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XIII. FRANCIS WHITING HALSEY, '73.

The ALUMNI NEWS presents to its readers this week a sketch of one who has been for many year a prominent Cornellian, Francis Whiting Halsey, of the class of 1873, who, since leaving college, has been constantly engaged in journalism and has been for nineteen years on the staff of The New York Times. When The Times in 1896 started its "Saturday Review of Books and Art," he took the editorial direction of it and has remained its editor, without interruption, since that time.

Mr. Halsey entered the University in the third term of the Freshman year, having prepared for college at the academy in his native place, Unadilla, New York, where his father, who came of a family that settled on Long Island in 1640, practiced medicine for fifty years. For more than a year Mr. Halsey lived at Cascadilla, and then went into the village, where he lived in the Judge Dana house opposite the Park. During his senior year, he took one of the prizes for an essay in English literature, his course being that in science. He is fond of telling with what temerity he once entered into competition with David Starr Jordan for a prize under Dr. Wilder, and how wholesome was the lesson he learned when the results of



that competition were made clear. He says he has ever since contemplated President Jordan with a far-away look in his eyes.

Mr. Halsey attributes to President White, more than to any one else, his decision to take up journalism as a life pursuit. He had had some thoughts of law, but with a preference for journalism, he was in a state of placid undergraduate indifference as to the respective rewards and punishments of the two professions. The interview with President White, which occurred in the last term of his Senior year, in the new house the President had then just completed on the campus,—probably turned the scale for journalism. "Above all, read Carlyle,"—these are among the words uttered by President White which since have sounded in his ears as an admonition and an inspiration. Advice which he had from Professor Willard Fisk at about the same time

probably had further influence in the matter.

In August following graduation, he went to Binghamton, where, under the direction of the publisher, he edited a morning newspaper called *The Times*. Two years later, after a correspondence with Whitelaw Reid, who wrote—"if you are resolved to enter the newspaper business for life, going into it not because you want to make a temporary living, but because you can't keep out of it, I think we can find something for you to do," he joined the staff of the New York *Tribune*, for which, along with work less important, he prepared obituaries of many famous men, wrote letters in 1878 from the World's Fair in Paris, and contributed book reviews and news articles to the literary department, then under Dr. George Ripley.

In 1880 he became a member of the staff of the New York *Times*, and for several years filled the place of foreign editor and writer of book reviews. He was then made literary editor, succeeding Charles de Kay whom President Cleveland appointed Consul-General to Berlin, and in 1896 took charge of the *Saturday Review*. In this supplementary publication new books have been dealt with as part of the day's news. In pursuit of that policy the supplement has acquired a distinct place as a weekly literary newspaper, with subscribers in every State in the Union and many foreign countries, recent issues having had a circulation exceeding 100,000 copies.

In 1878 Mr. Halsey printed a volume of European letters, with the title "Two Months Abroad" and in 1895 wrote an extended introduction for a volume of family history entitled "Thomas Halsey of Hertfordshire, England, and Southampton, Long Island." He has since completed a work entitled "An Old New York Frontier; Its Indian Wars, Pioneers and Land Titles," being an account of the early history of the headwaters of the Susquehanna from Otsego Lake to the Pennsylvania line.

He has lectured many times in New York and elsewhere on "The Hudson Valley in the Revolution: Battles for its Control," and on "The Indians of New York and their Famous League." In July, 1896, he delivered the annual address at the Wyoming Massacre celebration near Wilkesbarre, his subject being "Pennsylvania and New York in the Border Wars of the Revolution," and last summer he made the address before the New York Library Club at their annual meeting, his subject being "Librarians and Literary Editors; their Responsibilities in a Deluge." He has in preparation an address to be delivered before the the New York Historical Society on "Journalism in New York in 1800," the same being one of four addresses the Historical Society has arranged for at meetings to be held during the opening weeks of the new year. He has contributed to periodicals, including *Harper's Weekly*, *Book News*, and the *Book Buyer*.

In the alumni affairs of Cornell University he at one time was active, taking a leading part in the agitation by the New York alumni in 1882 and 1883. During this agitation he was president of the New York Association. He was twice the candidate of

New York and other Alumni for trustee of the University on the issues then raised. On the first ballot in each contest he received nearly as many votes as the two other candidates combined, but, under the law, the election then went to the alumni actually present in Ithaca, and thus he was defeated in both contests.

Mr. Halsey was married, in 1883, to Virginia Isabel, daughter of Alexander S. Forbes, of New York. She died in January, 1899. He is now seeing through the Gillis Press a privately-printed memoir of Mrs. Halsey of 25,000 words, (to appear anonymously) with her maiden name for its title, "Virginia Isabel Forbes," and with a photogravure portrait on copper by the Goupil process.

Rochester Alumni Dinner.

The Cornell Association of Rochester will hold its sixth annual banquet at Teall's on the 27th of February. The banquet committee consists of F. Judson Hess, '87, Miss Margaret Otis, '93, Chas. W. Curtis, '88, Miss Lillian Coleman, '96, and Irving E. Booth, '83. It is hoped that some member of the faculty will be present and a most successful banquet is expected.

Track Meets.

Manager Warner of the Track team has announced the following schedule of track events for the spring term, subject however to change:—

April 28: Relay teams will be entered in the one, two, and four mile events at the intercollegiate meet in Philadelphia held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. There will be an open handicap meet at Ithaca on the same date. This meet may be changed as it conflicts seriously with the former meet at Philadelphia.

May 5. Dual Meet with Syracuse at Syracuse.

May 12. Triangular Meet with Williams and Columbia, at Albany.

May 25-26. Intercollegiate Meet at Manhattan field, New York City, at which Cornell will be represented.

May 30. Dual Meet with Princeton at Elmira.

Attention is also called to the mid winter indoor meets. The boxing and wrestling contests will be held on February 28. Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the successful contestants in the championship and novice events. An effort will be made to have the Medical College represented at this contest.

The second meet will occur March 7th. The regular indoor intercollegiate events will be held and in addition thereto inter-college and inter-class relay races will be run.

Professor Moses Coit Tyler is to lecture at Western Reserve University, March 10-16.

The Washington's Birthday address will be delivered by the Hon. O. F. Williams, '69, ex-Counsel at Manila. The subject will be "On the Bridge with Dewey." It will be remembered that Mr. Williams was aboard the Olympia with Admiral Dewey during the Battle of Manila. An interesting address is anticipated.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In the University Library,—the White, Fiske, Zarncke Collections, etc.

There are probably few people outside of those whose work necessitates an intimate knowledge of the subject who know how exceedingly well equipped is the library of Cornell University. Although the topic is much too large to be adequately treated in a single article, a cursory survey of some of the special collections contained therein may be of interest.

One of the earliest gifts to the Library, presented in 1870 by the Rev. Samuel J. May, is the interesting May collection of books and pamphlets relating to slavery and the anti-slavery contest in this country. Since its presentation to the University the May collection has been largely increased, mainly by donations from persons interested in the anti-slavery struggle, and as long ago as 1892 it had reached the number of 4000 titles. A bust of Mr. May, which has itself an interesting history, stands behind the librarian's desk in the reading room, under the portrait of ex-President Andrew D. White. A marble copy of this bust, which is the work of Isabelle Graham Gifford of Syracuse, was sent to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876, where it took one of the four medals awarded to American sculptors. After Miss Gifford's death the original plaster cast became the property of her friend, Paulina Saxton Pope, who, in fulfilment of the artist's known wish, presented it to the University, to be placed with the May collection in the Library.

Of the many benefits conferred on the University by its former president, Andrew D. White, not the least was the donation of his magnificent library. An idea of the scope of this collection may be gathered from the following extract from President White's letter to the Board of Trustees, written in January, 1887, in which he made the offer of his historical library, the most valuable part of his gift.

"Some 35 years ago, while I was still a student at college, I formed the purpose of collecting a historical library. From that time to this, at home and abroad, I have steadily kept this purpose in view, selecting the best works I could find, not only in History proper, but in the subsidiary fields of Literature, Political and Social Science, International Law, and Art (including especially architecture.) I have particularly sought those throwing light upon the great events, periods and tendencies of human thought and action, upon the development of modern civilization, upon the building up of modern states, upon the men who have bettered the condition of mankind.

"As a result, I have accumulated a library of about 30,000 volumes, besides some 10,000 valuable pamphlets, and not a few manuscripts. In almost all its departments, I may say without undue partiality, there are very many works rare and valuable; in several the collection would doubtless be considered remarkable; and in one or two it is certainly unequal-

led in the United States. The bringing together of this library has been to me a labor of love. It consists to an unusual extent of primary sources and original material for historical study; and my thought has been not solely of myself, but of the American scholars of the future. It has always been my intention to place it some day as a whole where it could be used to the best advantage by historical students. The cost of the collection, with its catalogues, has been, in money, as nearly as I can now estimate, rather more than \$100,000. Its present value, consisting as it does in great part of works scarce, long sought, and yearly appreciating in price, it would be hard to reckon in dollars and cents."

The part of the library bearing on architecture had already been presented to the University upon the establishment of the Architectural Department and when the Law School was established and the Department of History and Political Science reorganized the rest followed.

As a token of appreciation of this magnificent gift the name of The President White School of History and Political Science was given to the consolidated department, and Mr. White was appointed "Dean of such School and Honorary Lecturer on History and Political Science therein." In accordance with a provision of the deed of gift, \$800 is annually set apart from the funds at the disposal of the Trustees of the University to purchase books in the fields of study to which the library is especially devoted, that is to say history and the kindred branches. This library is especially rich in works on the Renaissance, the Protestant Reformation and the French Revolution, and contains a unique collection on the subjects of Witchcraft and Torture.

About the end of 1893 President White presented to the University a remarkably rich and extensive collection relating to the Dutch philosopher Spinoza, which he had purchased in Leipzig. This collection was brought together during 50 years of diligent labor, and is probably the largest collection of Spinoza literature in existence. The volumes number about 450, and include every edition of the philosopher's works. An almost complete series of portraits of Spinoza accompanies them.

Later gifts from the same source are a valuable collection of works on Russian history, and a considerable body of rare and costly material illustrating the history of superstition and the early history of the sciences.

Lovers of Romance literature as well as collectors of old books would revel in the Dante collection given in 1893 by Professor Willard Fiske, the first librarian of the University. The original gift, which consisted of considerably more than 2,000 volumes, was brought together in the remarkably short space of six months—a noteworthy achievement even for a veteran collector. Professor Fiske has been making large additions to this collection since it became part of the library, and it now numbers about 7000 volumes, making it undoubtedly the richest collection of Dante literature to be found.

Among its treasures are the *editio princeps* of the "Convito," printed at Florence in 1490, and eight 15th century editions of the Divine Comedy, beginning with the rare first edition printed at Foligno by Numeister in 1472. This copy is enriched with numerous annotations by the poet Luca Pulci. Of the thirty editions of the Comedy pub-

lished in the 16th century, twenty-two were contained in Professor Fiske's original collection, beginning with the rare first Aldine edition of 1502; as well as two of the three editions published in the 17th century, namely: those of Venice (1613) and Padua (1629.) The 18th and 19th century editions are richly represented. In one of these, the curious Roveta edition of 1820, the Inferno is printed in white ink on dark purple paper, the Purgatorio in black ink on olive paper and the Paradiso in black ink on pure white paper. The microscopic Milanese edition of 1878, is said to be printed from the smallest type ever used. The collection of illustrations of the poem is also very rich, containing among others the designs of Botticelli, Doré, Flaxman, Genelli, Scaramuzza, Stradanus and Traquair.

To the uninitiated, one of the most curious as well as significant features of the whole collection is the number of translations of the great masterpiece. There are present the principal translations into Armenian, Catalan, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Latin, Polish, Sanscrit, Spanish, and Swedish, an almost unbroken series of English translations and even a specimen of a version in Volapük. The collection is also very full in biographies, commentaries and critical literature concerning Dante, including many rare and occasional publications and privately printed tracts.

In advance of the Dante library however, the University received from the hands of Professor Fiske, whose specialty seems to have been collecting libraries in record time, a remarkably complete collection of Rhaeto-Romanic literature, which he had brought together during a sojourn in the Engadine in the summer of '91. This collection, which includes a number of Rhaeto-Romanic texts, is the largest on this subject in the country. A catalogue printed in 1894 contained 1058 titles, and many additions have since been made by Professor Fiske.

In June, 1893, Wm. H. Sage, a Trustee of the University, purchased and presented to the University the library of Friedrich Zarncke. Zarncke was professor of the German Language and Literature in the University of Leipzig, and was the founder of the leading critical journal of Germany, the "Literarisches Centralblatt." During his academic career he collected a working library that was unusually complete, especially in the fields of German philology and literature, numbering about 13,000 volumes. Zarncke was the most distinguished editor of the national epic, the Nibelungenlied, and the section devoted to Nibelung literature contains over 300 titles, including almost every edition of the poem. The literature relating to the Minnesingers, the German troubadours of the Middle Ages, is nearly as full. But these collections are surpassed in extent by the special collections devoted to Lessing, Goethe and Christian Reuter. The mass of Faust literature brought together in the Goethe collection would astonish any but a specialist in the field. The little collection of the works of Christian Reuter, whose identity was discovered only a few years ago by Zarncke himself, is unique in several respects. The Zarncke collection also contains a wealth of rare and valuable material on mediaeval history in general and on the

early history of Universities in particular.

The limits of this article preclude more than a mere mention of other interesting collections, such as the Schuyler collection of books relating to the history of this State, or the valuable library given by Professor Crane, which has practically opened up a new field. The Crane collection is described by Professor George Lincoln Burr in the ALUMNI NEWS for January 17, 1900. Those who are interested will find Professor Burr's article well worth reading. Still another which awaits description is the endowed Lucy Harris collection of Victorian poets, already a great boon to students and lovers of the contemporary literature.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING.

Alumni Conference March 3.

The Athletic Council, at its meeting on February 13, transacted considerable business of importance. This included an appropriation of \$5,000 from the football surplus for permanent improvements at Percy Field and the Boat House; the appointment of a committee to cooperate with Dr. Hitchcock who is preparing a collection of photographs and records of the athletic teams that have represented Cornell in the past, for display in the new Trophy Room which is to be fitted in Barnes Hall; the decision to enter for no events at the games of the Massachusetts' Sportmen's Association; and the appointment of Professor Huffcut, '84, as advisor for the Interscholastic League.

Besides these matters one of especial interest to alumni is the decision of the Council to invite alumni representatives to confer with it at Ithaca.

Each alumni association has been invited to send a representative to Ithaca to meet with the Council on Saturday, March 3, for the purpose of discussing the baseball and football schedules, the selection of a graduate manager of athletics, and the question of alumni representation in the Council. It will be remembered that the Council has already voted that it is expedient to create the position of graduate manager of athletics. A committee appointed for the purpose has been considering the selection of a suitable man for the place, and it is hoped that a decision may be reached as a result of this conference. The matter of alumni repre-

sentation in the Council is also important for the conference to consider. The New York alumni have made requests that the graduates have direct representation; At a conference held in December last no decision was reached in this matter. It has since received considerable discussion, and it is thought best to give representatives from all the alumni associations an opportunity to present their views at this time.

The improvements at Percy Field and the Boat House will be made under direction of the trustees of the Athletic Association, who have not yet decided upon their exact nature. In the case of Percy Field, however, the problem confronting the Council is as follows: They desire to have two separate fields, for football and for baseball, so arranged that the football stands need not be taken down at the close of each season. It is thought that two fields of sufficient size can easily be made by enlarging the new field made two years ago. This may necessitate the changing of the track and the moving of the club house.

The improvements at the Boat House will include an addition principally for the purpose of storing shells.

Saturday's Track Meet.

The handicap track meet in the Armory Saturday called forth the largest number of entries yet made and resulted in some good performances. The summary follows:

25 yard dash—F. C. Longnecker, '03, (4 ft.) first; G. A. Larkin, '00, (4 ft.) second; H. F. Sommer, '03, (2 ft.) third.

30 yard low hurdles—G. A. Larkin, '00, (1 yd.) first; H. L. Taylor, G. (1 yd.) second; F. C. Longnecker, '03, (2 yds.) third.

30 yard high hurdles—R. Deming, '00, (1½ yds.) first; C. W. Wilson, Jr., '00, (scratch) second; A. Walton, '02, (1 yd.) third.

Shot put—G. F. Cleghorn, '00, first; W. J. Warner, '03, second; H. F. Sommer, '03, third.

High jump—R. L. James, '03, (2 in.) first; F. C. Longnecker, '03, (5 in.) second; G. S. Gilbert, '01, (3 in.) third.

Pole vault—W. A. Frederick, '03, (9 in.) first; W. Lawson, '03, (12 in.) second; R. Deming, '00, (scratch) third.

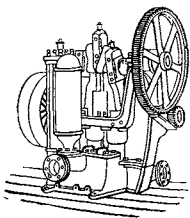
600 yd. run—J. McGovern, '00, (35 yds.) first; W. B. Flanders, '02, (35 yds.) second; F. C. Longnecker, '03, (35 yds.) third.

President Davis, of Alfred University, visited Cornell on Friday for the purpose of examining the equipment of several of the departments, particularly the psychological laboratory.

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THE ALUMNI.

One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending news items he is conferring a favor upon other Cornellians.

'73, B.C.E. Charles F. Allen is chief deputy in the county treasurer's office of Arapahoe County, Colorado.

'75, B. S. Professor E. L. Nichols will lecture at an early date before the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia on the subject, "Properties of the Acetylene Flame."

'75, B. S., '76, M. S. F. W. Simonds is professor of geology in the University of Texas.

'77, B.S. Professor S. H. Gage will deliver a special lecture before the Cornell Philosophical Club on February 23. His subject is "Vitalism."

'78, B.C.E., '79, C.E. F. A. Maxwell, mining engineer and deputy U. S. Mineral Surveyor at Georgetown, Colo., owns and operates some of the best mines in that section.

'79, B.C.E. J. C. Kennedy is practicing his profession of Mining Engineering at Saratoga, Wyoming, where he is developing some extensive properties.

'79, B.S. Fred E. Smith is in the agricultural implement business in Greeley, Colo. He also takes an active part in directing the public school work of his city.

'82, B. S. Herbert D. Schenck is practicing medicine at 241 McDonough Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'82, B. Lit. Mrs. Florence M. Kelley addressed the women of Syracuse, N. Y., February 10, at the Kanatenah Club House, on the subject of the Consumers' League, its objects and its achievements.

'84, A.B., '86, A. M. Professor Charles Bundy Wilson, at the last meeting of the Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America held at Nashville, Tenn., was elected president. Cornell University, with the University of Iowa, where Professor Wilson now teaches, notes with pleasure the prominent part taken by Professor Wilson in promoting the objects of this association. He was one of the initiators of the Central Division, and a member for several years of the Executive Committee.

'84. Professor Huffcut, has accepted an invitation to lecture during March before the Oneida Historical Society.

'87, A.B., '94, Ph.D. Ellsworth David Wright resides at 720 Lawrence Street, Appleton, Wis.

'88, B.S. The marriage of George Judd Tansey to Miss Grace Fisher was celebrated on Thursday, February the fifteenth, at St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Tansey will be at home Thursdays, after April the first, at The Southern, St. Louis.

'89, M.E. William E. Reed, who has been with Warner & Swasey, of Cleveland for six years, was made secretary of the company on its recent incorporation. He is just about to leave this country to take charge of the firm's exhibits at the Paris Exposition, where he expects to be until November.

'90, M.E. John E. Greenawalt is the inventor of what bids fair to be a far-reaching and successful method of treating the ores of gold, silver, zinc, etc. Plants from his plans and under his direction have been erected in Colorado and Oregon.

'90, LL.B. Henry V. Pratt is associated with W. W. Clark, the district attorney of Steuben County, New York, in the law firm of Clark and Pratt, Wayland, N. Y.

'90, A.M. Phebe T. Sutliff is instructing at Rockford College, Rockford, Ill.

'91, A. B. At Potsdam, N. Y., C. A. Rosegrant is teaching in the State Normal School.

'91, M.S. Instructor F. J. Rogers, of the department of physics at Cornell, received a week or so ago the offer of an assistant professorship in the corresponding department at Stanford University. He has accepted the position, and will assume it next September.

'91, B. S. Miss Eunice M. Davis is teaching in the high school at Springfield, Mass.

'92, M.E. Frederic H. Parke is representing the Westinghouse Companies at Prelukskaia Ulitza No. 2, St. Petersburg, Russia.

'92, B.L. Frank S. Taylor is with the Linden Paper Company at Holyoke, Mass.

'92, M. S. F. W. Rane is a professor in the New Hampshire College of Agriculture, at Durham, N. H.

'92, Ph. D. Notice has been received of a change in the address of J. E. Granrud. He has moved from Ann Arbor, Mich., to 1514 Seventh Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

'92, C.E. Walter S. Dole is superintending a sugar plantation in the Hawaiian Islands. He may be addressed—Care ex-President S. B. Dole, Honolulu, Hawaii.

'92, B.L., '94, LL.B. Edwin P. Allen is attorney and counselor, 724 Powers' Building, Rochester, N. Y. He writes that at a term of the Appellate Court held in Rochester, February 8, the following Cornell men were admitted to the bar: James F. Hubbell, LL.B., '98, of Utica; Francis M. McKinley, LL.B., '99, of Clayton; Charles C. Page, LL.B., '99, of Trumansburg; and Daniel A. Reed, LL.B., '98, of Havilah.

'92, B.S. in Arch. William Waters, Jr., is a member of the firm of William Waters & Son architects and superintendents, Oshkosh, Wis.

'92, B. S. Elmer G. Horton, of Columbia, O., has held the position of bacteriologist for the State Board of Health of Ohio since June 1898, when he resigned his assistantship in the department of hygiene of the University of Pennsylvania.

'93, M.E. Harold M. Bush lives at 45 South 4th Street, Columbus, O.

'93. Dr. and Mrs. Clark S. Northup are rejoicing over the advent of a daughter, Olive Emelyn, born on Thursday, February 15. Mrs. Northup was formerly Miss Carrie L. Myers, '96.

'94, B.S. Wallace B. Beardsley is at Arlington Heights, Ill.

'94, M.E. William G. Kranz, who was instructor in experimental engineering at Cornell during 1894-'5, is now with the Aschman Steel Casting Company at Sharon, Pa.

'94, LL. B. Glenn S. Warner, Cornell's former football coach, visited his brother and other friends in the University last week. He an-

nounced that he has engaged with the Carlisle Indian management to take full charge of its athletic teams throughout the year. He will return to Dickenson, March 1, to begin work with the track team if possible and attention will be devoted to all branches of colleges athletics with the exception of rowing. At present the Indians have no facilities for training in athletics, so it will undoubtedly take some time to bring the red men up to the position they have attained in football. Mr. Warner will act in a similar capacity to that of Manager Stagg at Chicago University. Before accepting the offer of the Carlisle management, Warner was asked to consider a similar one from the University of Minnesota.

'95, M. E. Recently, F. W. Phisterer was appointed lieutenant of artillery, stationed on Tybee Island, off the coast of Florida.

Ex-'95. Frank Carney is professor of English in Keuka College, N. Y.

'96, A.B. William John Curtiss, an ex-Sun editor, is working for the Journal of Commerce, New York City.

'96, C. E. George S. Tompkins has been connected with the Middle States Inspection Bureau of New York City, since his graduation; he is now inspector.

'97, M. E. Frederick D. Herbert, naval architect and consulting engineer, has moved his office from 44, Broad Street, to 20 Broad Street, New York City.

'97, M. E. William H. Squire is with the American Tool Company of Cincinnati, O.

'97, Ph.B. Austin John McMahon has become real estate clerk in the law office of Hiscock, Doheny, Williams, and Cowie, Syracuse, N. Y.

Ex-'97. H. W. Wallace is with the Georgia Chemical Works in Atlanta.

'97, B.S. Louis A. Fuertes left Ithaca last Thursday on a trip to New York.

'97, LL.B. John L. Campbell is now at Brocton, N. Y.

'98, LL.B. Frederick P. James, '98, has formed a law partnership at Lockport N. Y. with Wallace Dempsey, the assistant federal district attorney for the northern district of New York.

'98, B.L. Frederick A. Briggs is in the Eastern Township Bank at Waterloo, Quebec.

'98, Ph.B. Miss Gertrude Willard is teaching at Cuthbert, Ga.

'98, LL.B. Carleton Sias has opened an office for the practice of law at 402 Wilder Building, Rochester.

'98, A. B. Frank E. Gannett, for the past year engaged with the Philippines Commission in Manila, has sailed for home.

'98, B.S. J. G. Owen was a passenger on La Bretagne on January 25.

'98, Ph.D. Samuel J. Barnett, of the physics department of Colorado College, has just received the appointment to an assistant professorship in physics at Leland Stanford Jr., University.

Ex-'98. Christian W. Feigenspan of Newark, N. J., upon the death of his father, succeeded to the responsibilities of the large interests of the Christian Feigenspan Breweries plant.

'99, Special. Frederick M. Nellis is giving a weekly course of lectures on air-brakes before the Y. M. C. A. in Wilmerding, Pa.

'99. Miss Elizabeth G. Drake, of Buffalo, is visiting her sister in Cornell.

'99. Joseph Emery Ward is at present located in Indianapolis, in the employ of the American Construction Company.

'99, B.S. The following is an extract from a letter recently received by an undergraduate from H. E. Clark:

RUE BARA, Paris, Jan. 22, 1900.
Dear ———:—I have just learned that you are thinking of sending several men over for the Exposition games. As you know I am here studying French language and literature at a college in Paris. I have become a member of the best athletic club of France and can probably give you a good many points. I have run a little here and won a few records. The French themselves are easy, and you will have to fear the English; and French distance men who are very good. There is not a good pole vaulter over here now and Cornell should win two places with 10 ft. The tracks here are turf. The games will be held the 15th, 17th, 19th and 22nd of July. You will find that you won't need to become acclimated as the summers here are the same as at home. I can guarantee you the use of our private track in Paris and hope to be able to attend to you while here. Let me know of any assistance I can give in the way of information, etc.

Yours for Cornell,
H. E. CLARK.

Ex-'00. A valuable collection of fish specimens was added to the museum of the University a week ago, through the kindness of William F. Allen, now connected with Leland Stanford University. The specimens, which are forms of the lake stargazer and Miller's thumb, closely related to the fishes in Cayuga Lake, will form an interesting study for students in the anatomical department.

Ex-'00. Philip B. Genger has left the University to take a position in Brooklyn with the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Company.

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THE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.

The Athletic Council has invited each alumni association to send a representative to an athletic conference to be held on Saturday, March 3, at 2:30 P. M. in Boardman Hall. As the Junior Smoker is held on the evening of March 2d, it is hoped that the two events will call together a considerable number of graduates who are interested in athletics.

The Council proposes for discussion at this conference the questions connected with the football and baseball schedules, the selection of a graduate manager of athletics and alumni representation in the Council.

The question of alumni representation in the Council has been much debated during the past few months, and there seem to be two pretty well defined views upon the matter. On the one side are those who urge that the alumni should be permitted to elect to the Council a certain number of representatives (say three) in the same manner as they now elect representatives to the board of trustees of the University, and that, if it be desired to maintain the present balance of power between graduates and undergraduates, provision be made for the selection of a corresponding number of undergraduates. On the other side are those who urge that the Council should be left as it is and that alumni views and influence be secured by a system of conferences to which the various associations shall send representatives. It is this difference of view that it is hoped to reconcile at the March conference. It is understood that the Council has not committed itself to either view but is deferring its decision until the wishes of the alumni can be more fully ascertained.

The question being thus squarely put before the alumni, it is much to be desired that they should send to this conference representatives who are empowered to speak authorita-

tively for them. There is a strong sentiment in favor of some methods of keeping the alumni in closer touch with the athletic management. The only difference is as to the particular method by which this may best be accomplished.

Another matter of importance is the selection of a graduate manager. And this, too, is a question upon which alumni are desirous of being heard. It is also a matter in some sort connected with the other question since a graduate manager, if he be the right man for the place, will be able to do much toward bringing about a stronger alumni interest and influence in athletic affairs.

Altogether this conference is likely to be of prime interest to graduates and they are earnestly urged to be fully represented.

A LIBRARY FOR USE.

This week we print a brief sketch of the more noteworthy special collections of the University library. Two characteristics of our library deserve notice. One, this article shows, viz.: that in an important measure it is a library of original sources, like the Bibliothèque Nationale of the French or the British Museum. In several fields its shelves are incomparably rich, and in at least one, the history of persecution and witchcraft, it is certain that it must always remain peerless.

The other is one which is especially remarked upon by men from other Universities, namely the extreme convenience of our library and the constant use made of it by our students. Such visitors when taken into the large reading room nudge one another significantly and remark both upon the size of the room and the numbers using it. When further told that the library is used in this way from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M., the users going and coming before and after classes, continually changing, so that the majority of the students avail themselves of it every day, the impression can only be described as profound. The fact is that when we hear occasionally of the three or four other University libraries which are larger than ours, we are apt not to remember that they are less well selected, that they are less rich in original sources, and above all that they are to an incredible degree less accessible than our own. Men well acquainted with the others, however, have no hesitancy in pronouncing ours the most usable and the most used University library, this side the water.

ALUMNI HALL AND CLUB HOUSE ON CORNELL CAMPUS.

The last thirty years have been a transition period in student life. Before that time dormitories under faculty rule continued the protection and discipline of the family. Then, in one quarter or another the so-called "German" negative system was introduced. This, for American colleges, meant the attempt to turn into men some young men and

mere boys, by acting upon the assumption that they were men already. But it worked fairly well—better than it could have done elsewhere than in America.

On every hand, however, have appeared signs that something more is needed and attempts to meet this want. The survival of the fittest has left of these such as are factors of a more or less organized University social life—Greek-letter chapters, student athletic, musical or amusement clubs, clusters of professor's houses, accommodations for bachelor professors and special and graduate students, and the grouping of dormitories and commons, whether University or private.

As this development has progressed, the necessity of social organization, however loose and elastic, embracing all factors of the University has become so clear that on every hand plans are making to meet it.

At the University of Pennsylvania which during the last ten years, has been one of our most enterprising Universities, we have already seen the first example of an attempt to provide an adequate center for University life. Harvard has been the next to progress her plans towards similar provision for her great University community. Columbia's energetic management has meanwhile gone far in the same path; while at Cornell, the matter has been taken up by her Alumni, preliminary plans secured, campus site allotted by the Trustees, and the canvass for funds commenced.

With us, the lack of facilities for social culture at even so attractive a little city as Ithaca, when compared with those of Philadelphia, Boston and New York, makes our need far more pressing than is theirs.

It is not, therefore, a question whether the project alluded to should be pressed, or even whether it shall some day be realized, both are certain; the only question is as to whether the Alumni spirit of her sons is equal to the demand and the opportunity now so pressing and so inviting.

I have faith that, in the very near future, an Alumni Hall and University Club House—so attractive, commodious, and dignified as at once to serve its purposes and to stimulate Alumni pride and interest to further benefactions to Cornell—will conclusively answer this question.

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Crew Affairs.

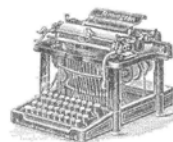
During Mr. Courtney's continued absence, the crews are practicing under the direction of Capt. Dalzell and ex-Capt. Colson. Mr. Courtney's condition has improved considerably since last week and it is hoped by his physicians, that he will be out in about a week.

During the past week the 'Varsity squad was strengthened by Beardslee, '00, of last year's 'Varsity crew, and Teagle, '02, of the Freshman crew. At the end of the week the 'Varsity combinations were made up as follows:

Bow, Taylor; 2, Tryon; 3, Hartley; 4, Vanderhoef; 5, Edmonston; 6, English; 7, Dalzell; stroke, Robins. Bow, Brinckerhoff; 2, Kugler; 3, Beyer; 4, Chase; 5, Petty; 6, Powley; 7, Smallwood; stroke, Francis. Bow, Nichols; 2, Coleman; 3, Rommell; 4, Drake; 5, Rhodes; 6, Schenck; 7, Ayers; stroke, Walker. Bow, McLeary; 2, Hosford; 3, Burrows; 4, Teagle; 5, Haskin; 6, Batcheler; 7, Rice; stroke, Flowers.

The Freshmen are making rapid improvement and on coach Courtney's return, he will be able to make up two good combinations. The five principal combinations are:

Bow, Wisner; 2, Evans; 3, Kelsey; 4, Smith; 5, Vanneman; 6, Purcell; 7, Finucane; stroke, Quackenbush. Bow, Longyear; 2, Ballinger; 3, Osborne; 4, Tourison; 5, Hutton; 6, Benedict; 7, Kuschke; stroke, Frenzel. Bow, Whittemore; 2, Harding; 3, Zimmer; 4, Marvin; 5, Hazelwood; 6, VanAlstyne; 7, Ellis; stroke, Betts. Bow, Colburn; 2, Ballinger; 3, Bruns; 4, Cool; 5, Ferriss; 6, Shirley; 7, Wright; stroke, Thayer. Bow, Fellows; 2, Ramsdell; 3, Fairchild; 4, Hull; 5, Bell; 6, Merrill; 7, Randolph; stroke, Taylor.



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For all other accounts	12,228,444 13
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Loans on Bonds and other Securities	6,330,000 00
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Real Estate: Company's 12 Office Buildings, and other Properties	23,186,525 06
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Accrued interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,960,637 41
	\$301,844,537 52

LIABILITIES

Policy Reserves, etc.	\$251,711,988 61
Contingent Guarantee Fund	47,952,548 91
Available for Authorized Dividends	2,180,000 00
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The accumulation of such a vast amount of material has required many years of research. Aside from Professor Bailey's large and valuable horticultural library, the most complete on the subject of American horticulture, many original investigations have been utilized. One of the features is the herbarium of 12,000 cultivated specimens. These are practically all plants grown at the Cornell Experimental Station, from seeds furnished by one of the best known dealers in flower seeds in America. All of this work has been under the personal supervision of Professor Bailey, with the able assistance of Mr. Wilhelm Miller, the associate editor, and after two years of compilation, the proofs of the first of the four quarto volumes are at hand. The arrangement of the matter is simple and accessible. The genera are arranged alphabetically, with the different species in systematic order beneath them. In the case of large groups the species are indexed. Plants that have been greatly modified by cultivation have short histories of the modifications. The many bibliographical references appended to each article, make the book, moreover, a valuable index of horticultural literature.

The illustrations of the Cyclopaedia are a special feature. The two thousand engravings were, as a rule, all made especially for the work from living specimens or photographs, thus preserving to a large extent the natural grace and beauty of the plant. Several half-tone portraits of prominent American horticulturists are also inserted.

Among the notable contributors whose names appear in connection with their articles, are Professors Fernow, Atkinson and Roberts, of Cornell, Professor Underwood of Columbia, and Professor Wickson of the University of California, beside many other scientific experts in government, academic and commercial lines, in all parts of the country.

The practical value of such a work as this to those who gain their living from horticultural pursuits, cannot be overestimated, and the positive sources of its information will undoubtedly make it a standard American authority upon all matters of plant growing.

Chess Match with Pennsylvania.

The Cornell Chess Club has challenged the University of Pennsylvania to a chess match to take place at Philadelphia during the Easter vacation. It is expected that Pennsylvania will accept. Six players will represent each university. The composition of the Cornell team has already been determined as far as the first three places. These will be filled by E. H. Riedel, L. C. Karpinski, and G. W. Heuser of the Medical School at New York. All members of the University are eligible to compete for the three other positions.

Junior Smoker.

The Junior Smoker committee has set March 2 as the date for the annual smoker, instead of March 3 as previously announced. It will be held in the Armory. Each one present will receive a souvenir briar-wood pipe and tobacco, as in years past.

Some new and amusing "stunts" will be given besides several selections by the Glee or Mandolin Club, possibly both. Professors Morse Stephens and Pound will be among the speakers. It has further been decided to distribute at the smoker the "shingles" for the various athletic C's, that have been won throughout the year.

Underclass Debate Won by Sophomores.

The second underclass debate held Friday evening, February 16, was won by the Sophomores. The question was, "Resolved, That labor organizations are detrimental to the best interests of the working classes." This is the second victory for the Sophomores, which decides the underclass supremacy in debate in their favor. The two clubs will, however, engage in another debate before the end of the term.

Physics Department Notes.

The American Physical Society will hold its next meeting at Columbia University, February 24. Professor Merriitt, the secretary of the society, and probably others from Cornell, will attend the sessions.

Professor Nichols will address the Franklin Institute, at Philadelphia, March 20, on the subject "Properties of the Acetylene Flame." On the previous evening, he will represent Sigma Xi at the installation of the new chapter of that society at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Nichols is chairman of the Sigma Xi Council and will act as the society's representative on request of the president, Professor H. S. Williams of Yale, formerly of the department of Geology at Cornell.

Literary Activity in the English Department.

Professor J. M. Hart, head of the English Department, has contributed a short paper on "Rhetorical Amplification of English Bede" to the memorial volume presented to Mr. F. J. Furnivall, the noted Old English scholar, on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birthday. Assistant Professor F. C. Prescott will during the present year publish with Henry Holt and Co., a book of "Selections from Swift's Prose," and Assistant Professor William Strunk, Jr., has in preparation a school edition of "The Last of the Mohicans," to appear in a series of school editions of the works prescribed for college entrance examination in English. Instructor C. S. Northup, '93, is preparing a text book on the subject of "Exposition."

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LACROSSE WORK.**Prospects this year--The Schedule.**

From now on lacrosse practice will be undertaken with new vigor. Thus far there have been only about twelve men practicing every Thursday afternoon in the gymnasium. Now, however, it is expected that all candidates for the team will appear Thursday of this week in the Armory at 2:30 P. M. At this hour every week practice will be held lasting until 4 o'clock.

The prospects for this year's team are as far as can now be seen, bright. Seven of last year's team are out, while McKinley, Powell, Miller, Drake and Berry have left positions that will be exceedingly hard to fill. There is, however, much good material to draw from among last year's second team, and from this and the old men it is expected that it will be possible to build up a team that will equal, if not excel, that of last year. Nothing definite has yet been decided as to this year's coach.

The schedule has not yet been fully completed although its most important details are arranged. The principal home game will be with Columbia on May 5th. In addition to this, there will probably be a game with Hobart early in the season. Two out of town trips will be taken. One will as usual include games with Stevens Institute, Crescent A. C. and Harvard while another will be to Pennsylvania and Swarthmore. The former will be made about May 15, and the latter about May 1. The last game will be played with Toronto University the latter part of May.

Paris Olympian Games.

The dates of the Olympian games to be held in Paris next summer have been definitely decided upon. First will come the lawn tennis championship, which will be played in the latter part of June. Three days early in July have been set aside for the professional runners; and the amateur athletic events in which the University of Pennsylvania and Princeton track teams participate will take place later in the month. Cricket will probably be played late in July, but no matches have yet been arranged. September 9 and 10 have been allotted to baseball. France will meet Belgium at hockey, September 30, and England, October 7. In

the latter part of the same month France will play association football against teams representing Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and England. Rugby football matches will be played in the middle of October between France and Germany, England and Germany, and France and England.

Appeal For the American School in Rome.

The council of the Archaeological Institute of America has issued a circular saying that the work of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome is hindered by lack of funds and suitable quarters, and an appeal is made for a preliminary endowment of at least \$100,000 and for the means of erecting a building. A complete endowment of \$500,000 is needed to put the school on a basis to rank with the best schools established by other countries in Rome. About \$30,000 was raised last summer. The appeal is accompanied by a commendatory circular signed by University Presidents Eliot, Hadley, Patton, Gilman, Harper, Low, Harrison, Angell, and Schurman. Andrew F. West of Princeton has accepted the chairmanship of the endowment committee, and subscriptions may be deposited with the Treasurer of the school in Rome, Mr. C. C. Cuyler of Cuyler, Morgan & Co., No. 44 Pine Street, New York City.

Dr. David Irons, of the Philosophical department, addressed the Bryn Mawr College Philosophical Club lately on "Natural Selection in Ethics."

The annual Senior banquet will take place Friday evening, March 9, at the Dutch Kitchen. H. H. Kendall, present editor-in-chief of the *Widow*, has been selected as toastmaster and W. L. Wright as prize orator.

President Schurman lectured on the evening of February 15 before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Yale on "The Philippines." On the 16th and 17th he attended the regular meetings in New York of the Medical College Faculty and Council.

On Saturday, February 10, Ambassador White, in Berlin, gave a dinner to Professor Stevens of Yale, Professor James of the University of Chicago, Professor Hammond of Cornell, Professors von Soden and W. V. Schierbrand of Berlin, and a score of others.

While in the mountains of North Carolina last summer Professor Atkinson, of the botanical department, collected about 1,500 specimens representing about 350 different species of fungi. Quite a number of the specimens are new and undescribed species, and are valuable both for scientific purposes and for making an attractive addition to the botanical museum. Professor Atkinson has recently made 150 photographs of the above specimens which he is using to illustrate articles being published on the subject.

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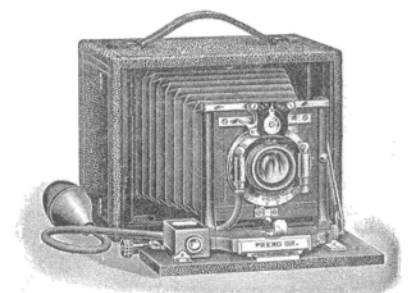
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