to be completed in some one group of courses during the junior and senior years. This provision results in a close and intimate relation between the upperclassman and the professor that he has selected as his adviser. Similarly close relations exist in the College of Law, where every professor comes to know every student because every student has work with every professor, and in the Graduate Department, where the individual student is under the direct charge of the professors that are instructing him.

While the joint committee was considering how to select the proposed administrative board some interesting figures came to light. It was found that a comparatively small number of members of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences do virtually all the work of instruction of freshmen and sophomores in that college. During the past term the total number of courses elected by the 377 members of the two lower classes in the college was 143—a total of 2,002 registrations. Nine-tenths of the 2,002 registrations were found in 55 of the 143 courses offered, and almost three-fourths, namely, 1,444 of the 2,002, were found in only 28 courses.

The administrative board in charge of freshmen and sophomores will have full power to supervise their work and to provide means for making the supervision effective. For the accomplishment of this object the board is empowered to make such rules, regulations and arrangements as it may deem expedient. Its action in these matters may at any time be disallowed by the Faculty, and the Faculty reserves to itself the function of legislation on all important subjects.

Several new rules looking to more efficient administration in the College of Arts and Sciences have been adopted by the Faculty. After this year a final examination or equivalent exercise must be given during "block week" (the week of final examinations) in every course in the college. In courses where it is cus-

tomy to exempt from final examination students of high standing, exemptions may be granted only to students that receive a mark of 85 per cent. or more on their term work. It has been possible for students exempted in all but one or two subjects to cut the final examinations in those subjects, trusting to the good nature of the instructor to grant special examinations, and thus to gain a week or ten days extra vacation. The purpose of the rule is to prevent this.

Authority was given the Committee on Academic Records to drop from the college at any time during the year any student whose work is not up to the mark, without waiting for the final examination to determine his inefficiency.

Action has also been taken to prevent the "sampling" of courses by students during the early part of the term. Some confusion has been caused by students dropping courses after registering in them and finding them not to their taste, electing others in their place. Hereafter a student may change his schedule only with the permission of the dean, and the time within which he may make such a change will be strictly limited. Another new rule will extend to twenty the maximum of hours for which a student may register and receive credit in any term if his marks for the preceding term average 85 or more, and will restrict to sixteen the maximum of hours for which he may register if his marks average 65 or less.

Phi Beta Kappa Reunion.

A reunion of the Phi Beta Kappa society was held last Thursday evening in Barnes hall. The eleven seniors and ten juniors who were elected last March were initiated. Professor Catterall, president of the chapter, made an address in which he condemned the unrestricted elective system. He declared that instead of really educating the student such a system dissipated his energies and left him at the end of his college course with little to show besides his diploma.

For presentation in Senior Week the Masque has selected a comedy entitled "Facing the Music."

WORK OF THE PHYSICISTS.

More than Forty Investigations in Progress in the New Laboratory.

That a university owes something to the world besides simply teaching that small portion of knowledge which happens to be available or apparently practical for the time being is beginning to be understood in this country. Experience is also showing that in order to remain an enthusiastic and effective teacher in science one must be in touch with the expansion of knowledge, not simply as an interested or dreamy observer but as an effective and fruitful worker. It is therefore gratifying to note that the new Physical Laboratory is already serving this end as well as affording excellent facilities for the study of what is already known in physical science.

Although the time of the staff has been largely absorbed by the work of organization in new quarters and in providing for steadily increasing numbers of students in the various courses, and in spite of lack of funds to complete the equipment for graduate work, there are now in progress more than forty investigations covering a great range of topics. Several of these relate to problems of great interest in the production of light, especially by phosphorescence and fluorescence, and upon such problems several papers have already been published. Other investigators are working on low and high temperature phenomena. Electrical problems are not neglected. The department has nearly completed the installation of apparatus for the liquefaction of hydrogen and other gases used in low temperature work, and will soon be prepared for work in the lowest range of temperature yet attained.

As evidence of the interest shown by outsiders in such work as is being done we may note the recent gift of an extensive equipment for research in heat by the Pennsylvania Railroad & Terminal Company. This equipment was used by the company in tunnel work in New York city. The equipment for low temperature work includes a Norwalk compressor for air and a Whitehead hydrogen com-

pressor, each working to 3,000 pounds per square inch; fine collection of Dewar bulbs, resistance thermometers, recording instruments and other appliances required in this line of research.

The New England Club Idea.

A smoker was given by the New England Cornell Club on April 24, and at that meeting Henry F. Hurlburt, '75, of Boston, expounded his plan for making easy the start in life of Cornellians in New England. His idea is for the club to find out just who are going that way before they leave college, so that the officers may get in touch with alumni in the section in which the young graduate is desirous of locating and in that way try to have a place for him in business or his chosen profession on his arrival. Since the club, to a man, is behind the plan, Mr. Hurlburt, who originated the idea, requests that it be known hereafter as the New England Club Idea. The plan was explained to the club at the meeting by Mr. Hurlburt and J. T. Auerbach, '90, and was freely discussed by a score or more of the members, of whom forty-five were present. A feature of the meeting was the first use of a New England Cornell Club Song Book, containing the words of all the Cornell songs and many others. The music was under the direction of R. P. Tobin, '96. A club directory is to be issued. The next meeting will be a smoker on May 30, on the occasion of the Cornell-Harvard boat race.

Brooklyn Alumni Elect Officers.

The last of the season's series of informal monthly dinners of the Cornell Association of Brooklyn was held on Thursday evening, April 30, at the University Club. Dr. Herbert D. Schenck, '82, presided in the absence of President Franklin Matthews, '83, who is with the Evans fleet in the Pacific, and Vice-President William F. Atkinson, '95, who has gone abroad. Stormy weather caused the attendance to be smaller than usual, but the twenty-three Cornellians who attended spent an enjoyable evening nevertheless. Cornell songs were sung during the meal,

and a number of informal talks on Cornell affairs, principally the plans for the June reunion, the Fall Creek Gorge improvement fund and the coming election of two alumni trustees, were listened to with interest.

Professor Rowlee had been expected to address the association on the gorge subject. He was to have told of the work already done with the money furnished by the Brooklyn Cornellians and to have led a discussion of plans for future work. Unfortunately he was unable to attend.

Dr. Schenck told of the plans of the gorge fund committee. It is the desire of the Brooklyn Association to present to the University on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary exercises an amount sufficient to put on a firm basis the work which has occupied the attention of the alumni for two years. The collection of subscriptions, it was reported, had been progressing favorably.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was held with the following results: President, Dr. John L. Moffat, '73; vice-president, William A. Moss crop, '88; recording secretary, Charles L. Mulligan, '07; corresponding secretary, Elmer I. Thompson, '09; treasurer, Salmon Whitcomb, '05.

St. Louis Club's Smoker.

The Cornell Club of St. Louis gave a smoker on Monday evening, May 4, at the Missouri Athletic Club. Hugh Jennings was the guest of honor. About forty Cornell men were present. After an address of welcome by Alden H. Little, '02, president of the club, Jennings responded with an interesting talk on the pleasure he found in meeting the Cornell boys in different cities and on the present position of Cornell in athletics. The club elected Jennings an honorary member. Remarks were made by George J. Tansey, '88; George Benham, '80; C. H. Anderson, '83, and A. T. Terry, '94.

Although no action was taken by the Cornell Club of St. Louis as a club in relation to the coming election of alumni trustees, many of those present at the meeting signed an endorsement of the candidacy of Harry L. Taylor, '88. The following were the signatures: Hugh Jennings, '04; Martin A. Seward, '97; Kelton E.

White, '00; W. F. Kingston; C. H. L. Allen, '98; F. W. Meysenburg, '01; A. T. Terry, '94; G. G. Dunham, '05; W. J. Harris, jr., '05; George Benham, '80; Frank D. Purdy, '95; Raxley F. Weber, '03; J. Lilien Jacobs, '04; A. J. Widmer, '04; B. C. Bellows, '06; C. W. Genet, jr., '98; Alden H. Little, '02; G. J. Tansey, '88; W. E. McCourt, '04, and J. Howard Holmes, '98.

Prizes Awarded.

Two prizes were awarded last week by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. To George William Nasmyth, '06, of Ithaca, was awarded the Browning Prize. This prize was founded in 1902 by Professor Hiram Corson and consists of a gold medal of the value of fifty dollars. It is awarded annually for the best competitive essay on Robert Browning. The Barnes Shakespeare Prize was awarded to Hymen Max Barr, '10, of Brooklyn, N. Y. This prize was founded in 1887 by Mrs. Alfred Smith Barnes, of Brooklyn, and consists of about fifty dollars, being the annual income from her gift of one thousand dollars.

Freshmen Defeat Congress.

A debate between the freshman debate club and the Cornell Congress, held last week, resulted in a victory for the freshmen. Miss E. E. Cook, '08, who was a member of the intercollegiate debate team and who won the Woodford Prize in Oratory, led the team which represented Congress. The Congress team upheld the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, that the women of the United States should be given the same powers of suffrage that its male citizens possess." The judges were Professors Fetter, Drew and Catterall.

Thomas D. Bergen, teacher of Romance languages in Cascadilla School, was drowned last Saturday afternoon while canoeing on the lake near the mouth of Fall Creek. The body was recovered. Mr. Bergen was a graduate of Harvard University in the class of 1901. He had been elected to the fellowship in Romance languages at Cornell for next year.

Friday of this week will be Spring Day.

PLAN NEW RUSHING SYSTEM.

Senior Societies Hope to Correct Evils of Present Fraternity Custom.

In the past a great deal has been said about the defects of our present system of fraternity rushing. Naturally there have been many suggestions as to how improvement could be brought about, but all of these have either necessitated changes of too radical a nature, have been too complex to be practical, or have involved features that would not operate with perfect equality and fairness for all concerned.

Realizing the gravity of the situation, the two Senior Societies have worked in co-operation with each other in investigating the plans that have been tried in other universities, as well as suggestions that have been made by our alumni. As a result of their efforts they have formulated a plan to eradicate the two worst evils and to furnish the first step toward reforms of a more far-reaching character, if this one should prove successful.

They have endeavored to leave the basis of competition for freshmen as it now is, for an attempt to alter this might prove fatal to their plan. The purpose of these rules is to make it unnecessary for fraternity members to return to Ithaca to rush several weeks before college opens, and to prevent rushing from interfering with a freshman's study for his entrance examinations. This evil is said to have prevented many good men from entering the University. To accomplish these ends they propose the following plan:

Committee.—A committee to be formed, composed of two delegates from each fraternity.

Officers.—The officers of this committee shall be a chairman and a secretary, elected at the regular spring meeting and to hold office for one year.

Meetings.—The first regular meeting to be held on the second Tuesday in May for the election of officers and to set a date for the second regular meeting, to take place in the fall.

The second regular meeting to be held on the above determined date and the committee to assume charge of the rushing etc.

A quorum to consist of representatives from three-fourths of the fraternities signing this agreement, each fraternity to have one vote on all questions, and a majority vote to rule.

The chairman can call a meeting at

any time and is required to do so at the request of five fraternities.

Duties.—1. To take active charge of the rushing and make rules for the government thereof, which shall not conflict with the herein named rules.

2. To see that all rules and regulations are observed and enforced.

Rules and Regulations.—From September 1 until 6 P. M. on the day of the last entrance examination—

1. There is to be no communication with freshmen regarding fraternity matters or the making of engagements by any member of a fraternity except said delegates, and they are to pledge themselves not to discuss fraternity matters except in making dates.

2. No member is to entertain freshmen, and delegates only may assist them in securing rooms, tutors, etc.

3. No engagements are to be made previous to the first fall meeting.

4. No freshman is to be taken into any fraternity house.

5. No money is to be spent on entertaining freshmen.

6. Delegates are to make engagements with freshmen for their fraternity for any time after 6 P. M. on the day of the last entrance examination.

7. No members other than delegates are to return to Ithaca previous to the day before the last entrance examination, unless it be absolutely necessary, and in this case the committee can require an explanation from the delegates of their fraternity.

The plan has been discussed with a number of our alumni and they are, without exception, heartily in favor of it. The fact that it is the work of the two Senior Societies, consisting of men from nearly every fraternity, is believed to insure its absolute impartiality and fairness to all interests. Besides accomplishing the two important reforms for which it was intended, the societies believe that it will, to a great extent, do away with the practice of meeting freshmen at the trains, carry their suit-cases etc. It will also give a fraternity an opportunity to get full information about a likely candidate before they pledge him.

Alumni who realize the bad effects of our rushing system are urged by the Societies to write their fraternities, using all possible influence to have this plan adopted.

George G. Bogert, '06, tied for first place in the contest of the Central Oratorical League at Charlottesville, Va., last Friday. A student of the University of Virginia divided honors with him.

The senior banquet will be held next Saturday.

PLANS FOR REUNION SPECIAL.

Booklet Issued by the Chicago Committee Telling of Arrangements.

To advertise its "Cornell Reunion Special," the Cornell University Association of Chicago has published an eight-page booklet. This booklet is printed in two colors and tells about the arrangements made by the club's special committee, consisting of Charles T. Mordock, '97; Charles W. Babcock, '00, and Frank S. Porter, '00. Mr. Porter is chairman of the committee. His address is 821 Railway Exchange, Chicago.

The special train will leave Chicago for Ithaca, via the Lake Shore and Lehigh Valley Railroads, at 5:20 p. m. on Monday, June 15, as the first section of the Lake Shore Limited, and will arrive in Ithaca at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, June 16, the first day of the general reunion. In equipment this train will be a counterpart of the Twentieth Century Limited, consisting of buffet, smoking and library car, observation compartment car, dining car and standard Pullman sleeping cars.

The Central Passenger Association has made a rate of two cents a mile from points in this territory to Buffalo, and a rate of a fare and one-third, on the certificate plan, has been made by the eastern roads from Buffalo to Ithaca. Tickets under these fares are good only for the reunion period. In addition, special round-trip rates will go into effect on June 1 from Chicago and St. Louis to Buffalo, and from points west and southwest of Chicago and St. Louis to those places. This rate offers an advantage to those who can obtain it, as tickets are good for thirty days and can be had at a price somewhat less than the two-cent a mile fare.

Persons from points west and north of Chicago will, of course, arrange to join the special train at Chicago; those from Detroit and thereabouts at Toledo; those from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, Columbus, Dayton etc. at Cleveland; and those from Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis etc. at either Chicago or Cleveland.

Provided the number warrants it, a special Pullman sleeping car will be run via the Big Four Railroad

from either St. Louis, Cincinnati or Cleveland, to be attached to the "Reunion Special" at Cleveland. Such an arrangement would enable persons joining the train at Cleveland to avoid waiting up for its arrival.

Provided a sufficient number of persons return at the same time, special Pullman sleeping cars will be run through from Ithaca to Chicago on Tuesday, June 18, Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20. These cars will leave Ithaca via the Lehigh Valley at 1:25 p. m. and will be made up at Buffalo with the Lake Shore Fast Mail train No. 3, leaving that point at 6:10 p. m. and arriving in Chicago at 7:30 a. m. the following day.

Ninety-Five.

"Billy At" has appointed the following reunion committee: Roger Lewis, chairman; Eugene P. Andrews, George P. Diehl, Bernard Hoffman, Charles L. Inslee, Woodford Patterson, George H. Powell, John V. Westfall and Charles S. Young. There will be nothing small about the '95 reunion on June 16 and 17.

1903.

New York, April 25, 1908.

EDITOR ALUMNI NEWS—Sir: I am thoroughly in accord with the sentiments of my loyal classmate, who in a recent issue of your publication pointed out the disgraceful and high-handed action of the self-styled "Reunion Committee" of the class of 1903.

The "Committee" has decided, forsooth, that there shall be no reunion of the class. Where, then, do the wishes of the class come in, or at least of those of us who have been planning for five years to return at this time and mingle in joyful abandon with our fellows? And who placed us in the hands of this gelatin-spined "Committee" which shows its true spirit by causing to be published in these columns such a shameless advertisement of its incompetence as that which appeared two weeks ago? I, for one, thank the Powers that I had no vote in their appointing.

Through the medium of the ALUMNI NEWS I should like to call

upon all true 1903 men, whether they have already decided to come back or not, to now make an extra effort to do so, if for no other reason than to prove to those gentlemen, who, entrusted with our Reunion arrangements, have so flagrantly betrayed that trust, that 1903 can have a better reunion without than with them.

INDIGNANT.

1904 Bulletin No. 104.

Don't you find it extremely difficult to work now that the grass is green and the air is soft and warm and languorous? You'd swap jobs with a tramp for a little while, wouldn't you? Doesn't take much to convince you that you need a day off? Certainly not. You've got the spring fever—that's what's the matter. You'd better take a dose of Reunion de Luxe. Take three or four days to it, do the job thoroughly and you'll come back feeling like a yearling. Good day. Slip four dollars to the beautiful cash lady on your way out. Miss Brooks, you may admit the next patient.

Come on and do what the doctor said.

1905.

Bill Vawter called at the committee headquarters on Tuesday on his way for a few weeks' training in Europe before going to Ithaca on the



seventeenth of June. He reported that a 1905 special car, the "Campus Tiger," has already been engaged. It is now on a siding back of Skin Wilder's house, where a committee of representative Chicagoans is working nightly on the decorations.

Nine of the Kaffir maidens passed

away last week—four to that happy land where the golden Congo flows to the Silver Sea (grip) and five to Brooklyn to join Barnum's show. This spirit of discontent is gradually being quelled, however, largely through the magnanimity of Bill Ransom, who took the entire party to Atlantic City for Easter Day. They are now visiting relatives in Philadelphia and longing for the seventeenth of June, which, by the way, is only six weeks off. It's almost time to get set.

1906.

Already replies from representatives of the class are being received. One good brother says: "If I were still a young man I could do as I did to get to the races at Poughkeepsie—hop a freight and graft a meal when I arrived, but now I have grown old and such is impossible. However, don't put my name in the waste paper basket. I am still worth saving."

The secretary hopes that this feeling of "old age" is not seriously spreading among members of the class. If you are beginning to feel just the least tinge of it, lay it aside for a few weeks. Prepare now to come back to the great reunion jubilee.

If you have not yet gripped that pen with the purpose of reviving your name on the books of the secretary, then here is one more and positively the last chance. Will you come up to the front rank or shall we send for you?

CHARLES H. TUCK.

"Men Who Have Made Sibley."

Professor H. H. Norris of the Department of Electrical Engineering gave an interesting lecture last Friday evening on "Some of the Men Who Have Made Sibley College." "The review of the early days," he said, "is particularly appropriate this year, which marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the college and the introduction of the course in Mechanic Arts."

"The founding of Cornell University and therefore of Sibley College was primarily due to a combination of three fortuitous circumstances and to four men closely related thereto. The circumstances were: (1) The

conviction on the part of Senator Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, that the Federal Government owed something to higher scientific education; (2) the wisdom of certain New York State Senators, notably Ezra Cornell and Andrew D. White, in insisting on an efficient use of the land grant in this State; (3) the coalition of these two men and their friends, which resulted in the founding of an institution where 'any person can find instruction in any study.' The four men closely related to these circumstances were Senators J. S. Morrill, Ezra Cornell and Andrew D. White, and Hiram Sibley, of Rochester, a business associate of Mr. Cornell and a man of broad philanthropy."

Professor Norris described the progress of mechanical engineering, the founding of a separate college, Sibley, in 1871, its reorganization under Professor Thurston in 1885, and the continuing growth of the college up to and since the coming of the present director. He also mentioned several alumni and professors who have contributed to make the college what it is. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides.

Sibley Men Going Abroad.

Professor Vladimir Karapetoff, of the Department of Electrical Engineering, will conduct a party of Sibley students on a European trip this summer. The men will sail from New York about July 15, but Professor Karapetoff will sail earlier in order to arrange the program of the trip in detail. After the students join him in Paris they will proceed together to Southern France, visiting Grenoble, Lyons, Valence, Marseilles and other cities which are largely engaged in manufacturing. The party will spend at least a week in Marseilles, where an engineering exposition will be in progress. From there they will go eastward, visiting the Riviera and entering Italy for a trip to the northern Italian lakes and Milan. The party will then tour Switzerland and will return to Paris by way of Strasburg. After a stay of about ten days in Paris they will sail for home.

The Rev. Leighton Williams, Baptist, of New York city, preached in Sage Chapel on Sunday.

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UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE.

The freshmen and sophomores in the College of Arts and Sciences are to have their own group of teachers. This division of the staff is a natural outcome of conditions in the college—conditions which may be seen in most universities like Cornell. The college of liberal arts in the typical large American university has a double function and a double ideal. It stands for pure culture and is at the same time a place for special training. In the college at Cornell there are many courses whose ideal is that of the small college—purely cultural, to teach correct habits of thought and to impart a love for the beautiful and good. There are many other courses whose purpose is technical—the application of specialized knowledge. The appearance in the college of a separate staff of teachers for the two lower classes is simply the emergence into plain view of the cultural purpose and the cultural

ideal. From another point of view the change is significant. The best technical and professional schools are going to demand of their students a preliminary collegiate education of one or two years in humanistic studies. The splitting off of the first two years in the arts college is a natural result, then, of the university's attempt to perform a double function.

Cornell is not the only university to show this cleavage. In his report for 1906-07 President Jordan of Stanford University said: "In America there is a tendency to separate the college into two parts, the junior college, of two years, in which the work is still collegiate, and the university college, in which the work of the university begins. This separation, first accomplished at the University of Chicago, is still little more than a name." Dr. Jordan predicts that Stanford University will go even further and will wholly eliminate the junior college by the addition of two years to the university's entrance requirements. With this, he says, should follow the extension of the university as such and the intensification of the higher work. Conditions at Cornell do not seem to point to so complete a separation. Rather does it seem likely that the junior college will continue to develop here. It will try to foster intimacy between the professor and the student, as the small college does. It will bind the University together and will afford a sure foundation for the higher work.

SAMUEL ABBOTT.

The editor has received from Cornell men in New York and other towns letters warning him against a man of the name of Samuel Abbott, who is soliciting subscriptions of money for a periodical to be known as "The University Magazine." A man of the same name and description several years ago obtained a large sum of money from college graduates for a similar scheme. His proposition then was to publish a paper to be called "The College World." According to a communication from a graduate of Trinity College in *The Trinity Tripod*, Abbott disappeared after he had gotten the money from his subscribers and

nothing more was heard of "The College World."

Abbott describes himself as a Williams graduate of the early '90s. He proposes to get out a magazine to represent twenty-five eastern colleges and universities and have all of the material furnished by college graduates. His scheme, so he told the Trinity man, was to raise \$20,000, of which he said he had a large portion already subscribed by a few individuals, but in order to have the circulation widely distributed for a starter he was raising the remainder by selling stock at \$5 a share to graduates of all the colleges to be represented. This \$5 would include the magazine for two years, the subscription price then to be \$3 a year. By that time he hoped to be on a paying basis and pay off the \$5 shares.

Abbott has been registered for several days at the Ithaca Hotel and has been soliciting subscriptions to his scheme about town. The publication of this warning may be too late to prevent some of our readers in Ithaca from parting with their money, but it should put Cornellians elsewhere on their guard.

Memorial of J. M. Cuervo.

The Havana illustrated weekly, *Cuba y America*, published in its issue of September 21, 1907, an appreciative and sympathetic biographical sketch of the late Dr. J. M. Cuervo, M. E. '98, from which the following outline has been taken:

Jose Maria Cuervo y Noriega was born at Havana, May 1, 1872, the son of D. Jose Faustino Cuervo and Francisca Noriega. At the age of ten he entered the Colegio de Belén, from which at sixteen he obtained the degree of A. B., having displayed especial proficiency in mathematics. Following the wishes of his widowed mother, he thereupon began the study of law at the University of Havana, but feeling more strongly attracted by the study of natural science, he decided, after two years of law, to change the direction of his studies. After a preparatory course at the Park Avenue Institute, Bridgeport, Conn., he entered Cornell University in 1892, graduating in 1898 with the degree of M. E. His expert knowledge of electrical matters was re-

vealed in his subsequent engineering work, and in his public lecture at the University of Havana on wireless telegraphy, which was notable for its literary quality as well as for its masterly exposition of the practical operation of the system. The University of Havana regarded him as one of her most distinguished sons.

In 1895 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Troy, of Ithaca. Six children are left fatherless by his death.

In 1899 he was made assistant professor of electricity in the Engineering School of the University of Havana. While holding this position he published a treatise on elementary algebra and composed a textbook of higher algebra, as yet unpublished, both works of high merit. The latter is to be edited for publication by his friend and colleague, Dr. Claudio Mimo, in accordance with Professor Cuervo's request, when he found that failing health made it impossible for him to see his work through the final stages.

On the third of August, 1907, by the direction of his physician, he left Havana for New York city, to undergo a surgical operation. He died August 8, and was buried in the new Roman Catholic Cemetery at Ithaca.

The writer of the article, Dr. Hoyos, of Havana, dwells with enthusiasm upon Cuervo's high scientific attainments and splendid qualities of character, and testifies to the high esteem with which he was regarded, both in the University and in the community.

A mock election for President of the United States was held by undergraduates in Morrill hall on Friday. Governor Hughes was "elected," receiving a majority of all votes cast. The total number cast was 887. Hughes received 456, Taft 251, Bryan 63, Roosevelt 40, Johnson 32 and Knox 12. A few votes each were cast for Folk, Wheeler, Wilson, Debs, Hearst, Haywood, Cortelyou, Fairbanks, Cleveland, Cannon, Foraker, Watson, Watterson and others.

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CONFERENCE WITH PRINCETON.

Misunderstanding Arising from Cancellation of Game Removed.

The following statement has been given to the press by Dean Irvine, the president of the Cornell University Athletic Council:

"Representatives of Princeton and Cornell met in New York city May 10th and carefully considered the events connected with the cancelling of the baseball game scheduled to be played at Ithaca May 2nd. It was learned that each institution acted under a misapprehension as to where the authority rested in the other, and all misunderstandings, which arose largely out of that just mentioned, were removed when the facts became known. It was further found that Princeton, after a conversation between the two coaches and captain, understood that an agreement had been reached whereby the game was to be cancelled if it was still raining at 3 o'clock. As the situation appeared to and was understood by Princeton, she was, therefore, justified in refusing to play after that time."

Princeton's representatives at the conference were Mr. J. B. Fine, director of athletics; Professor H. MacClenahan, of the faculty committee on athletics; Mr. G. R. Murray, graduate treasurer, and Captain Harlan. Cornell was represented by Dean Irvine, Graduate Manager Dugan and S. A. Cochran, '08, baseball manager.

Harvard Game Cancelled.

Rain again interfered with the baseball schedule last Saturday and the game with Harvard that was to have been played on Percy Field was cancelled. The Crimson nine arrived in Ithaca early on Friday and practiced at Percy Field that afternoon. It rained all Friday night and all Saturday forenoon, and the field was in such bad condition that the two

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managements agreed to call the game off. There were several hard showers on Saturday afternoon. Rain has seriously interfered with the 'varsity's practice all the week. Three games are scheduled for this week—Lawrenceville on Tuesday at Lawrenceville, Princeton on Wednesday at Princeton and the Carlisle Indians on Saturday at Ithaca.

The Navy Week Program.

The events of Navy Week in Ithaca this year will be a concert by the University Glee Club of New York city in the Lyceum theater on May 29, a baseball game with Pennsylvania on the afternoon of May 30 and a race later on the same day between the junior 'varsity crews of Cornell and Pennsylvania. The sale of seats for the observation train will begin on Thursday morning, May 14. Graduate Manager W. J. Dugan will fill mail orders for seats on the cars; the price of seats is \$2. There will be no Navy Ball this year.

The Baseball Season.

(Cornell's score given first.)

April 11, Colgate, 9—0.
April 18, N. Y. U., 11—8.
April 22, F. and M., 6—3.
April 25, Niagara, 6—2.
April 29, Penn. State, 2—4.
May 2, Princeton. (No game.)
May 9, Harvard. (No game.)
May 12, Lawrenceville.
May 13, Princeton.
May 16, Indians at Ithaca.
May 20, Michigan at Ithaca.
May 23, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.
May 27, Williams at Ithaca.
May 30, Pennsylvania at Ithaca.
June 10, Harvard at Cambridge.
June 11, Williams at Williams-town.
June 13, Yale at New Haven.
June 17, Alumni.

The 'varsity lacrosse team played a tie game with Hobart at Geneva on Saturday. The final score was 3 to 3. The game was played on a muddy field and one of the goals was surrounded by water.

The faculty of Swarthmore College has voted to abolish football and basketball in the college for at least a year.

ARTS CREW WINS RACE.

Six Eights in the Annual Contest for the Barr Trophy.

The third annual intercollege boat race for the trophy given by John H. Barr, '89, was rowed last Friday afternoon along the east shore of Cayuga lake and was won by the College of Arts. Much interest was taken in the contest. Several hundred undergraduates watched the finish from boats, from the shore and from the long pier at Renwick Park. On board the Kitty, which followed the crews over the course, were Mr. Barr, the donor of the trophy; President Schurman, Dean Smith, Professor Dennis, Professor Young and Mr. Colson. Mr. Colson was starter, Professor Young was timekeeper, and the judge at the finish was Professor Diederichs.

Weather conditions were ideal until just before the last heat, when a shower came up which made the water somewhat rough. The course was about a half-mile, starting off McKinney's and finishing near the end of the Renwick pier. Six eights were entered, representing the Col-

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Considering the conditions under which they trained, all the crews showed remarkable finish. The oarsmen had practiced on the machines for several weeks, but had been on the water only four days.

One of the boats used in the race was a gift to the College of Civil Engineering by Mr. F. C. Tomlinson, '74, of Ironton, O.

CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

'71, B. S.—Walter Scott McGregor is a lawyer at 50 Broadway, New York.

'82, Sp.—Roderick McLennan is practicing medicine at 515 South Salina street, Syracuse, N. Y.

'83.—C. J. Stevens is cashier of the *Pioneer-Press*, St. Paul, Minn.

'84, B. S.—Major Henry P. de Forest, surgeon of the Thirteenth regiment, Coast Artillery, N. G. N. Y., has just published in facsimile "Directions for Preserving the Health of Soldiers: Recommended to the Consideration of the Officers of the Army of the United States," by Benjamin Rush, M. D., 1778.

'84, Sp.—George H. Ward is a member of the firm of George H. Ward & Company, engineers and machinists, 78 Delevan street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'88, A. B.—A recent number of *Leslie's Weekly* contained portraits of four "leading figures in Albany's newspaper world," one of them being Albert E. Hoyt, editor of the *Albany Argus*.

'91.—George R. Mathewson is agent of the Dunkirk Seed Company at Fredonia, N. Y.

'93, '94, '00, '01.—Alfred Warner, jr., '00, of Wilmington, Del., writes: "Sailing from New York city on March 21 last via the steamer Saratoga to Havana, I was agreeably surprised to find, on getting acquainted, that about ten per cent of the male passengers were Cornellians, as follows: H. J. Hagerman, '94; E. I. White, '93; Robert B. Goodman, '94, and Robert R. Livingstone, '01."

'94.—C. L. Brown's address has been changed to 918 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C., in care of M. E. Dayton.

'94, LL. B.—J. J. Mahoney is practicing law in Albany, N. Y. His address is 93 State street.

'95, B. S.—Alice H. Bruère is teaching in the Wadleigh High School, 114th street and Seventh avenue, New York. She lives at 156 West Eighty-third street.

'96.—John V. Cooper is rector of the Episcopal church at Sodus, N. Y.

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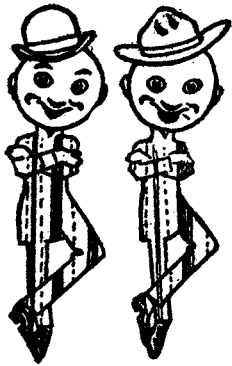
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'97, B. S.—Mrs. Mary R. Wilson, who was appointed assistant to the surgeon, Mr. Arnold Lawson, at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital in 1904, has recently received promotion, along with Dr. Lawson, who has been made chief surgeon. Mrs. Wilson (who had a son, graduate also of Cornell) is the only woman eye specialist thus honored in England. This is the old Moorfields Eye Hospital, founded in London in 1804.

'98, B. S.—Andrew J. MacElroy has resigned his position as Central New York representative of Ginn & Company, publishers, of Boston, and has become eastern manager of the publishing house of D. Appleton & Company, of New York. His address is 436 Fifth avenue, New York.

'98.—E. J. Savage has removed from Worcester, Mass., to Room 324, Hancock building, Boston, Mass.

'99, Ph. B.; '02, M. D.—Robert S. Macdonald is second assistant physician at the State Hospital in Danemora, N. Y.

'00, M. E.—Wilfred L. Wright's address is Land Title building, Philadelphia.

'00, B. S.—A son, Charles Albert Howard Briggs, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Briggs on April 6. Mr. Briggs is the manager of the Howard Wheat & Flour Testing Laboratory at Minneapolis, Minn., and is also the secretary of the Northwestern Cornell Club.

'00, LL. B.; '00, Ph. B.—Charles S. Estabrook and William S. Estabrook have removed their offices to 718, 719 and 720 Dillaye Memorial building, 308 South Salina street, Syracuse, N. Y., where they will continue the general practice of law.

'01, Ph. D.—Ira McKay is practicing law in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

'01, B. Arch.—Writing to the Boston Transcript, Edward A. Filene, of Boston, takes up the cudgels for Willard D. Straight, United States consul general at Mukden, Manchuria, who recently figured in the cable news because of an attack by Japan-

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ese on the consulate. Mr. Filene calls attention to dispatches in Japanese newspapers describing the consul general as "a brawler," and adds that "nothing could be further from the truth." He continues: "I was in Mukden last fall, living at the consulate with Mr. Straight, who is a Cornell man of the very finest type of manhood, and one that his alma mater may well be proud of. His assistants are Harvard men of the same type, and their life in the consulate, which is an old Chinese temple which they rent, is clean devotion to duty; a duty done with such tact and friendliness to all as to elicit not only my admiration but that of all who know them." The incident of the attack on the consulate has been closed with an apology to Mr. Straight by the Japanese consul general at Mukden.

'01, M. E.—A. B. Morrison, jr., is now with the Rathbun Jones Engineering Company, Toledo, O.

'02, C. E.—Shirley C. Hulse is now at Willimantic, Conn., for Tucker & Vinton, putting in a plant for the Uncas Power Company.

'02, A. B.—Irene B. Van Kleeck is with Doubleday, Page & Company, of New York, as secretary to the staff of the *World's Work*. In the February number of that magazine she had an article on women's occupations and to the current number she contributes an article on libraries.

'03, M. E.; '06, M. M. E.—John A. Wheeler is now with the Butte

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'07, C. E.—T. R. Stockdale's address is Summit, Miss.

'07.—Henry J. Vortriede is secretary of the Express Publishing & Printing Company, 2254 Glenwood avenue, Toledo, O.

'07, C. E.—J. A. Silsbee is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as an engineer in the East river tunnel construction. He lives at 304 West Fifty-eighth street, New York.

'07, B. Arch.—C. R. Newkirk is now with A. L. Brockway, architect, 37 Syracuse Savings Bank building, Syracuse, N. Y.

'07, C. E.—Henry W. Maynard, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, is in Utah, running a line of precise levels from Salt Lake City over the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railroad.

'07.—Arthur Leighton is manager for the Arthur Leighton Company, Cooks Falls, N. Y.

'07.—Albert Edward Lee is a transitman with the Hudson Companies, and his address is Montvale, N. J.

'07, M. E.—Ben Sloan is sales engineer at Greenville, S. C., for the Niles-Bement-Pond Company.

'07.—H. A. Strickland is one of the proprietors of the Strickland Garage in Rochester, N. Y.

'07.—Louis G. Sylvester is assistant superintendent of the Scranton Button Company, Scranton, Pa.

'07.—Paul J. McNamara is practicing law in Utica, N. Y. His address is 16 West street.

'07, D. V. M.—Clarence A. Town is practicing veterinary medicine in McGraw, N. Y.

'08.—M. L. Foster, jr., is vice-president of the West Electric & Manufacturing Company, Montgomery, Ala.

'08.—P. D. Carman is with the Insular Coal Company of New York and Manila at Danao, Cebu Island, Philippine Islands.

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