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BROKLYN ALUMNI MEET.

Work of Raising Funds for the Improvement of Fall Creek Gorge Begun.

The Cornell Association of Brooklyn held one of the most interesting and important meetings of its history on Thursday evening, Dec. 27, at the University Club of Brooklyn. The affair was notable not only through the presence of several prominent Cornellians, who addressed the meeting, but also because an actual beginning was made of the work of raising funds for the improvement of Fall Creek gorge. A subscription list was circulated at the meeting, and the committee in charge announced that by letters and personal requests every Cornellian on Long Island would be approached.

The committee in charge consists of James M. Gorman, '90, chairman; W. A. Mosscrop, '88; L. J. Doolittle, '93; W. W. Macon, '98, and S. G. Koon, '02. It is their plan to ask for a contribution of five dollars each from all the Long Island alumni. They believe that enough subscriptions of this size can be obtained to make a total of at least \$1,000, which will be sufficient to start the work this summer, after which the request will be repeated each year until an aggregate of \$5,000 has been reached. Those who intend to contribute could greatly lessen the labors of the committee by at once notifying the chairman at No. 109 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn. Subscriptions are payable on Feb. 1.

Dr. Herbert D. Schenck, '82, presided at the meeting, which followed an informal dinner, and introduced as the speakers Congressman Charles T. Dunwell, '73; Assemblyman Edward C. Dowling, '91; Assemblyman Thomas J. Surpless, '00; Registrar David F. Hoy, '91, and Professor W. W. Rowlee, '88. Congressman Dunwell told of the early days of the University and the great changes which had taken place since his day. He named the distinguished members of the faculty in the first years, and said that such a body of instructors had seldom

been brought together. He told of the many Cornellians at Washington and of their dinners, and declared that there and everywhere else where Cornellians were the representatives of the University were forging to the front, making good records for themselves and their alma mater.

Assemblyman Dowling in his remarks dwelt on the Cornellians at Albany. He said that one-tenth of the present Assembly was made up of Cornell graduates, that the present and former majority leaders, Assemblymen Moreland and Rogers, were graduates of the University, and that Cornell was always prominent. He mentioned the influence of Senator Horace White, chairman of the Cities committee, commended the work of Professors Huffcut and Pound, and said that the State had so thoroughly approved of Cornell men in its service that it had finally chosen one for Governor.

The speaker stated that some member of the gathering had asked him if it were probable that the College of Forestry would be reestablished by the State. This he answered in the nega-He said he had no personal criticism to make, that he did not know where the fault lay, but that the contract between the University and the Brooklyn Cooperage Company, he said, had resulted in so much criticism of the nethods used in the Adirondacks that he was afraid the Legislature would never again consent to help Cornell maintain a forestry school. He said that he himself had been a member of a special committee of investigation, and that not even his loyalty to Cornell could blind him to the fact that a mistake had been made.

Assemblyman Surpless, who is just entering on his second term at Albany, spoke briefly on his work there. He expressed regret that he had not participated more actively in college affairs while at Ithaca. He had been out of school several years before he went to college, he said, and was impressed with the notion that hard study was the only thing worth while. He

had become convinced that this was a mistake, and he advised the undergraduates, many of whom attended the dinner, to participate energetically in all that is going on outside the class room.

Registrar Hoy begged to be excused from making a lengthy speech on the plea that his specialty was "marks, not remarks." He also told his hearers that the "Bustonian Chorus," which had just been sung, would have to be revised, as he was no longer in "Morrill Number Three," but in No. 23. Both hits were applauded enthusiastically. Mr. Hoy supplemented some of the Congressman's statements about the history of the University, and caused much amusement by his description of his trip through the Brooklyn Bridge crush to get to the meeting.

Professor Rowlee expressed his pleasure at the commencement of the campaign for funds for the Fall Creek gorge. He declared that even if sufficient money should not be raised the Brooklyn alumni would still deserve credit for doing great good, for the interest they had aroused in the preservation of the gorges had been so widespread that there was no longer any danger of the destruction of the natural beauty of the University property. He said that Cornell was enjoying an era of spiritual uplift and gave several instances of this, including some touching stories of the Chi Psi

There was much singing during the dinner and between the speeches. Harry W. Droge, '07, officiated at the piano:

Alfred Bruce Canaga, an engineer in the United States navy and formerly a member of the University faculty, died suddenly of heart disease while returning from the Boston navy yard to his home in Boston on Dec. 24. The funeral was held in Washington on Dec. 27. Mr. Canaga was assistant professor of mechanical engineering and instructor in marine engineering at Cornell from 1888 to 1891. Since he left the faculty he had been in the government service.

EAST HILL FIRE PROTECTION.

Improvements Recommended by Mayor and Fire Commissioners.

The question of providing better fire protection for East hill has been taken up by the common council of the city of Ithaca. The new city administration went into office on Jan. 1, with Jared T. Newman, '75, as mayor. In his message to the council, Mayor Newman made several recommedations affecting this matter of fire protection.

At the last meeting of the common council in 1906, the board of fire commissioners was instructed to prepare a resolution setting forth the requirements in the way of apparatus on East and West hills. At the first regular meeting of the council this year on Jan. 2, the board made its report. It recommended that a new building be erected on Huestis street to provide "adequate accommodations for standard truck, hose wagon and steamer should such equipment ever be acquired, and meeting all requirements for the future development and extension of the city in that particular section without requiring any expensive alteration or addition in the event of the establishment of a full paid department." The estimated cost of this new building is \$10,000 and of the truck and hose wagon \$3200. The commissioners advise the employment of a man stationed at the quarters of the Huestis street company, together with one horse, ready for prompt response to all alarms. They say that the other two horses which should be cared for at that station may be employed on city work when the truck is least likely to be needed, but should be in quarters at night, when this piece of apparatus should always be in readiness for calls. It is further suggested that the present chemical engine be transferred to Cornell Heights if the residents of that section can provide suitable quarters for its care. Improvements are also recommended for various fire stations in other parts of town, including the purchase of a combination wagon for West hill.

The additional apparatus which it is proposed to install on East hill at once includes a light hook and ladder truck and a one-horse wagon with side chemical tanks.

A better alarm system is proposed,

with the purpose of obviating the present necessity of first getting a key and then running to a street corner to send in an alarm of fire. The system proposed by the commissioners makes it possible to give the alarm by telephone and at the same time to notify the department by number of the district in which the fire occurs.

The council referred the report of the commissioners to the committee on public buildings for investigation and report at the next meeting.

In his message to the council, Mayor Newman had this to say about the need of better fire protection:

The request of the fire department for increased equipment imperatively demands the prompt consideration of the council. From the investigation not yet complete which I am making of the equipment on hand, of the quarters occupied by the various companies, of the plans for quick and efficient action, of the alertness and devotion of the officers and active firemen, and the extent of the contributions and sacrifices they personally make for the good of the department, I am deeply impressed with a sense of our indebtedness to the firemen.

Men trained in speed at their work are sleeping every night at the quarters, ready for the protection of the property of citizens. They receive nothing for it; on the contrary they and their associates contribute out of their own pockets a goodly percentage of the cost of their equipment, to say nothing of damage to clothing, the loss of time and the risk of life.

A paid department could scarcely be more efficient, would involve an annual cost of not less than \$10,000 more than at present, and the fact that the service was paid for would take away something of the noble spirit of enthusiasm and sacrifice. While these considerations do not necessarily affect the main question, yet the fact that the department is so ably conducted, and the work and spirit of the men so efficient and satisfactory, is a factor to be taken into account.

I am convinced that the time has come when it is no longer expedient to rely upon the down-town department for the ordinary protection of East hill. The time and labor required to go up and down the hill, and the risk involved in removing our principal fire apparatus from the flat, makes it necessary in my judgment that additional equipment and suitable housing for it shall be provided on the hill. The needs of the department in this locality and in other sections of the city are set forth in a communication from the fire commission to be presented this evening. To this matter we must give our most careful attention. We must look forward and not backward.

The Junior Ball will take place on Friday evening, Feb. 1. The first term will close on Jan. 30. Feb. 2 is the date of registration for the second term.

NEW UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE.

The Rev. Dr. C. M. Tyler Elected Librarian of the Cornell Library.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Mellen Tyler has been elected librarian of the Cornell Library of Ithaca. Under the terms of the charter of Cornell University, he becomes by virtue of this office a member of the University Board of Trustees. He succeeds the late Samuel Bates Turner, '80, who died at his home in Ithaca on August 19 last.

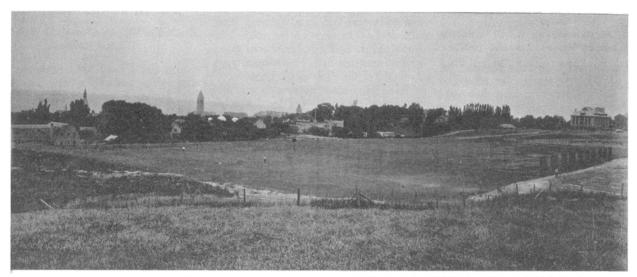
Dr. Tyler is emeritus professor of the history and philosophy of religion



DR. C. M. TYLER.

and of Christian ethics in the University faculty. He was appointed to this chair in 1891, and his retirement from active teaching took place in 1903. Since then he has continued his residence in Ithaca, and has built a new home on Cornell Heights, overlooking Fall Creek gorge, which he has named The Oaks.

Dr. Tyler was born at Limington, Me., in 1832, and was graduated from Yale in 1855. He afterward received the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Divinity from his alma mater. Soon after his graduation he became the pastor of the Congregational Church at Natick, Mass. During a part of the Civil War he served in the Union army as a chaplain. After several years as pastor of the South Congregational Church of Chicago, he accepted a call in 1873 to the pastorate of the First Congrgational Church of Ithaca. He resigned this in 1891 to enter the Cornell faculty. This is not his first term as librarian of the Cornell Library, for he held the position from 1886 to 1892.



VIEW OF THE PLAY GROUND, ALUMNI FIELD, LOOKING NORTHWEST.

The agronomy wing of the new agricultural college is visible at the right of the picture. Just below it are ten handball courts.

Behind them may be seen a corner of the unfinished athletic field.

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

Musical Clubs Play to Crowded Houses and Have a Fine Time.

The Cornell Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs returned to Ithaca on Jan. 3 from one of the most successful trips ever taken by that organization. The members were enthusiastic over the reception given them by the alumni in every one of the cities on the route, and the newspaper criticisms of the concerts given were highly complimentary. On Christmas day, just before starting on their tour, the clubs gave themselves a banquet in the Dutch Kitchen, where they also had a Christmas tree.

Leaving Ithaca on the morning of Dec. 26, the clubs gave their first concert in Buffalo that evening. In the afternoon they were entertained at a reception given by Mrs. Edward Wilhelm at her home, 370 Linwood avenue, and after the concert the Buffalo alumni held a smoker in honor of the musicians at the University Club. This was a largely attended and successful affair.

In Cleveland, dances were given in honor of the clubs by Mrs. Lester A. Cobb at the Roadside Club, and by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whitelaw at the Euclid Club. The day spent in Detroit was a busy one. There were luncheons by Mrs. Charles Stinchfield at her home, 34 Davenport street, and at the Detroit Club by the Detroit undergraduates. For these two entertainments the clubs were divided.

There was also a reception by Mrs. M. J. Murphy at 810 Jefferson avenue late in the afternoon. In the evening, the Detroit alumni took their turn at entertainment and gave a smoker at the University Club.

Milwaukee was the next stop, and here the entertainment was entirely assumed by the alumni association, which gave a reception at the Athenæum and a smoker after the concert at the University Club.

The clubs reached Chicago early on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, and made their headquarters at the Victoria Hotel. The concert was given on Monday evening, Dec. 31, and was followed by a smoker given by the alumni of the city at the Tip-Top Inn. In honor of this occasion, the Chicago Cornell Club got out a publication called the Chicago Alumni Son, which is described in another column. Through the courtesy of Mr. J. K. Cady, '76, the privileges of the University Club of Chicago were extended to the members of the clubs during their stay there, and the Chicago Athletic Club also opened its house to the musicians.

The St. Louis concert was given on the evening of New Year's Day. Preceding it there was a reception by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Little at the Westmoreland Hotel, and following it the Cornell Club of St. Louis played the part of host at the St. Louis Club.

Toledo heard the last concert of the tour. Here the entertainment consisted of a reception by Mrs. F. O. Paddock

at 2233 Robinwood avenue, and a dance at the Collingwood given by Mrs. Paddock, Mrs. E. R. Hiett, Mrs. H. E. King and Mrs. G. M. Acklin. From Toledo the clubs returned directly to Ithaca.

In every city which they visited, the clubs played to large and even crowded houses. The Milwaukee Sentinel, in its review of the concert which was given in the Pabst Theater in that city, said: "A representative audience of the society people of the city turned out to see the concert and was pleased beyond expression with the programme given. The scene when the guests took their carriages after the performance was most unusual, and the theater management reported that only at the engagement of Sarah Bernhardt had more carriage checks been issued."

The Buffalo Evening News said: "College singers are the best in the world because they sing for the love of it, and the Cornellians are the kings of college singing."

Bishop Talbot in Sage Chapel.

The Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of Central Pennsylvania in the Protestant Episcopal Church, occupied the pulpit at Sage Chapel last Sunday.

Henry Schoellkopf, '02, of Milwaukee, the eldest member of the newly appointed football field committee for 1907, visited Ithaca this week for a consultation with the athletic authorities.

THE NEW REGISTER.

Total Attendance of 3,442 Students Shown by Volume for 1906-1907.

The Cornell University Register for 1906 1907 is ready for distribution. It is a larger volume than ever before, numbering 668 pages. It contains a new and revised map of the campus, showing the location of the fire hydrants and alarm boxes.

The total number of regular students now in the University is shown to be 3,442, as compared with 3,385 at this time last year, a gain of 57. The total number of teachers is 507, eight more than last year.

The following table shows the comparative registration of students last year and this in the various depart ments:

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Department	1905-06	1906-07
Graduates	445	421
Arts and Sciences	693	735
Law	221	207
Medicine	369	332
Agriculture	223	261
Veterinary	87	86
Architecture	80	18
Civil Engineering	418	460
Sibley	1,086	1,072
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Total, deducting	for	
names counted twice		3,442
Summer Session		642
Winter Agriculture		248

There are 130 foreign students in the university, divided as follows: Canada, 23; China, 15; Argentine Republic, 14; Cuba, 11; India, 10; Mexico, 9; Japan, 6; Brazil, 5; Peru, 5; Russia, 4; Australia, 3; England, 3; Costa Rica, 2; Equador, 2; Holland, 2; Switzerland, 2; Turkey, 2, and one each from Asiatic Turkey, Bulgaria, France, Guatemala, Germany, Ireland, Nicaragua, Norway, Palestine, South Africa, Sweden and Uruguay.

Cornell Dinner at Los Angeles.

The Cornell Club of Southern California held one of its regular dinners in Los Angeles on the evening of Dec. 18. John C. Branner, '74, vice-president of Stanford University, was the guest of honor. Covers were laid for twenty-five in the red banquet room of the Angelus, which was decorated with red carnations and asparagus plumosus. William Niles, the president of the club, was a classmate of Dr. Branner and had long wished to entertain him at a Cornell dinner. Dr. Branner, who is one of the leading geologists

of the country, had accepted an invitation to lecture before a teachers' institute at Los Angeles on the subject of earthquakes, and advantage was taken of his presence in the city to arrange a dinner at the club in his honor.

Mr. Niles acted as toastmaster, and the dinner was followed by a number of speeches dealing mostly with reminiscences of former days at Cornell. Among the speakers was Seward A. Simons, '79. Theodore B. Comstock, '70, vice-president of the club and himself an eminet geologist, also spoke.

Ithaca Water Works' Big Award.

The question of city water in Ithaca, which has been more or less acute ever since the typhoid fever epidemic of 1903, has recently acquired new interest. A commission appointed by Tompkins county on Jan. 7, 1905, consisting of Theodore H. Wickwire, William G. Phelps and Henry B. Coman, has made its report, appraising the property of the Ithaca Water Works Company, which was turned over by that company to the city of Ithaca on Dec. 31, 1904, at \$660,-000, with interest from Jan. 1, 1905, a total of \$658,000. The value of the physical property of the company, including lands, buildings, reservoirs, dams, mains, machinery, etc., is assessed at \$485,000, and the value of its franchises, water rights, contracts, etc., at \$175,000.

The award of the commission is a decided victory for the Water Works Company, and the extent of the value placed upon its property was a great surprise to the people of Ithaca. One of the Ithaca papers says that some years ago the company offered to sell its plant to the city of Ithaca for \$350,000. The offer was refused. Since then, it is reported, the company has spent \$240,000 on the system. Prior to the present litigation, it is said, the company informed the water board that it would consider an offer of \$605,000 for its plant. The board then offered to buy it for \$475,000.

The typhoid fever epidemic brought the Six Mile Creek water into disrepute among Ithacans, and since 1903, when the city voted to establish and maintain its own water department, most of the water used has come from artesian wells. The city has been divided into factions over the question.

IRA A. PLACE ADVANCES.

Elected to Vice-Presidency of New York Central Railroad.

Ira A. Place, '81, who has been general counsel of the New York Central Railroad company for nearly two years, has recently been elected vice-president of the company in charge of matters relating to legal, land and tax departments. Mr. Place will be vice-president of all the lines east of Buffalo, including, in addition to the New York Central & Hudson River, the West Shore, the Boston & Albany, the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, the Rutland, the New York & Ottawa



and the Ottawa & New York. His headquarters will be in New York city.

Mr. Place was born in New York city on May 8, 1854, and was graduated from Cornell in 1881 with the degree of A. B. He was admitted to the bar in 1883 and immediately thereafter became connected with the legal department of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railway, now the West Shore Railroad. Upon the acquisition of that road by the New York Central & Hudson River and its reorganization as the West Shore Railroad, Mr. Place was transferred to the law department of the New York Central & Hudson River. He was appointed general attorney of that road on Oct. 28, 1902, and held that position until he was made general counsel of the New York Central and leased lines east of Buffalo on April 5, 1905. His election to the vice-presidency in charge of legal matters occurred on Dec. 5 last.

THE THURSTON MEMORIAL.

Committee of Four Classes Now Trying to Complete the Fund.

A vigorous effort is being made to collect enough money for the completion of the memorial which the classes of 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1907 of Sibley College voted to erect to the late Director Robert Henry Thurston immediately after his death. This memorial is to take the form of a bronze tablet to be put in some appropriate place in Sibley College.

The committee in charge was reorganized last October for the purpose of completing the fund. In the last three months this committee has sent out over a thousand letters to the graduates of Sibley College in the above named classes. These letters have outlined the purpose of the canvass and the method by which it is to be conducted, and have been in form of an appeal for further subscriptions to this fund. Thus far but few replies have been received. The subscription blanks sent requested a remittance before Jan. 1, 1907. It was hoped to have all the money collected by that time. As this has not been found possible, the time has been extended to March 1, 1907.

The sum to be raised is \$867.50, and it is hoped that by March 1 the committee will be able to make definite negotiations with some sculptor for the memorial. The total cost of a suitable tablet of bronze is estimated at about \$1,500. The committee states that this amount will enable them to procure the very best skill in the country, and the best of workmanship for making the castings. The number of men in the four classes is approximately 800.

The money already collected, \$632.50, has been placed in the University treasury to be held in trust by the treasurer until it is needed to pay for the memorial. An arrangement has been made with the treasurer whereby no money can be withdrawn from the fund unless such action be approved by Director A. W. Smith and Professor D. S. Kimball, of Sibley College.

The work of collecting the fund is in the hands of those members of the original committee of the four classes who are still in the University, and they have reorganized themselves into an active committee with Henry P. DuBois, '06, as chairman. The other members are R. C. Rodgers, '05; W. L. Umstad and W. H. Forbes, '06, and W. J. Wing, H. B. McWhorter, G. C. Estill and J. M. Fried, '07. The expense of the present canvass is being met by a separate subscription from the Sibley class of 1907.

Dr. Wheeler Guest at Seattle.

A large number of Cornell alumni of Seattle met at the University Club in that city on the evening of Dec. 19, to welcome Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, President of the University of California and formerly professor of Greek at Cornell, who was in the city attending the opening of the new Carnegie library. During the evening Dr. Wheeler delivered a short address in which he related some of his experiences at Cornell. His remarks brought forth the Cornell yell for "Bennie Ide."

Before the meeting broke up a resolution was passed requesting the president of the association, Frank B. Cooper, to appoint a committee with instructions to arrange for a banquet to be held within sixty days. Albert H. Beebe was elected permanent secretary and treasurer. Communications to the Seattle alumni should be addressed to Albert H. Beebe, 26 Haller Building, Seattle, Wash.

Ezra Cornell Centennial.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Ezra Cornell occurs on Friday of this week, Jan. 11. No official celebration of the anniversary will be held by the University on that day, but Friday, April 26, has been set aside as a day of commemoration. Universary exercises will be suspended. In the morning an address will be delivered by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who is a member of the University Board of Trustees. There will be a luncheon at noon, to be followed by speeches by Dr. Andrew D. White and distinguished alumni of the universtiy. This will be the second day of the annual Music Festival, and in the evening Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" will be sung. The full programme for the day will be announced later.

The "Chicago Alumni Son."

The new year brought forth a Cornell alumni publication which was a freak. (The word is here used purely in its scientific sense.) Like most freaks, it was short lived. It was called the Chicago Alumni Son, and was published in Chicago in honor of the visit of the Cornell Musical Clubs to that city, being circulated at the smoker which was held on New Year's eve in the Tip-Top Inn on the top floor of the Pullman Building.

The paper consisted of four pages. A few copies have reached Ithaca, and general regret has been expressed here that there was not more of it. It contained a full account of the concert and the smoker (written in advance), and several news dispatches from Ithaca, received from the Chicago club's special correspondent over the State street trolley wire.

The editorial staff was enterprising and versatile, and the paper has a neat appearance. It has been impossible, however, to confirm most of the matter which was published, and for that reason we refrain from quoting.

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ALUMNI FIELD.

Most of the readers of the Alumni News have probably received copies of a statement just sent out by the Alumni Field Committee, showing the present status of the field and the committee's plan for going ahead with the collection The figures given of further funds. are those which were contained in an article on the field in No. 2 of the present volume of this paper. The plan adopted by the committee contemplates the ultimate expenditure, in order to equip the field properly, of \$350,000. The largest items in this plan are \$100,000 for a club house, \$80,000 for a stadium and winter running track and \$75,000 for a training house. The statement says:

"The committee, of course, appreciate the impossibility of achieving the above result wholly in the immediate future. It is, however, necessary for our proper athletic development that a field for 'varsity games be at once provided. This should include the Stadium and Winter Running Track and the Training House, or at least so much of each of these as are necessary for the present needs. Certain expenditures may be required for the proper development of the field upon each of the items stipulated in the estimate herewith, with the exception of the Club House, for which it is not intended to provide at this time.

'It may be that as the working plans are developed, it will be found that only a portion of the Stadium and Training House are now needed; both of these could, of course, be built with a cheaper or less permanent construction than that estimated on, although it is most undesirable. Decreased cost of construction means increased annual cost of maintenance, and the securing of the funds to meet the current expenses is about the only weak spot in Cornell atheletics. The Alumni Field Committee, therefore, have determined to make every effort to raise a sufficient amount of money to properly equip at least one Varsity Field at once. For this there will be required in their judgment, the sum of \$150,-000 in addition to the funds already provided. With this sum expended as above, Alumni Field should be sufficiently equipped to care for the athletics of the University for the next ten years."

The Field Committee has done a good piece of work in getting out its appeal, and it is now "up to" the rest of us. Before any Cornellian decides how much he can give to the fund, we advise him to procure a copy of the Committee's statement, if he has not already received one, and study the cut marked "Plan No. 2," which shows Alumni Field as it is proposed to develop it. It shows possibilities in the old university farm which surprise one. More than twenty acres of the proposed alumni field are now graded ready for development, and there ought to be no delay in continuing the work next spring.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES WANTED.

The Northwestern Cornell Club, territory covers Minnesota, Western Wisconsin, Northern Iowa

and North and South Dakota, wants to get the name and address of every Cornellian living in that section. there existed a good geographical index of the University's alumni and former students such a demand as this might be easily satisfied, but there is no such index. We therefore direct attention, especially the attention of class secretaries, to the Northwestern Club's notice published elsewhere in this issue. The club is going to try to get into communication with every Cornellian within a considerable radius of Minneapolis, and it is needless to say that such an undertaking as this will react toward the completion of class statistics themselves. It should be encouraged in every possible way, especially just now, when a new Ten-Year Book is in preparation.

MORE FIRE APPARATUS.

The Ithaca board of fire commissioners has made a good beginning toward providing East hill with better fire protection, but it is only a beginning. The common council can scarcely do less at the present time, in justice to the residents of that section of the city, than to station a hook and ladder truck and engine on the hill. With the improved alarm system which is proposed, and with the new apparatus suggested, the danger of a fire getting beyond control in one of the crowded boarding houses or fraternity houses near the campus will be greatly diminished. A chemical engine is a better weapon against an incipient blaze than a mere hose cart, and if the need of ladders on East hill required any demonstration, the fire at the Chi Psi house afforded it. If a fire once gets a start on the hill, however, it will still be necessary to drag the most effective apparatus up a steep grade for half a mile or more. Then we shall realize once more the need of a steam engine on the hill.

Following the Christmas holidays, university work was resumed on Thursday morning, Jan. 3.

A Faculty of Presidents.

No less than eight scientific societies which met during the Christmas holidays chose their presidents from among the members of the faculty. Professor Nichols got more than his share of these honors, there being three presidencies in his stocking. The list follows:

E. L. Nichols, '75, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Physical Society and the society of Sigma Xi.

J. W. Jenks, re-elected president of the American Economic Association.

George F. Atkinson, '85, president

of the reorganized Botanical Society of America.

J. H. Comstock, '74, president of the newly organized Entomological Society of America.

G. P. Bristol, president of the New York State Teachers' Association.

J. S. Shearer, '93, president of the New York State Science Teachers' Association.

Principals' Alumni Dinner.

The New York State Principals' Cornell Club held its annual dinner at Syracuse on Thursday evening, Dec. 27. Judge Frank H. Hiscock, '75, was the guest of honor, and he gave an enjoyable address on early days at Cornell. Charles F. Wheelock, '73, of the State Department of Education, spoke briefly on "Cornell grit," and Professor Charles De Garmo spoke feelingly of the heroism shown in the recent disaster at the University.

Besides those already mentioned, the following men were present: Charles M. Bean, '77; W. A. Ingalls, '79; A. D. Perkins, '86; W. B. Chriswell, '97; Charles K. Moulton, '97; F. R. Darling, '98; K. L. Thompson, '00; C. A. Mider, '01; R. A. Spencer, '02; B. A. Kilbourne, '02, and Elbert C. Wixom, '03.

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NORTHERN JERSEY CLUB.

Account of the Organization and List of the Members.

An article regarding the organization of the Cornell University Club of Northern New Jersey was received from one of the officers of that club too late to accompany the account of the club's dinner in Newark, which was published in a recent issue of this paper. It is here presented as an interesting matter of record.

In the latter part of November, 1905, President Schurman visited Newark on a business trip. The University Club of that city conceived the idea of having him give an address before their members. In view of this, all the Cornell men of the vicinity were located and invited to hear the President's address. About twenty Cornellians responded. On this occasion, Nathan Myers, '96, first advocated the organization of a Cornell All the Cornell men present were approached regarding the matter, and such interest was shown that it was deemed advisable to call a meeting for the purpose of coming to more definite conclusions. At the same time a committee was appointed, consisting of August Merz, '93, and E. J. Kunze, '01, to prepare a suitable constitution.

The first meeting of the club was held in the parlors of the University Club on Dec. 2, 1905, with Nathan Myers as temporary chairman. The first matter to be settled was whether or not the organization should be for graduates only or open to all Cornell men irrespective of graduation. A vote was cast in favor of the latter opinion. The constitution was then presented by Mr. Merz and was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, Nathan Myers, '96; vice-president, August Merz, '93; secretary and treasurer, G. E. J. Pistor, '01.

The charter membership was to consist of the following:

R. M. Bedell, '02; Byron E. Brooks, '97, Elmer E. Eberhardt, '04; Frank E. Eberhardt, '04; Harold F. Ely, '00; John W. Heller, '01; C. F. Horne, '97; Cyrus H. Kinsman, '05; Edward J. Kunze, '01; August Merz, '93; Nathan Myers, '96; G. E. J. Pistor, '01: A. T. Seymour, '92; H. J. Stuber, '98; A. R. Taintor, 04.

The following Cornellians have since been elected to membership:

J. H. Ballantine, '89; A. J. Baldwin, '92; E. A. Buck, '00; F. L. Chrisman, '87; W. R. Delehanty, '94; H. Ezra Eberhardt,

'08; W. J. Flanigan, '81; W. H. Genung, '90; S. M. Higby, '97; F. E. Lichtenthaeler, '06; S. W. Niles, '80; G. H. Phillips, '77; C. L. Riley, '99; C. E. Timmerman, '93; R. Trautschold, '01; A. Urner, '03; W. H. H. Warner, '02; L. D. Baldwin, '92; A. W. Bingham, '93; J. P. Churchill, '01; L. L. Davidson, '03; H. H. Denio, '98; C. W. Feigenspan, '98; F. G. Gilman, '88; Aug. Howe, '88; W. H. Morrison, '90; Clyde Potts, '01; E. L. Quackenbush, '00; L. A. Shepard, '92; C. S. Thacher, '78; Ernest Tutschulte, '99; C. V. Voegelin, '01; E. A. Wadsworth, '04.

Wake Up, '97!

Our reunion is only five months off, and the class address list is still most incomplete. We are just mailing to those whose addresses we have a circular. If you don't receive one you can know that something is wrong. Then write the undersigned immediately and say you are planning to wear the '97 costume on Alumni Day, and state an address where mail will surely reach you.

Hawley Taussig wants the class to tog itself out in white sailor jumper, trousers and cap, with red "'97" in conspicuous place. Have you anything better to suggest?

Send me names and addresses of classmates whose whereabouts you know. It will make no difference if you duplicate information some one else has sent in.

Five months are nothing. Keep a-going.

JERVIS LANGDON, Secretary, Elmira, N. Y.

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The Lehigh Valley Railroad, through Frank Wingert, its largest stock-holder, has just let contracts for the construction of twenty extra-power locomotives to be ready by the middle of June for the express purpose of pulling the heavy trainloads of 1904 men back to Ithaca for the coming reunion. It has also been learned from an authoritative source that the directors of the First National and Tompkins County banks have ordered the placing of extra strong iron bars in front of all the windows and of double locks on all the doors during the reunion. It has been learned, incidentally, that Carl Hallock is not a director of either bank.

One of the best theatrical costumers in New York is now busy making up a series of designs from which the 1904 reunion costume will be selected. The costume is to be one of the most absorbing things about the reunion—just ONE of the most, because everything about the whole reunion is going to be superlative.

In a few weeks, personal letters are going to be sent to all the fellows in the class, detailing several things that are not as yet divulged to the vulgar common people. When you have read the letter, the committee earnestly requests you to burn it up immediately, because it is known to them that the Tsar of Russia has sent his emissaries to this country to get a line on our plans ahead of time. And, as the whole University knows, 1904 hasn't been particularly friendly with Russia ever since the Tsar tried to kidnap MZUPZI.

As has already been mentioned, negotiations are under way for the hiring of a band of forty pieces, including eleven bass drums. Forty copies of "Hail to the Chief"—the official air for the reunion—are now being orchestrated with a special view toward getting in as many bass drum swats as possible. Billy Wood is doing the orchestration, and, in a letter to the committee, says he has already succeeded in putting in thirty-one drum beats in each line. It is probable that by next week the number will approach thirty-five.

We will let you know.

THE COMMITTEE.

Cornellians of the Northwest.

The Northwestern Cornell Club is anxious to obtain the names and correct addresses of all Cornellians, whether men or women, and whether graduates or not, who live in Minnesota, Northern Iowa, Western and Northern Wisconsin and North and South Dakota.

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Plans For Hockey.

The hockey club has been admitted to membership in the Minor Sports Athletic Council. The team will begin practice on Beebe Lake as early this month as conditions permit. A number of good men turned out for practice before the holidays.

OBITUARY.

LEIGH COLLINS RANSOM, '05.

Leigh Collins Ransom, who was for two years a student at Cornell in the class of 1905, died at his home in Dannemora, N. Y., on Dec. 21, of He was twenty-four tuberculosis. years old and was the eldest son of Dr. J. B. Ransom, the physician of Clinton prison.

After graduation from the Plattsburgh high school, Ransom entered Cornell in the fall of 1901, taking the course in Arts. In his sophomore year he began the study of medicine. He was stricken with typhoid fever during the epidemic in Ithaca, and hurried to his home in Dannemora. For weeks he hovered between life and death, but medical skill and nursing finally won the battle and he appeared to be recovering slowly. During his convalescence, however, tuberculosis developed, and since then he had made a brave and patient fight for life. Up to a week before his death he had seemed to be gaining strength, but he took a sudden turn for the worse and failed rapidly until the end came. He was a member of the Nu Sigma Nu fraternity.

Clubs and Associations.

Following is a partial list of Cornell clubs and alumni associations, with the names of their secretaries, and the exact or approximate date of the annual dinner when that date can be given. The ALUMNI NEWS requests additions to this list and the correction of any errors in it.

CORNELL CLUB OF SYRACUSE. Secretary—Austin J. McMahon, '97, 307 Dillaye Memorial Building, Syracuse, N. Y.
Annual dinner probably in March.

NEW ENGLAND CORNELL CLUB. President—J. T. Auerbach, '90, 6 Beacon street, Boston, Mass. Annual dinner in February.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY CLUB OF NEW YORK. Secretary—James G. Gregg, '98, 141 Broadway, New York City.
Clubhouse—58 West Forty-fifth street.

THE CORNELL CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA. Secretary-Layton M. Schoch, '98, 604 West End Trust Building, Philadelphia,

Clubhouse-109 South Juniper street. Annual dinner on Feb. 16.

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CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE DIS-TRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Secretary—John C. Hoyt, '97, 1330 F street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Annual dinner in February.

CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BUFFALO. Secretary-John L. Tiernon, '95, 201 D. S. Morgan Building, Buffalo, N. Y. Annual dinner in February.

CORNELL ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO. Secretary—John R. Bensley, '00, 3933 Ellis avenue, Chicago, Ill.

CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF MIL-WAUKEE.

-R. C. Fenner, '04, care of Cutler-Secretary-Hammer Manufacturing pany, Milwaukee, Wis.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO CORNELL ASSOCIATION. Secretary-David Gaehr, '01, 1135 Schofield Building, Cleveland, O.

CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF DETROIT. -S. C. Root, '01, 55 Bagg street, Secretary-Detroit, Mich.

THE CORNELL CLUB OF ST. LOUIS. Secretary—K. E. White, '01, care of Little & Hays, 303 North Fourth street, St. Louis, Mo.

CORNELL CLUB OF ROCHESTER. -John H. Agate, '03, 28 Elwood Secretary-Building, Rochester, N. Y. Annual dinner in January.

EASTERN NEW YORK CORNELL ALUMNI ASSO-CIATION.

Secretary-William L. Pruyn, '03, Albany Trust Company, Albany, N. Y. OMAHA CORNELL CLUB.

–John W. Battin, '90, 925 New York Life Building, Omaha, Secretary-Neb.

CORNELL CLUB, BINGHAMTON, N. Y. Including the counties of Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Oisego, Cortland and Tioga. Secretary—Robert B. Sears, '03, 178 Court street, Binghamton, N. Y.

CORNELL CLUB OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. Secretary-A. R. Ellis, '04, 6339 Marchand street, Pittsburg, Pa.
Annual dinner late in April or early in May.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.

-Frank E. Lichtenthaeler, '06, care of Heller & Merz Company, Newark, N. J. Secretary-

CORNELL ASSOCIATION OF BROOKLYN.
Secretary—R. H. Haskell, '95, 44 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEW YORK STATE PRINCIPALS' CORNELL CLUB. Secretary—W. B. Chriswell, '97, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

NORTHWESTERN CORNELL CLUB.

Minnesota, Northern Iowa, Western and Northern Wisconsin and North and South Dakota.

Secretary—C. H. Briggs, '00, 20 Old Colony Building, Minneapolis, Minn. Annual dinner in January.

THE CALIFORNIA CORNELL CLUB.

Secretary—C. L. Cory, '91, Berkeley, Cal. Next semi-annual dinner in April.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CORNELL ASSOCIATION.

Secretary—George P. Winters, '02, 502 Symes Building, Denver, Colo. Annual dinner on Jan. 26.

CORNELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SEATTLE. Secretary—Albert H. Beebe, '01, 26 Haller Building, Seattle, Wash.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Secretary-C. L. Chandler, 457 West Lake avenue, Los Angeles, Cal.

Davis, '96, Goes to Cuba.

First Lieutenant Edward Davis, '96, of the 11th Cavalry, who is aidede-camp to General Theodore J. Wint, just appointed to take charge of the army in Cuba, passed through Chicago a short time ago on his way to Havana. He was entertained there by S. L. Adams, '93; W. G. Pietsch, '96; L. C. Fuller, '97, and C. M. Howe, '97. Davis related several interesting incidents of his service as a captain of volunteers in the Philippines just after the war. He was at that time assisting in the work of constructing a civil government in the islands. He had a number of appointments to make in one of the provinces, among them being that of schoolmaster.

A young man who had just graduated from the University of Manila was anxious for the place, but Davis finally selected an older man, although this man was not so well up in the English language. To show how well the young graduate, whose name was Simeon, could use English, Davis read the following letter received by him shortly afterward:

Respectable Lord Captain:

Humbly I manifest: I have had notice that you has appointed me for assistant of schoolmaster but undoubtedly I shall mistake why I had in you the hope that would appoint me schoolmaster proprietari how I supplicated, so as now respectfully I come to entreat exceedingly you to condescend to give attention why indeed I liked not to be assistant if have you me compassion.

SIMEON.

In last week's article on the chemical laboratory, the name of Ivin Sickels was incorrectly included in the list of assistant professors and that of Arthur Wesley Browne was omitted. Mr. Sickels is assistant professor of chemistry in the medical college at New York.

CORNELL ALUMNI NOTES.

'73.—Howard E. Ames is now in the East Indies on the U. S. S. Maine. He is a medical inspector and surgeon of the Atlantic fleet.

'73.—Frederick H. Jackson, president of the Providence Board of Trade, has just been inaugurated for his third term as lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island. Mr. Jackson was recently appointed by the governor of the state to head a set of delegates from Rhode Island to the proposed national convention looking to the extension of the foreign commerce of the United States. This convention is to be held at Washington on Jan. 14.

'74, B. S.—James H. Southard is chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the national House of Representatives.

'75, B. S.—Wibray James Thompson has changed his address from Calumet plantation, Patterson, La., to 2501 Second street, Louisville, Ky.

'81.—On the convening of the Nebraska Legislature for its present biennial session, Charles L. Saunders, of Omaha, who is serving his third term in the State Senate, was elected president pro tem. of that body. This election makes him the Republican leader of the upper house for the session.

'81, B. Lit.; '86, Ph. B.—A pamphlet entitled "The Rate of Sickness" has recent-

ly been published by Hiram ⁷. Messenger, actuary of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. In this pamphlet he tabulates and discusses the experience of the companies doing health insurance business in the United States.

"82, A. B.—Frederick M. Catlin is practicing law in St. Paul, Minn. His office is in the Manhattan building.

'84, B. S.—William C. Krauss is practicing medicine at 371 Delaware avenue, But-falo

'85, B. S.—C. E. Doolittle, who has been installing a large hydro-electric plant for a copper company at Graneros, Chile, has returned from South America. His present address is Aspen, Colo.

'86, B. S. in Arch.—James B. Nettleton is an architect at 1405 Penobscot building, Detroit.

'86, B. S.—William G. Barney is a mining engineer, and his address is 179 Highland avenue, Buffalo.

'88, B. L.—Ernest E. Johnson, formerly of the editorial staff of the New York World, is editor of the Philadelphia edition of Ridgway's, the weekly publication of the Ridgway-Thayer company. His address is 210 West Horter street, Pelham, Germantown, Pa.

'89, C. E.—Frank V. E. Bardol is an engineer and contractor with offices in the D. S. Morgan building, Buffalo.

'93, LL. B.—George W. Ward was elected county judge of Herkimer county, N. Y.,

in the November election. He has just completed a term as district attorney, and he was the prosecuting officer in the trial at Herkimer of Chester E. Gillette for murder. In a review of that trial, under the caption "Ward, a District Attorney who Does Things," the New York World reviewed Judge Ward's career and said that his conduct of the Gillette case was a model of criminal prosecution. The paper also gave him the credit for most of the detective work which resulted in the conviction of Gillette.

'94, Ph. B.—W. H. Lighty is teaching in the university extension division of the University of Wisconsin.

'94, B. S.—Stuart Weller is assistant professor of Paleontologic Geology in the University of Chicago.

'95, LL. B.—Charles S. Horner is a member of the law firm of Hile & Horner, with offices in the Society for Savings Building, Cleveland, O.

'95, B. S.—Paymaster George P. Dyer, U. S. N., has been transferred from the battleship Missouri to the bureau of supplies and accounts at Washington.

'96, C. E.—Glenn D. Holmes is engineer of water supply of the New York State canals, with headquarters at Syracuse.

'96, M. S.—James E. Boyd is professor of mechanics in the Ohio State University. He lives at 92 West Lane avenue, Columbus.

'97, M. E.—Burton H. Brooks is superintendent and chief engineer of the Citizens Telephone Company, Columbus, O.



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'97.—The wedding of Harry Cook Straus and Miss Frances Harvey Dickson, daughter of Mrs. William Lee Dickson, will take place in the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia on Jan. 23.

'98, M. E .- Fred F. Bontecou is with the United States Lake Survey. His address is room 33, Campau building, Detroit, Mich.

'98, B. S. A.-D. A. Williston is a horticulturist, landscape architect and forester at Nashville, Tenn., and is also a member of the faculty of Fiske University.

'98, B. S .- Alfred H. Thiessen is with the United States Weather Bureau, Washington, He is at present stationed at Raleigh, N. C.

'98, B. Arch.—Dwght H. Wagner is with the Wheeling Corrugating Company, Wheeling, W. Va.

'98, LL. B.—Because of the retirement of William J. Carr, who was elected a justice of the Supreme Court last November, the law practice of Dykman, Carr & Kuhn will be continued, dating from Jan. I, by the remaining partners, William M. Dykman and John J. Kuhn, '98, under the firm name of Dykman & Kuhn. Mr. Kuhn has recently been elected president of the Emerald Society of Brooklyn. This is a large organization devoted to the aid of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum. It holds the annual Emerald ball, which, since the burning of the Brooklyn Academy of Music, has been held at the Waldorf-Astoria.

'99, M. E.—Nelson K. Moody was married on Nov. 22 to Miss Mary Hoag of Titusville, Pa. He has accepted a position with the Romano-Americana, a Rumanian oil company, and will make his home for the present at Ploesti, Rumania.

'00, C. E.—James H. Miner is assistant engineer in the United States Reclamation Service, and is stationed at Montrose, Colo.

'00, M. E .- T. H. Cowdin is with the Huntley Manufacturing Company, makers of cleaning and grading machines, of Silver Creek, N. Y.

'00, C. E.—George O. Wagner is a managing director of the Goodyear Lumber Company of Buffalo.

'00, C. E.—The wedding of John D. Bailey and Miss Harriet May Thacher of Kansas City, Mo., took place on Dec. 1. Mr. Bailey is employed as engineer by the Buckeye Pipe Line Company at Lima, O.

'00, M. E.—The wedding of John Alexander Hunter, '00, of Pittsburg, and Miss Euphinia B. Engle, '03, took place at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss Josephine Ross, 324 Huestis street, Ithaca, on Dec. 27. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Frederick Fitschen, jr., pastor of the Presbyterian church of Ithaca. Miss Elsie Engle, '01, a sister of the bride, acted as brides. maid, and the bridegroom was attended by Julian C. Smith, of Montreal, his classmate. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter will make thes home in Pittsburg.

'01.—The wedding of Frederic Donald Ray and Miss Helen Ramey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ramey of Altoona, Pa., took place in that city on Jan. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Ray will make their home at the Hotel Albert, New York city, after Feb. 1.

'01.—The wedding of Arthur Parsons Bryant and Miss Caroline Eliot Rand, daughter of Mrs. Edward Augustus Rand, of Watertown, Mass., will take place on Jan. 19 in the Church of the Good Shepherd at Watertown. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant will be at home, after March 1, at 13 Garfield street, Watertown.

'02.—John A. Kinney is an attorney and as an office at 1006 Fidelity Building,

'02, Ph. D.-Alexander W. Crawford, formerly of the faculty of Beaver College, Beaver, Pa., is now teaching in the Western University of Pennsylvania.

'02, B. S. A.-Charles William Wenborne was married to Miss Grace May Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Dean, at Brocton, N. Y., on Dec. 5.

'02, A. B.—Isaac H. Levy is practicing law at 15 William street, New York.

'03, A. B.—The wedding of Miss Mary P. Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Anderson, of Ocala, Fla., and Martin John Roess, '03, took place at the First Presbyterian church of Ocala on Nov. 28 last. Mr. Roess is in the lumber business at Cornell, Fla.

'03, M. E .- H. F. Jewett is engaged in the introduction of piece work throughout the

Allston Shops of the Boston & Albany Railroad. His address is 71 Aldie street. Allston, Mass.

'03, M. E.-Audenried Whittemore is a salesman with the Erie City Iron Works in St. Louis. His address is 1210 Chemical Building.

'03, A. B.-Raxley F. Weber is instructor in chemistry in the McKinley High School, St. Louis, Mo.

'03, C. E.-Arthur S. Whitbeck is asyork State Barge Canal Corps, with head-quarters at Medina, N. Y. His permanent address is 27 Buckingham street, Rochester.

'04, A. M.; '06, Ph. B.—Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Taylor of Oswego, N. Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Louise Taylor, to Dr. Lynn B. Mitchell, of Winona Lake, Ind. Mr. Mitchell was a graduate student in Cornell for three

'04, A. B.—Archie R. Taintor is with the Taintor Manufacturing company, makers of hardware. His address is 584 Jefferson avenue, Elizabeth, N. J. He has recently returned from a three mon'hs' pleasure tour of Europe.

'04, M. E.-M. E. Roe is the engineer in charge of the construction of a blast

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furnace at Erie, Pa. His address is 837 East Sixth street.

'04, A. B.—Charles S. Woodward is teacher of mathematics in the High School at Atlantic City, N. J.

'04, M. E.—Henry M. Wood is a salesman with the Pratt & Whitney Company, Chicago, and lives at 727 Reba Place, Evanston, Ill.

'04, C. E.-Announcement has been made of the engagement of W. L. Savacool to Miss Mary Ruth Eshbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Eshbach, of Ithaca. Mr. Savacool is a civil engineer employed in Jamaica,

'04, A. B.-Miss Avice McIntosh Watt was married at Flatbush, L. I., on Dec. 27, to Dr. Walter H. Whiton.

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