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MORE than eighteen hundred students of the University have applied for leave of absence under the terms of the Faculty's resolutions of March 28 and April 18 with respect to patriotic service. Applications for leave were still being made this week at the office of the Secretary of the University Faculty. There had been three or four hundred applications in the last week. A large number of students will leave Ithaca to attend the army officers' training camps. On the last day of examination for admission to these camps the examining board sitting at the University Armory had passed more than three hundred candidates. Not all of these were students. The number of students who had asked for leave of absence from the College of Agriculture alone was 573 on May 7. This is about a third of the college's enrollment.

THE INITIATION of new members of the Alpha Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi took place on May 7 in the home economics building. Professor G. S. Hopkins gave the president's address. After the initiation ceremonies supper was served in the cafeteria. Dr. V. A. Moore introduced the speakers. Dr. Joseph Barrell, professor of structural geology in Yale University, spoke in behalf of the Yale chapter. Professor Clark S. Northup spoke for Phi Beta Kappa. Walter L. Saunders '17 was the spokesman of the initiates. An address on the duty which scientific men owe to science in time of war was given by Professor Edward L. Nichols.

THE May number of *The Cornell Countryman* is called the Roberts issue, being dedicated to Professor I. P. Roberts, the first dean of the College of Agriculture. It contains the proceedings of Roberts Night, March 15, when the college assembled to pay its respects to Professor Roberts, who is now living, at the age of eighty-three, on his son's ranch in California. Ex-President White contributes an article in which he tells how Professor Roberts made the college a success after several years of unfortunate experiment with less competent men. The regular departments of the magazine are as full as usual and as valuable. The

Countryman announces that seven members of its board have manifested their patriotic spirit by either going to France as ambulance drivers, joining the navy's "mosquito fleet" or the army, or going to work on farms. They are Paul C. Cutler, D. M. Hinrichs, Walter B. Crane, Charles Ennis, A. J. Fowler, E. M. Deems, jr., and J. W. Ramsdell. Announcement is made of the election of C. R. Mather '20 to the editorial staff and of N. E. Beers '19 and H. L. Creal '19 to the business staff. These men, too, have left college for some patriotic service. Their places on the board will be open to them when they return.

THE FRESHMEN discarded their little gray caps without ceremony this year, and somewhat earlier than is customary. The caps were worn for the last time on Saturday, May 5. It has been the custom to wear the caps till the night of Spring Day, the last Saturday in May, and then throw them into a big bonfire on the Library slope. There being no Spring Day this year, the freshmen were told that they might burn their caps on the night of Inspection Day. They had made arrangements for a bonfire on the hill south of the new dormitories, but a heavy rain on Friday night and Saturday spoiled their plans. So the upper-class authorities told them simply to stop wearing the caps.

ALFRED NOYES will address the University on Friday night, May 11, in Bailey Hall. Without seeming to suggest that Mr. Noyes needs an introduction to this community, it may be said that he is an Englishman, a former student of Exeter College, Oxford, who has published several volumes of verse. He is in residence at Princeton University, where he is a lecturer on English poetry. The subject of his address here had not been announced when the weekly calendar of the University went to press.

THE J. T. Morrison Prize for poetry has been awarded to Samuel Wilson, of Brooklyn, a member of the senior class in the College of Arts and Sciences. The prize is a gold medal of the value of one hundred dollars or its equivalent in money, at the option of the winner. It was founded by the late J. T. Morrison

of Ithaca. Wilson has held Cornell and State University scholarships during his college course. This year he was the president of the Cornell Chess Club.

THE Corson French Prize has been awarded to Leslie Charles Schwartz, of New York, a member of the senior class in the College of Arts and Sciences. The prize is a gold medal of the value of fifty dollars. It was founded in 1902 by the late Professor Hiram Corson in memory of his wife, Caroline Rollin Corson, and is given for the best essay on a subject in either French philology or literature. The winner may receive the value of the prize in money if he so desires. Competition for this prize is open to all students.

BOOK AND BOWL, an upperclass club for the sociable study of literature, has elected the following members: From the class of 1918: L. M. Arnold, Seattle; Merrill Blanchard, Evanston, Ill.; J. L. Dole, Chicago; R. C. Edmunds, Denver; Gustav Erbe, jr., Rochester; J. A. Krugh, Kansas City; R. J. Lally, Pittsburgh, and Leonard Wood, jr.; from the class of 1919: Charles Baskerville, jr., New York; A. H. Green, Chicago; F. P. O'Brien, Evanston, Ill.; W. G. Schoellkopf, Buffalo; Paul Skelding, Southbury, Conn., and A. G. Wigglesworth, Wilmette, Ill.

ALEPH SAMACH, the junior class honorary society, has announced the election of the following men of the class of 1919: F. B. Bateman, Grenloch, N. J.; L. E. Bretz, Dobbs Ferry; J. P. Corrigan, Pittsburgh; I. C. Dresser, Ithaca; H. I. Howard, Washington, D. C.; L. C. Kirkland, Ithaca; E. A. Leinroth, Philadelphia; H. M. MacCabe, Brooklyn; T. C. McDermott, Stoneham, Mass.; F. O. O'Brien, Evanston, Ill., and F. M. Sutton, jr., Brooklyn.

THE RESIGNATION of Professor A. W. Gilbert from the department of plant breeding, New York State College of Agriculture, was accepted by the Trustees on April 21.

PROFESSOR H. E. Ross of the department of dairy industry, New York State College of Agriculture, has sabbatic leave of absence for the first semester of 1917-18.

Idealism Made Effective

By H. W. MAYNARD '07

I HAVE read with a great deal of interest the article by Dr. H. W. van Loon '05, entitled, "No Compromise," which appeared in the ALUMNI NEWS of March 1st. I found it particularly interesting because it brings up a matter to which I have given much consideration.

Briefly, Dr. van Loon holds that there must be *no compromise* between the ideals for which the University stands, and any undermining influences of the outside world, and he likens the University to a "Tower" from which the observer looks down upon the world below—where he finds a solution for the problems that disturb him, and where his spirit is refreshed. Dr. van Loon notes that after the war is over the colleges must help to provide leadership for the world. He calls on the college man to be an idealist, to do his share toward making the world better, and says, "May the Lord give us a few fanatics."

That there must be *no compromise* between the ethical principles of the University and the standards of commercialism there can be no question. Let us by all means keep our ideals. But this is not enough. A man's idealism and altruism are useless unless he has the position in the world, and the requisite aggressiveness, endurance, tact and skill in dealing with people, to make his idealism effective.

The average college student, after graduation, enters the employment of some business corporation. He does not, as a rule, have much to live on besides his salary. He has to start close to the bottom, and advancement is slow. He is paid on the basis of what he is worth to that particular corporation in that particular position, in competition with non-college men. He usually finds that only a small part of his technical information is of practical use, but he does find the need—the immediate, constant, urgent need—for skill in dealing with people. He is in contact with both "office men" and "shop men," some of them college graduates with the gloss rubbed off, and his relation to each man is a problem by itself—a tougher, stiffer problem, perhaps, than any he was ever called upon to tackle in college. He is obliged to throw overboard dearly acquired knowledge and ideals, in order to "get along" in a strange environment.

To be sure, there are many men who are more fortunate. The class leaders, who have been managing the athletic teams or the publications, who in college have obtained executive or financial experience under favorable conditions, are already pretty well skilled in human intercourse. Such men advance rapidly. Others have the backing of money, and they, too, soon get into easier places. But the great bulk of college graduates, with all the training of the best courses, the hopes and interest of their professors, the good wishes of loyal alumni, become submerged in the industrial world, and only after a lapse of needless years do they begin to emerge, one by one, each as a specialist in the line into which, somehow or other, he has gravitated.

And the ethical standards which he carried away with his degree have in altogether too many cases been dissipated. He has either become discouraged and his altruism has grown apathetic, or else if he is of the high-speed, enthusiastic, "reformer" type, he has too often burned himself out in impotently trying to accomplish a great deal suddenly.

It is primarily a question of Personality—of personal skill in human contacts. And with all the appreciation of the interest, the loyalty and the painstaking care of the members of the Faculty, who since our graduation have become our devoted advisers, I still feel that it is up to the University to provide this instruction, that those students who want it can get some sort of basic training in the essential laws of human relationships. Surely, a man who has been graduated as a technical expert should also be an expert and not an amateur in the art of living.

With the rapid progress of industry and invention, the demands upon the personality of the individual have grown more and more severe. The University, from its coign of vantage, has been too far removed from the world in which most of its graduates have to live, to keep pace with the changing conditions. * * * It does not pay to dwell too exclusively upon the Tower.

If a boy goes to work at the end of his high school course, he has a fairly good basic mental equipment. He spends plastic years in industry, finding out things about people in a rather hit-or-

miss way, but learning pretty well how to take care of himself, and gaining mental accuracy and alertness. But suppose he takes a standard technical or professional course at a good University (or an arts course, for that matter, if he goes at it seriously). The work is intense. He must absorb, at least temporarily, a vast amount of information, and the faculty uses every possible scheme to store his mind with essential facts. To be sure, he is supposed to pick up knowledge of men on the side. Sermons are preached to him, homilies directed at him, about things not in the curriculum, which he must learn. Now the human mind has a peculiar selective quality. It absorbs most readily the things it likes best. Since our man is ambitious, and is trying to get the most out of his training, he dutifully attends lectures and sermons intended to improve his mind and his soul.

The same advice is given to the slender, dark, studious lad who takes things very seriously and works hours at a job without interruption, and to the stocky blond fellow whose mind skips alertly from subject to subject, and who does not let the problems of the world rest very heavily upon his shoulders. Each absorbs most readily the things he likes best, and is naturally inclined to reject the advice which is distasteful, and for which, perhaps, he stands most in need. He is prone to deceive and excuse himself, magnifying his strength, and blinding himself to his weaknesses.

Suppose that he realizes his personal failing, and wants concrete individual advice, instruction and facts. Many young fellows do. Whom can he go to, who is an expert adviser on life? No one. These things are "not in the curriculum."

But they ought to be.

The student, the serious fellow who honestly tries to make the most out of his college course, who has neither the initial aptitude nor the time to get very far into undergraduate activities, and who lacks the skill to make personal advances, gets to depend too much on what he is taught in books.

I feel very strongly that every young person should be gradually taught, or should at least have the opportunity to learn, in school and college, the fundamental facts about people, the different

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Cornell a School for Aviators

One of Six Universities Designated by War Department for Initial Instruction

Cornell University is one of six universities which have been designated by the War Department as schools for the instruction of prospective army aviators. Applicants for assignment to the aviation corps of the army will, before beginning actual flying, be sent to these schools for instruction in aerodynamics, physics, geodesy, etc. The course of instruction is expected to take about six weeks. It will begin at Cornell on May 15. It is said there are six thousand applicants for the army aviation corps. How many of them will be sent here is not known, but the University is preparing to give instruction to successive classes up to an indefinite number. The other institutions selected for this work are Illinois, Ohio State, California and Texas, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The plan outlined above was adopted at a conference held in Washington on May 1st, when General George O. Squier, Chief Signal Officer of the Army, met representatives of the six universities, who had been invited to Washington for that purpose. Cornell was represented by Professor Edward L. Nichols, head of the department of physics. It was agreed that as soon as possible each of the six institutions should send three members of its faculty to Toronto to inspect a training school for aviators which the Dominion Government has established in connection with the University of Toronto.

For the inspection trip to Toronto President Schurman appointed Dr. Frederick Bedell, professor of applied electricity in the department of physics; Professor O. M. Leland, head of the department of surveying in the College of Civil Engineering, and Professor F. O. Ellenwood of the department of power engineering in Sibley College. They went to Toronto at once and spent several days in observing the methods of the Canadian school.

The Cornell party which went to Toronto was fortunate. It was the first of the six delegations to reach there and in consequence it had the undivided attention of the authorities of the school all the while it was there. It also had the good luck to find there Major L. W. B. Rees of the British Flying Corps, who had come to this country as a member of the commission headed by Mr. Balfour, and who was visiting the Canadian school.

A very short time has been given the University to prepare for this special instruction, and the course of study has not yet been entirely mapped out. The instruction under Professor Bedell will probably include practical electricity, the use of the wireless telegraph, and photography. Professor Leland's department will include astronomy, meteorology, and such mathematics as might be needed in finding ranges and mapping country under observation. Professor Ellenwood will have charge of instruction in the mechanism of the internal combustion engine and in aerodynamics, which latter is a subject so new that no text book has yet been published. It is supposed here that the students will receive also some military instruction, such as military observation, range finding, and the use of the machine gun. Whether the students who are to be sent here will report to the army officers on detail at this university, and whether they will be under military discipline while they are here, are matters on which the University authorities are not yet informed. It is expected that pupils will be sent here in detachments of such size as the University can handle. The first detachment, to arrive about May 15, is expected to number about a hundred. This detachment should be ready to graduate into one of the government aviation schools about July 1st. Perhaps before that time another detachment will have come here for instruction.

Cornell Men in Shipbuilding

Graduates of the Department of Naval Architecture of Sibley College

Several graduates of the department of naval architecture of Sibley College hold important posts in the country's shipbuilding industry. S. Wiley Wakeman '99 is general superintendent of the Fore River shipyards at Quincy, Mass. Joseph B. Weaver '02 is vice-president and general manager of Harlan & Hollingsworth at Wilmington. In the Newport News Shipbuilding Company Frederick P. Palen '94 is vice-president, T. S. Bailey '96 is chief engineer, and Sydney L. Wood '92 is assistant to the president. Charles C. West '00 is president of the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company in Wisconsin. James L. Bates '03 is chief designer of the United States Navy Department at Washington. Arthur B. Raymond '99 is in complete charge of the production of over 350 vessels of the mosquito fleet now building in different parts of the United States.

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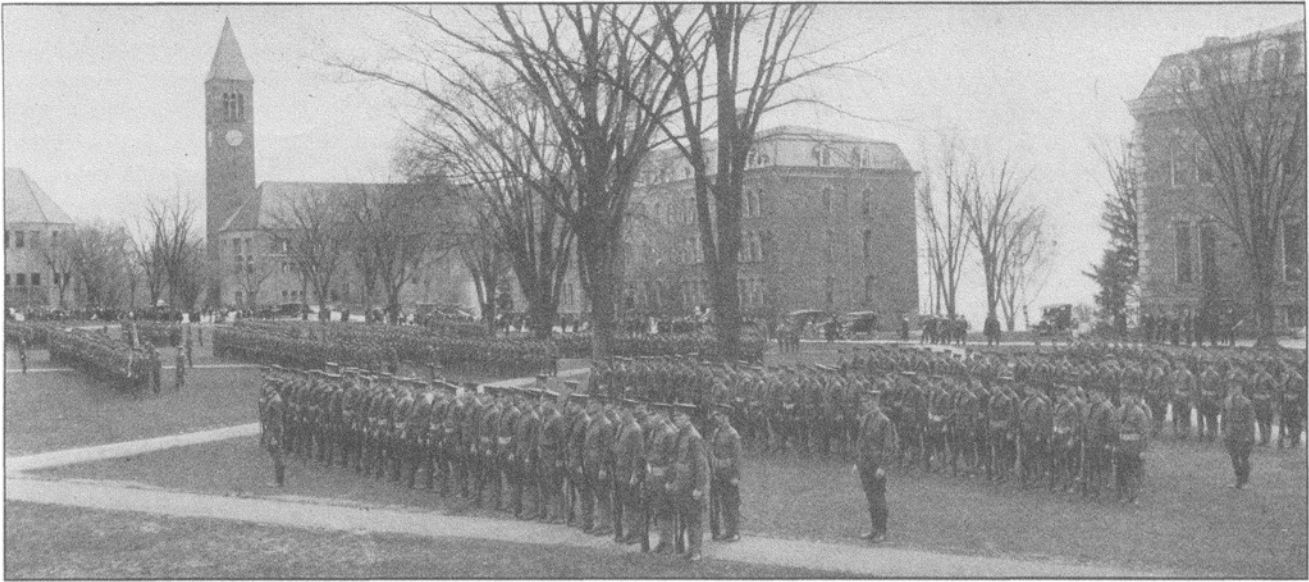
Professor McDermott a District Superintendent Under General Goethals

Cornell University is lending a member of its faculty to the federal government for expert service in connection with the building of an emergency fleet of merchant vessels. Professor George R. McDermott, the professor of structural design in Sibley College, has been appointed a member of the staff of General George W. Goethals, whom President Wilson selected to take charge of the construction of this fleet. Several thousand vessels are to be built.

Professor McDermott has received leave of absence from the University. He will leave Ithaca at the end of this week and will go to Washington, where he will make his headquarters for an indefinite period.

For the purpose of this shipbuilding campaign the coast of the United States has been divided into districts. Professor McDermott has been appointed district superintendent, under General Goethals, of the district which includes the Delaware River and Bay and Chesapeake Bay south to and including Norfolk. In this district there is a large number of shipyards which will have a share in the construction of the emergency fleet. Among them the most important are the New York Shipbuilding Company, the Cramps, Harlan & Hollingsworth, the Maryland Steel Shipbuilding Company, which is connected with the Bethlehem Steel Company, and the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company.

Professor McDermott has had more than thirty years of experience as a naval architect in the British Isles and America. He is a native of Glasgow. After graduating from the Technical Institute of that city he worked for a dozen years as a naval architect and shipyard manager on the Clyde and at the Southampton Naval Works in England. He has been at Cornell since 1892 as professor of naval architecture and marine engineering. He served for two years, 1910-1911, as engineer-in-chief in the organization and construction of the naval repair station of the Brazilian Government (Lloyd Brasileiro) near Rio de Janeiro. He is a member of the Institute of Naval Architects of London, the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Scotland, and the New York Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.



ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY, MAY 4, 1917

Parade of three of the four battalions of the corps, just before the review and inspection. The fourth battalion had gone into camp in preparation for a tactical problem which it fought out with the rest of the corps on the following day.

Photograph by J. P. Troy

Corps Does Well in Annual Inspection and Maneuvers

ANNUAL inspection at Cornell took place last week Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, in the circumstances which gave the event a new character. For one thing, it was not merely a corps of cadets which was reviewed; it was the Cornell University unit of the United States Reserve Officers' Training Corps. And more than that, the consciousness of participants and spectators that the country is actually at war with the strongest military autocracy in the world and is about to create a great army gave this little military event a new dignity and seriousness. The review and inspection took place on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday morning the whole corps took part in working out a tactical problem in the open. The inspecting officer was Captain Edward D. Powers of the Coast Artillery. His inspection was thorough and he said enough to intimate that he was highly pleased with both the scope and the efficiency of the work. The corps certainly showed that it had made progress in the last year. There can be little doubt that its work will retain for Cornell the honor of designation for the fourth successive time as one of the "distinguished institutions" for military training.

The maneuver of Saturday was carried out under the following general condi-

tions: The Brown force, from western New York, and the White force, from eastern New York, are at war. A line passing between Geneva and Elmira is the boundary between the hostile forces. Brown forces have invaded White territory at several points. One regiment of Brown infantry captured Ithaca on the afternoon of Friday, May 4. The White garrison has retired eastward in the direction of Dryden. The Brown force will march to engage it.

For this maneuver the second battalion was designated to act as the White force and the men wore white bands around their caps. This battalion went into camp near Varna on Friday afternoon. The first, third, and fourth battalions acted as the Brown force and marched out on Saturday morning to engage the enemy.

Assembly was sounded at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The White force assembled at Bacon Practice Hall and received full equipment. The Brown force assembled on the parade ground north of the old armory. The whole command, led by the White force, then marched up Central Avenue to the Quadrangle. The second battalion, or White force, passed before the reviewing stand and marched on out toward Dryden, where it went into camp. The other battalions were paraded on the Quadrangle and were inspected.

Captain Powers's inspection was rapid but thorough. In his round of the companies he was accompanied by Captain Thompson and Captain Harrison, the two regular army officers detailed here as professors of military science and tactics, and by Professor Hammond, who represented President Schurman. During the formal inspection he paused to ask questions of men in the ranks. Afterward he made a variety of tests. These included setting-up exercises, bayonet drill, battalion and company evolutions, deflection and elevation correction drill by signal, and skirmish drill. He made one unexpected demand which served to test the success of the instruction in preparing the men in the ranks to serve as officers. Having one company before him he had it drilled in the manual of arms for a minute and then walked along the front rank, picked out a private at random, and ordered him to put the company through a few evolutions. The private shouldered his rifle, stepped out of his place in the ranks, took command of the company without any hesitation and carried out his orders. Captain Powers inspected the machine gun platoon, the band, and the signal corps, which had its wireless field telegraph in operation by special permission of the Navy Department. Then the inspector went out to the White camp, where the second battalion had pitched

its tents, and inspected that battalion.

Camp was not a delightful place that night, for it rained all night. It was still raining hard at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, when the Brown force assembled at the armory for the maneuvers. The garrison which had evacuated Ithaca had managed to keep the whereabouts of its camp a profound secret from the enemy. And it might indeed have been in friendly territory, for all the information that the enemy could get from farmers. The truth is that the White force had encamped northeast of Turkey Hill.

Arrangements had been made whereby the signal corps attached to the Brown force was to have had the assistance of an airplane belonging to the Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation of Ithaca. Aviator Burnside was to have driven it, and Captain Kenneth C. Brown '17 was to have gone along as observer. The weather was so bad that this aid was given up, and Colonel W. L. Saunders '17 relied for information upon his field telegraph and upon motorcycle and automobile patrols. Major Henrik Antell '17 was in command of the White garrison which had evacuated Ithaca the day before. Each soldier had from thirty to sixty rounds of blank cartridge. The engagement began soon after 8 o'clock Saturday morning and lasted until about noon. It was declared a draw by the umpires, because, although the White force did not recapture Ithaca it succeeded in escaping destruction by the numerically superior enemy. The



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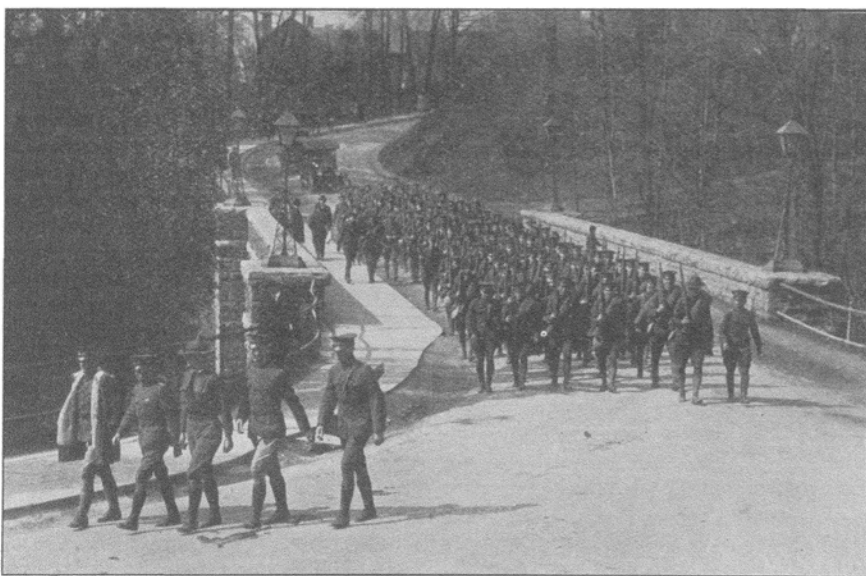
action was carried on with fine spirit on both sides. The rainsoaked battalions assembled on a knoll near Varna when it was all over, and Captain Powers told the men that theirs was by far the best unit of the R. O. T. C. of those which he had inspected in the East.

The officers of the Corps held their annual banquet on Saturday night. Captain Powers was a guest and a speaker. His speech was brief. He said: "I have found in these two days that Cornell has produced the kind of citizens George

Washington prayed for. As an American citizen and as an American soldier, I take off my hat to you, soldiers of Cornell." There were more than sixty men at the dinner, including officers of the Corps, military instructors, and guests. Major H. A. Holt '17 was the toastmaster. President Schurman said that military instruction was one of the experiments which at Cornell had vindicated themselves. Addressing the officers of the Corps, he said: "You are volunteers for the highest service—to make the life of the Republic hereafter safe. We are not in this war on our own initiative. We have been forced to defend or to abandon the priceless ideals for which this Republic stands." Other speakers were Professor Sampson, Professor Hammond, Captain Thompson, and Captain Geoffrey M. James (B. Chem., '15) of the British Army.

SEVEN men of the class of 1917 have been recommended by President Schurman, on the request of the War Department, for commission as second lieutenants in the army. There are still three vacancies for which seniors have been invited to apply.

COMPETITION for honors and medals in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps has been discontinued for this year because so many members of the corps have left the University. The President's medal for the best drilled cadet will not be awarded.



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FIFTY of our undergraduates have volunteered for the American Ambulance Field Service in France. Two hundred or more Cornell students left the University and responded to a call for volunteers in the Navy Reserve Force for coast defense. A large number have been accepted for the reserve officers' training camps of the army. Students of other universities and colleges have shown a similar eagerness for some kind of military service. People who know the American undergraduate only as a figure in fiction or in the tailors' or cigarette makers' advertisements have been unable to understand this eagerness, and we have read a good deal of stuff about "the hysteria in the colleges." So it is a pleasure to publish a letter which the News has received from Professor Martin Sampson, the chairman of the local

committee which organized the Cornell section of the Ambulance Field Service. Professor Sampson writes:

"I think that it is fitting to say a word or two about our fifty men who have gone to France in the Ambulance Field Service. As day after day they came up to talk to me about their entering the Service, I had abundant occasion to appreciate their unselfish manliness. Not a man raised the question of the hard work or of recompense or of university credit. Not a man spoke of the submarine danger or wanted to know more than the answer to the one question, 'How can I fit myself to go?' As one man said, 'I'm not asking for anything, I want to give something.' Himself, namely. He was a type of the fine, strong, wholesome fellows who over in France will make the name Cornell significant of gallant devotion and skill and initiative. I want the Cornell alumni to know that the great Cornell tradition still holds in these undergraduates of today."

Vale atque Ave

From the Cornell Daily Sun

They are going.

And there is something very fine about the quiet way in which these boys have taken to their unpleasant task. There has not been any enthusiasm. That was right. A war like this does not ask for words but for silent deeds. Our boys seem to understand it. At odd moments they drop into the office. There is very little talk.

"Going away?"

"Yes, Sir."

"Army or Navy?"

"I don't know yet. I called up my people on the long distance phone last night. They said it was all right. So I am going to New York tonight and then home to say good-bye."

"Want to go?"

"Not particularly. But I suppose it is the only thing to do."

And that is all.

They are going, and many of them never will come back. The pleasant life of mediocre endeavor has come to an end. To be sure we had never looked at them in the light of heroes. They were nice, lovable fellows. Their outlook upon life was simplicity itself. Graduation and a job. Then, after a few years another job, a little higher up. Finally a home of their own and some nice girl to be their wife and a few babies and a car and two weeks' vacation to go hunting and fishing. Here and there a man

with a hobby or the ambition to do, or write, or build, or achieve some particular purpose.

To most of them, however, life meant a cheerful gift to be enjoyed as the faithful days came along. There was no searching for hidden motives or for an ulterior purpose. The amiable Divinity of Things-as-they-are ruled their realm. They accepted whatever came with a smile, and they did not ask questions.

And now, without a word of warning, they have been asked to face the Invisible Mystery. There was no complaint. They packed their trunks and God bless them.

They are going.

Thus far they have been my students. But now, in an humble fashion I am grateful that I have been their teacher.

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HE BABBLES OF GREEN FIELDS

Of all the tommyrot developed during the reign of hysteria in the colleges Cornell's decision to tear up the baseball diamond and plant potatoes on it takes first prize. Even were Cornell located at Broad and Wall Streets, New York, we would question that decision, but with all the acres upon acres of untilled soil in the vicinity of Ithaca this potato digging stunt smacks of the mock heroic and has a deep Falstaffian tinge.—*Daniel in the New York Sun.*

Maybe so—if anybody had any idea of tearing up any baseball diamond to plant potatoes on it. Nobody in Ithaca has any such idea. Here are the facts: There are 7.73 acres of Alumni Field which some day—when the war is over and the income tax has been subdued—will be converted into a baseball diamond. Those acres have been a vacant lot, approximately level and with a sparse covering of grass and weeds. In the natural course of events the ground would have been plowed, harrowed, fertilized, planted, and tilled in order to fit the soil to grow and maintain a turf. So this spring the Cornell University Athletic Association, having jurisdiction over these idle acres and not wishing to be outdone by the Boy Scouts, decided to do the plowing and planting and tilling this year. The plowing has just been done. Graduate Manager Kent, when seen, admitted that he might raise potatoes there but said that any assertion to that effect at the present time would be premature.

THE Widow has elected R. C. Edmunds of Denver acting business manager in place of R. P. Matthiessen of Chicago, who has joined the Navy Reserve Force.

Trained Civilians Needed

Demand from Federal Departments for Various Kinds and Grades of Ability

The United States Civil Service Commission finds it hard to keep up with the demands made upon it for civilian employees of the Federal government. Many thousand of such employees are now or soon will be needed. The Cornell committee on the registration of expert services has obtained from Washington a list of the positions now to be filled and has filed the notices regarding them at the office of the Registrar for consultation by any one interested in the matter. They are arranged in numerical order. Nearly all of them carry the following notice in bold hand type: "Until further notice, owing to the lack of eligibles, the number of appointments to be made and the urgent needs of the service, applications will be received at any time and the papers will be rated immediately upon their receipt in order that appointments may be made with the least possible delay."

The positions are for many kinds and grades of work and carry salaries ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 a year. The following are samples:

Clerks, typewriters and stenographers.

Both women and men are needed at initial salaries of \$840 to \$1,200. (Nos. 807 and 808.)

Chemists. Laboratory aid. Must have had at least three years of chemistry in the college or university. Duties—ordinary laboratory analysis, especially in making smokeless powder and explosives. Initial salary \$3.28 to \$5.04 per diem. (No. 928.)

Assistant chemists. Urgently needed. Must have graduated from a college with three or four years of chemistry. Duties—the testing and analysis of explosives, etc. Salary \$1,350 to \$1,500 with 30 per cent increase so long as the present 10 hour day lasts. (No. 931.)

Draftsmen. These are greatly needed in many lines, e. g., structural steel, marine engines, ships, electrical, topographic, architectural. For all but the most responsible positions college students who have had the requisite training are eligible. The initial salaries range from \$480 to \$2,000. (Nos. 242, 297, 598, 599, 800, 810, 890, 1694, 1697.)

Inspectors and Subinspectors. These also are greatly needed for aircraft material, for construction of wooden hulls, for ordnance, for fuses. Salaries \$900 to \$3,000. (Nos. 681, 703, 790, 806, 811.)

Superintendents and Assistant Super-

intendents. These are likewise in great demand, especially for arsenals and navy-yards. For these higher positions special experience is, of course, a prerequisite. (Nos. 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 924.)

If this word appeals to any Cornell alumnus away from Ithaca, he can doubtless learn details by addressing the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, describing his education and experience and asking for information about examinations in his line.

Government officials and the University authorities are a unit in advising that whoever has civilian training of a sort that the country now needs in preparing for war should use his best endeavor to find a place where that training can count, rather than enroll for military or naval service, with which he is less familiar.

Chinese Wins Woodford Prize

Ying Ching Yang, of Peking, Delivers the Most Meritorious Oration

Ying Ching Yang, of Peking, China, a member of the senior class in the College of Arts and Sciences, won the Woodford Prize in oratory at the annual contest on May 4. His oration was entitled "The Civilization of China." He demonstrated that China had been a pioneer in science and in the practical arts and at the same time had led the West in what he called spiritual civilization. Mr. Yang was a contestant for the '86 Memorial prize in his sophomore year.

The judges were Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton; Eugene L. McCollum '05, of Lockport, and W. W. Taylor '07, of New York.

The other contestants were George Joseph Hecht, New York; Miss Gladys Marion Hess, Lyons Falls; Harper Allen Holt, Ithaca; Charles Frederick Probes, Elmira, and David Louis Ullman, Buffalo.

The Woodford Prize is generally regarded as the highest distinction that can be won by a Cornell undergraduate. It was founded by the late Stewart L. Woodford in 1870 and consists of a gold medal of the value of one hundred dollars.

WILLIAM MACOMBER, of the Buffalo bar, is giving the annual course of lectures on patent law at the law school this week.

THE University preacher of May 13 is the Rev. Dr. Francis G. Peabody of Harvard University.

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classes and types of men, and the way they react under different emotions; to learn that clean-cut, unemotional speech is the vehicle for transacting the world's business; that anger is almost always a sign of weakness; that happiness and laughter are essential to health; that mind, spirit and body are so closely interconnected that an undue strain on one affects the others; that worry, anxiety and over-responsibility upset the digestion, impair the eyesight, and decrease the chances for success. How much time would be saved in a man's business career, how much would the nation's industrial output be increased, by instruction at the right time in a few simple, elementary facts!

The extent to which personality, or human relationships, or applied psychology (whatever you call it) may be taught in the classroom is an open question, but after going over the ground I am confident that a great deal can be done toward formulating definite principles which will be immensely valuable, and which not only would tend to harmonize in the undergraduate's mind his other and more abstract courses, but would make all his work far more interesting and vivid.

It might even prove the means of developing that "advanced scholarship" which is now being advocated.

Certainly, a question so vital should not be allowed to go uninvestigated, and many of us, who have discussed this matter vigorously, would be glad to see Cornell University try out, next year, such an elective course, in a sufficient number of sections to be generally available.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 6, 1917.

PROFESSOR HULL IN WASHINGTON

Charles H. Hull '86, professor of American history, has received leave of absence from the University for the remainder of the college year and has gone to Washington. He is one of a small group of members of the American Historical Association who are in Washington to discover by experiment whether there is anything that they can do, directly or indirectly, to be of use in shaping public opinion, or otherwise, for the present war and for whatever may come after it. Their committee is self-constituted and is, at any rate for the present, purely unofficial. Professor Hull's address for the present is 1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

NOTICE TO '97

The Local Class Committee Proposes to Postpone the Reunion

Plans for the Twenty Year Reunion were taking definite shape when the national crisis arose and so many letters were received by the local committee questioning the wisdom of holding a reunion this year that it was thought best to get more opinions before going ahead.

The following letter was addressed to eighty-two members of the class: "With the serious situation in the country, the cancelation or postponement of many meetings and with the general unrest, your local committee having in charge the reunion of '97, on June 22 and 23, is at sea regarding the next move. We need your immediate aid. Please answer the questions below and return at once." These questions were:

"Should the local committee go ahead with its plans?"

"Do you favor postponement until next year at the time of the fiftieth anniversary of Cornell, October 6-9, 1918?"

"If you are in favor of going ahead this year, what kind of reunion do you suggest?"

"Would you be present?"

To the end of last week forty-five replies had been received. Of these there were: In favor of reunion this year, 7; opposed to reunion this year, 36; indifferent, 2.

A number of the most active men are signed up for the Officers' Reserve Corps training camp or are already enlisted.

Owing to the great uncertainty as to what the conditions will be here in June, the local committee has tentatively decided that it will be unwise at the least to attempt a regular reunion in June. The committee is loath to take this action, realizing that it is our Twenty Year and that some at least are anticipating greatly their return to Cornell. The Secretary will gladly receive further opinions and if within another ten days there develops a decided opposition to our conclusions the committee will gladly make the necessary preparations.

In any case the local men will be here in June, and whoever finds it possible to get back is assured a warm welcome and we can arrange for whatever kind of celebration and reunion is desired. Every '97 member is requested to file an opinion with the Secretary.

LOUIS A. FUERTES,

JERVIS LANGDON,

GEORGE N. LAUMAN,

Ithaca, May 7, 1917. Secretary.

ALUMNI NOTES

'78, B.M.E.—Ben Johnson, for the last seven years superintendent of machinery of the United Railways of Havana and Havana Central Railroad, has resigned. His resignation took effect May 1st. He has retired from active professional work, in which he has been engaged since 1878. He will reside on his ranch in Monterey County, California, and devote himself to study and recreation. His address will be R. F. D. No. 2, Watsonville, Cal.

'98, LL.B.—Miss Gail Laughlin, who is practicing law in San Francisco, is in charge of tabulating the resources of the California branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. A questionnaire is to be sent to every member for information as to her training, occupation, and ability to do emergency work, and the tabulated information will be placed at the disposal of the federal or the state government.

'00, B.S.—Eugene T. Lies, general superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago, has been appointed director of Red Cross relief work among families of soldiers and sailors called to the front. His headquarters will be in Washington. At a special meeting of the United Charities held recently a leave of absence was granted to Mr. Lies so that he might take up his duties soon. At least five hundred Red Cross chapters throughout the United States will be involved in the relief operations of the bureau which Mr. Lies will direct. He has been superintendent of the United Charities in Chicago since 1912. Before that he was secretary of the Minneapolis Associated Charities and prior to that general district secretary of the Chicago Associated Charities. His experience with Red Cross relief work included helping the sufferers from Minnesota forest fires, the Omaha tornado, and last summer's work among soldiers' families in Chicago.

'02, M.D.—Dr. Walter L. Niles has been connected with Cornell University since his graduation, first as house physician in the Cornell division of Bellevue Hospital; later as instructor and recently as assistant professor of clinical medicine at the Cornell University Medical College. He is now assistant attending physician to Bellevue Hospital.

'05, M.E.—Mr. and Mrs. John Allendorf Lasher of Belle Harbor, L. I., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Georgette Lasher, to F. Winsor Eveland '05, of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

'07, M.D.—Dr. Eva C. Reid read a paper on "Out-patient departments of state hospitals" at a state conference of social agencies which was held in Oakland, Cal., late in April.

'10—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar S. Tyson announce the birth of a son, Irwin Wood Tyson, on April 18 at Yonkers, N. Y.

'10, M.E.—A. D. Matthai is with the National Enameling & Stamping Company, 1901-1919 Light Street, Baltimore, Md.

'10, M.E.—Henry Lawrence Howe, jr., who has been with the engineering department of the City of Rochester, N. Y., is at present attached to the United States battleship Wisconsin with [deleted by censor]. His address is U. S. S. Wisconsin, in care of Postmaster, New York City.

'11, C.E.—Ralph L. White is a lumber dealer (G. W. White & Son) in Watertown, N. Y. He was married to Miss Maude A. Titus (Mount Holyoke College, 1911) on July 3, 1916. His firm is getting out the material for the construction of thirty-five buildings for the U. S. Government at Sacketts Harbor, N. Y. These buildings will house men attending the training camp at Madison Barracks.

'11, B.S.A.—R. E. Deuel has changed his address from Newport, Vermont, to 18 Linden Street, Exeter, N. H. He has been appointed county agent of the Rockingham County Farmers' Association.

'12, B.S.—C. E. Newlander is assistant professor of dairy manufactures at Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing.

'12, B.S.A.—N. J. Whitney is a farm manager at South Natick, Mass.

'12, M.E.—Conant Wait is enrolled as an ensign in the U. S. Navy Reserve Force and is at present on active duty at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill.

'12, B.S.A.—Floyd A. Tenny is professor of agriculture in the government agricultural school at Porto Alegre, Brazil.

'12, M.E.—E. Willis Whited has been transferred from the engineering department of the H. Koppers Company, builders of by-product coke ovens, to the operating department, and has been stationed at Newark, N. J., at the plant of the Seaboard By-Product Coke Company, now building. His address is changed to 38 East Park Street, Newark, N. J.

'13, M.E.—P. S. Goan, of Billings,

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'13, B.Chem.—E. B. Cooper is an instructor in chemistry at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy.

'13, M.E.—Arthur G. Pounsford has moved from Toronto to Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada, where he is general manager of the Port Arthur Pulp & Paper Company, Ltd.

'13, B.S.—Alfred C. Hottes, professor of floriculture at the Ohio State University, is doing extension work in high schools to promote gardening.

'13, C.E.—Henry Ten Hagen, who has been with the New York State highway commission, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Officers' Reserve Corps of the army and is on duty at Madison Barracks, Sacketts Harbor, N. Y.

'14, C.E.—Arthur M. Field was married to Miss Gertrude Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Barton, of Winchester, Virginia, on April 18. Field is the city manager of Winchester.

'14, LL.B.—Mr. and Mrs. Julius M. Harris of Olean, N. Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mindel Rosilyn Harris, to A. S. Bordon '14, of Hartford, Conn.

'14, A.B.—Harold Riegelman, formerly associated with Olcott, Gruber, Bonyne & McManus, announces that he will continue the general practice of law with offices at 111 Broadway, Suite 815, New York. Telephone Rector 4800.

'14, M.E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Hazel Elizabeth Billett of Rockford, Ill., and

Wendell E. Phillips '14, of El Paso, Texas.

'15, LL.B.—Walter M. Horwitz has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Horwitz & Rosenstein, counselors at law, 115 Broadway, New York.

'15, C.E.—I. Russell Riker is assistant sanitary engineer in the bureau of engineering of the New Jersey state department of health. He is helping drill the home guard at Caldwell, N. J., and has applied for a commission in the engineer officers' reserve corps of the army. He has an apartment with other Cornellians at 141 East State Street, Trenton, and invites any Cornell man in Trenton to drop in and see them.

'15, A.B.—Arthur R. Blessing, who will graduate from the New York State Library School in June, 1917, has been appointed chief of the reference department of the public library of Washington, D. C. He will assume his duties on July 1st.

'15, B.S.—Herbert H. Hilmer has bought a farm at Millington, N. J., and is working it.

'15, M.E.—Robert Bartholomew of 1339 University Avenue, New York, has enlisted in the aviation section, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. A., and will train for six months at the government aviation school at Mineola, Long Island.

'15, LL.B.—Beverly H. Coiner, second lieutenant of the 12th U. S. Cavalry, has been transferred from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Hachita, New Mexico.

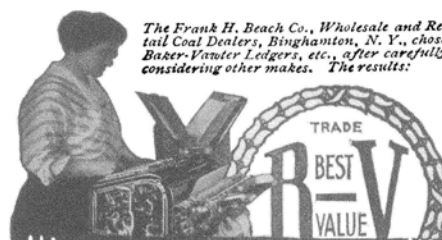
'15, A.B.—After a service of eleven months with the Commission for Relief in Belgium, Edgar Williams reached New York by the steamship Adriatic on April 25, and is now visiting his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Williams, in Washington, D. C. Mr. Williams returned from Belgium by way of Holland and England.

'15, B.S.—Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Johnson (Miss Ruth L. Spaulding), are permanently located in their new home at 3175 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Johnson's business is real estate and building.

'15, Sp.Arch.—Ellasson R. Smith is with Schenck & Williams, architects, Dayton, Ohio.

'15, A.B.—Earl M. Clay is with the Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.

'15, C.E.—Edward J. Thomas is with the engineering department of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company. His



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'15—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Estelle Odell, only daughter of former Governor and Mrs. Benjamin B. Odell, and J. Townsend Cassedy '15, son of William F. Cassedy '84, of Newburgh, N. Y.

'15, '16, A.B.—Mr. and Mrs. George S. Tarbell of Ithaca have announced the marriage of their daughter Dorothy to Ernest Ellsworth Jenks, younger son of Professor and Mrs. Jeremiah W. Jenks, of New York, at Lakewood, N. J., on March 4. The couple will make their home at 137 East Twenty-sixth Street, New York. Ernest ("Skeet") Jenks is

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staff secretary of the Alexander Hamilton Institute of New York.

'16, C.E.—Harold L. Hock's address is changed from North Collins, N. Y., to Madison Barracks, Sacketts Harbor, N. Y. He has been appointed a first lieutenant of engineers, Officers' Reserve Corps.

'16, LL.B.—Harry Salzman of Newark, N. J., expects to attend the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Virginia.

'16, B.S.—R. A. Gerhart is manager of Ailsa Farm, Paterson, N. J.

'16, B.S.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Helen M. Wherry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Wherry of Philadelphia, Pa., to L. S. Phillips '16, of Mayville, N. Y.

'16, A.B.—Lee C. Shearer is with the

National City Bank of New York at Buenos Aires.

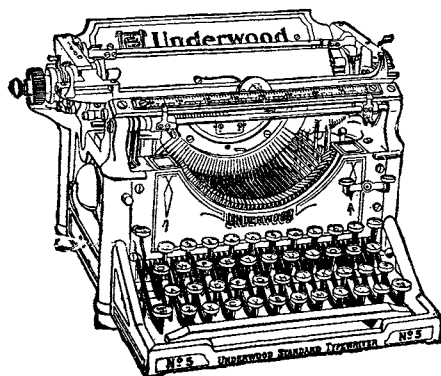
'16, C.E.—M. Neumaier's address is changed from New York to 171 Anderson Place, Buffalo, N. Y. He is with the Eastern Concrete Steel Company.

'16, A.B.—Miss Constance E. Wait, daughter of John C. Wait '82, was married to Ensign Clarence O. Ward, U. S. N., on April 30, at the Church of the Intercession, New York. The bride was attended by her sister Marie and Miss Elizabeth Bowman. William L. Bowman '04, brother-in-law of the bride, was the bridegroom's best man. At the United States Naval Academy Ensign Ward was the president of his class and captain of the football team.

'17, Agr.—Paul A. Winchell is employed by the Mount Vernon Recreation Commission and the board of educa-

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'10—Lawrence R. Bandler, 141 West Eighty-seventh St., New York.

'12—Harry B. Joyce, 81 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Robert L'H. Tate, 134 Herkimer St., Buffalo, N. Y.

'13—R. J. Jones, 315 Orchard St., Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'14—D. M. Dewey, Wauwatosa, Wis.—James Moffatt, Aluminum Castings Company, Cleveland, Ohio.—L. Oppenheimer, 548 Neville Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.—W. H. Zabriskie, Glen Cove, N. Y.

'15—Julian J. Hast, 1512 Beechwood Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Arthur L. Obre, 531 West 113th St., New York.—J. P. Watson, Box 799, Sidney, N. Y.

'16—Charles L. Funnell, 2 Washington Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.—Earl Hodder, Johnstown, N. Y.—Morgan B. Klock, 16 Flower Building Annex, Watertown, N. Y.—J. B. Macedo, Avenida Rio Branco 60, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.—Maurice H. Wiesner, 64 Wellington Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.



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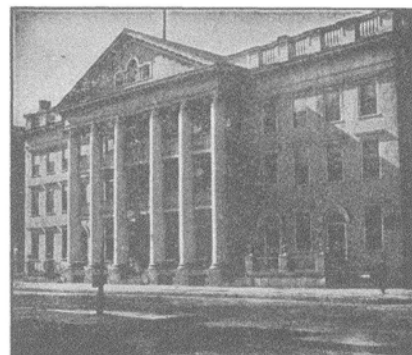
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