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The 1905 Commencement.

Reunions Successful Despite Rain and Flood—Baseball Game and Other Outdoor Features Abandoned.

The elements entered into a conspiracy to spoil the Commencement and reunion season at Cornell this year, and it was not their fault that the week was not a complete fizzle. They did their worst, and Cornell alumni remember enough about Ithaca weather to realize the awful significance of this statement. But despite rain and flood the class of 1905 was graduated in pretty much the usual way, and some six or seven hundred alumni of earlier classes reported at the old stamping ground filled with an enthusiasm that defied the elements and everything else.

Monday and Tuesday were fairly pleasant days, though the Weather Man showed his malice by turning on a hard shower at brief intervals during the forty-eight hours. On Wednesday came the climax. One awoke in the morning to find a steady drizzle of rain falling from a sky that was gray and unrelenting. And the rain kept drizzling down all the morning except now and then, when it furnished a little variety by descending in torrents.

It was soon evident that all the outdoor features of the Alumni day program must be abandoned. The baseball game was postponed until the next day, and afterwards given up altogether. With it went the parade from the Armory to Percy Field, the various "stunts" that were scheduled to occur at the reunion tents on the Library slope, and many other events which had been counted upon as features of the day. The omission of the baseball game was a keen disappointment to everyone, not only to the score of grads who had been practicing faithfully for two days in order to give the youngsters the fight of their lives, but also to hundreds of alumni who were keen to hold down a

hard bench in the old bleacher and root once more for a Cornell team. It is only fair to the Alumni nine to state that after the first fifteen minutes of practice at the field on Monday the result of the game was a foregone conclusion, and the Varsity could hardly be restrained from forfeiting it without even an effort.

At noon the alumni waded to the Armory for the luncheon, and there, as elsewhere, things went swimmingly in the most literal sense. The attendance was just about the same as last year, which means a good deal considering that by this time the Weather Man had turned on a few extra faucets. The best thing about the luncheon of 1905 was its brevity, compared with some previous years, but there was still room for improvement in this regard. The pouring rain and the lack of counter attractions outdoors removed some of the handicaps under which toastmaster and speakers generally labor at a midday function of this sort.

While the luncheon was still in progress a rumor began to circulate that there had been a cloudburst in the hills above Ithaca and that the town was threatened with a flood. It was not until the function was over, however, and people wended their way downtown that they began to realize the extent of the disaster. Six Mile creek, swollen to a raging torrent by the cloudburst in the hills, had burst all bounds, carrying dams and bridges before it and submerging the whole southwest part of the city. It was one of the worst floods that Ithaca had seen in all its history, and business was at a standstill. The street railway sub-station being in the grip of the flood, the trolley service was suspended for several hours during the afternoon and early evening, and the electric lights were out from the same cause. Worst of all, the city was without water. The pumping station at the Inlet, which taps the artesian wells, was four feet under water, and

several large mains were broken in various parts of the town. It was several days before the water supply was restored to its normal state, and during the first twenty-four hours the residents of East hill suffered considerable hardship. The fraternity houses, filled with guests, were in sore straits indeed, but in most cases the fair visitors rose nobly to the occasion and made the best of an awkward situation. Many were the expedients devised to obtain a little of the precious fluid and to hoard the supply when once obtained.

The Musical clubs held a very successful concert Wednesday evening, in spite of the rain, and as the trolleys were running fitfully by that time the audience was able to get to and from the Lyceum. By Thursday morning things were improved considerably, though the railroads were unable to run their trains on anything like schedule time.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that it was still raining on Thursday morning, and that it was a day or two before the weather finally decided to clear. Consequently the annual Commencement parade from the Library to the Armory, in which trustees, faculty and graduates-to-be form so imposing a spectacle, was abandoned altogether. The Seniors turned up at the Armory looking bedraggled, but hopeful, and the faculty congregated in the annex, where some donned academic gowns which they had brought in suit cases or tucked snugly under their arms. The rain did not prevent the Armory being packed as usual, nor did it detract from the interest or solemnity of the annual ceremony which creates some hundreds of new alumni of Cornell University.

This was the conclusion of the official program of the week, and the visitors began to say their farewells and to seek the railway stations in hope of finding a train to convey them home. The social program, however, which had opened with the Masque on Monday evening

and had continued with the Senior ball on Tuesday and the usual receptions and dances at the fraternity houses, did not end with Commencement. On Thursday evening were held the last of the dances, many of the merry-makers ending up at the Theta Delta Chi lodge, where breakfast was served to all the guests at 6.30 a. m. In the afternoon the annual boat ride of Kappa Alpha concluded the social festivities.

Meanwhile the alumni had been putting forth a mighty effort to hold reunions in spite of rain and flood and had succeeded very well indeed. The tents erected on the Library slope by '95, '00 and '02 were busy places on Monday and Tuesday, but the storm soon robbed them of their attraction, and on the two succeeding days the patter of the rain and the disconsolate flapping of the canvas were the only sounds that greeted the passerby. But the grads. were in town just the same, in larger numbers and livelier spirits than ever before, and if they could not parade or play baseball they could still renew old acquaintance around the banquet table. The reunions were successful in the things that really count, and the grads. carried home with them pleasant memories of the Commencement of 1905, in which leaden skies and flooded streets were relegated to the background of the picture, making brighter by contrast the stately halls of the Cornell Campus and the faces of the old classmates gathered in reunion.

Commencement Exercises.

President Schurman Delivers Inspiring Address, Dealing with Vital Questions of the Hour.

The thirty-seventh annual Commencement was held in the University Armory on June 22 under weather conditions of the most un auspicious sort. Owing to the heavy rain which was falling at the time set for the movement of the academic procession, this feature of the exercises was dispensed with.

The Armory was filled to its limit with the graduates, faculty, trustees and friends of those about to receive their degrees, and the beauty of the affair was enhanced to a considerable extent by the Senior ball decorations, which were still in place. Musicians discoursed pleasing music previous to the opening of the exercises, and these selections

were interspersed with numerous songs and glees of a college kind.

At a quarter of eleven the faculty and members of the Board of Trustees took their places on the platform, with Dr. Schurman in the centre and Dr. Andrew D. White at his right. Many of the faculty members were attired in their academic robes, while others refrained from wearing them on account of the inclement weather. The Rev. E. A. George of the Congregational church opened the Commencement exercises with an invocation. After this the degrees were conferred. Owing to the great number of candidates, the names of the recipients of degrees were not read. The candidates were required to pass across the platform and receive their diplomas in turn from the president.

Below is given the number of first degrees conferred during the past three years in form for comparison:

	1903.	1904.	1905.
A. B.....	181	212	181
L.L. B.....	45	49	52
B. Agr.....	3	14	19
D. V. M.....	12	16	26
F. E.....	2	5	0
B. Arch.....	6	4	14
C. E.....	38	37	57
M. E.....	158	140	187
M. D.....	60	55	74
Total	510	532	610

Of the advanced students, 23 received their A. M. degrees this year, 10 Master of the Science of Agriculture, while one was granted the degree of Master of Architecture. Three Master of Civil Engineering degrees were granted and 30 Master of Mechanical Engineering degrees. In all there were 67 advanced degrees conferred.

At the conclusion of the conferring of degrees, President Schurman delivered his address to the graduating class, which was as follows:

President Schurman's Address.

As the academic year comes to a close we naturally turn back to contemplate it. For us all I trust it has been a year of quiet inward growth; it has certainly been a year of big numbers and of material expansion. On this Campus, which Mr. Goldwin Smith recently described as the most beautiful university grounds in the world, there are now rising three structures worthy of their glorious site—the Goldwin Smith Hall of Liberal Arts, the Rockefeller Hall of

Physics and the New York State Halls of Agriculture, on which together we are expending over \$800,000. These buildings are already sufficiently far advanced to enable us to perceive their great size and their admirable adaptation to the objects for which they are to be used, while their simplicity, dignity and beauty rank them among the best works of their distinguished architects, Messrs. Carrere and Hastings and Mr. G. L. Heins.

For our needs these halls cannot be completed too soon. With a student population which has increased over 1,000 during the last five years, we find difficulty in providing for them the necessary lecture halls, class rooms and laboratories. During the past twelve months the enrollment of students here has been only ten short of 4,000. Or, if we exclude the summer session and the winter school in agriculture, and take account only of the regularly matriculated students entering in the academic year from September to June, we find this year an enrollment of 3,317, which is 226 more than the corresponding figures for last year.

WOMEN STUDENTS DECREASING.

It is a curious circumstance, reflecting perhaps a growing social conservatism in this country, that while the total attendance of students is constantly and largely increasing, the number of women entering Cornell is steadily declining, having fallen from 400 in 1901-02, when 2,845 students were enrolled in the University, to 348 in 1904-05, when the total attendance is more than 1,000 greater.

Ezra Cornell happily and truly defined a university as a place where any person may find instruction in any study. But the oldest definition—a definition which goes back hundreds of years—took account not of the subjects of study, but of the domicile of the students. A university was conceived as a *studium generale*—that is, a place to which students resorted, not merely from its own neighborhood, but from other localities as well. Now Cornell University strikingly illustrates both these conceptions of a true university. Its curriculum is, in aim at least, as broad as human knowledge; and for the domicile of its students you must go to all the continents of the globe; to practically all the states and territories of our Union; to Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba; to Mexico and Central America; to the Argentine Republic, Brazil, Peru and Ecuador; to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa; to India, China and Japan, and to England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Austria, Roumania, Bulgaria and Turkey.

What has the University done for this multitude of students, American and foreign? The answer will be found in the lives you live. Others will read it, even though you should be unconscious of it. I, at least can tell you what we have en-

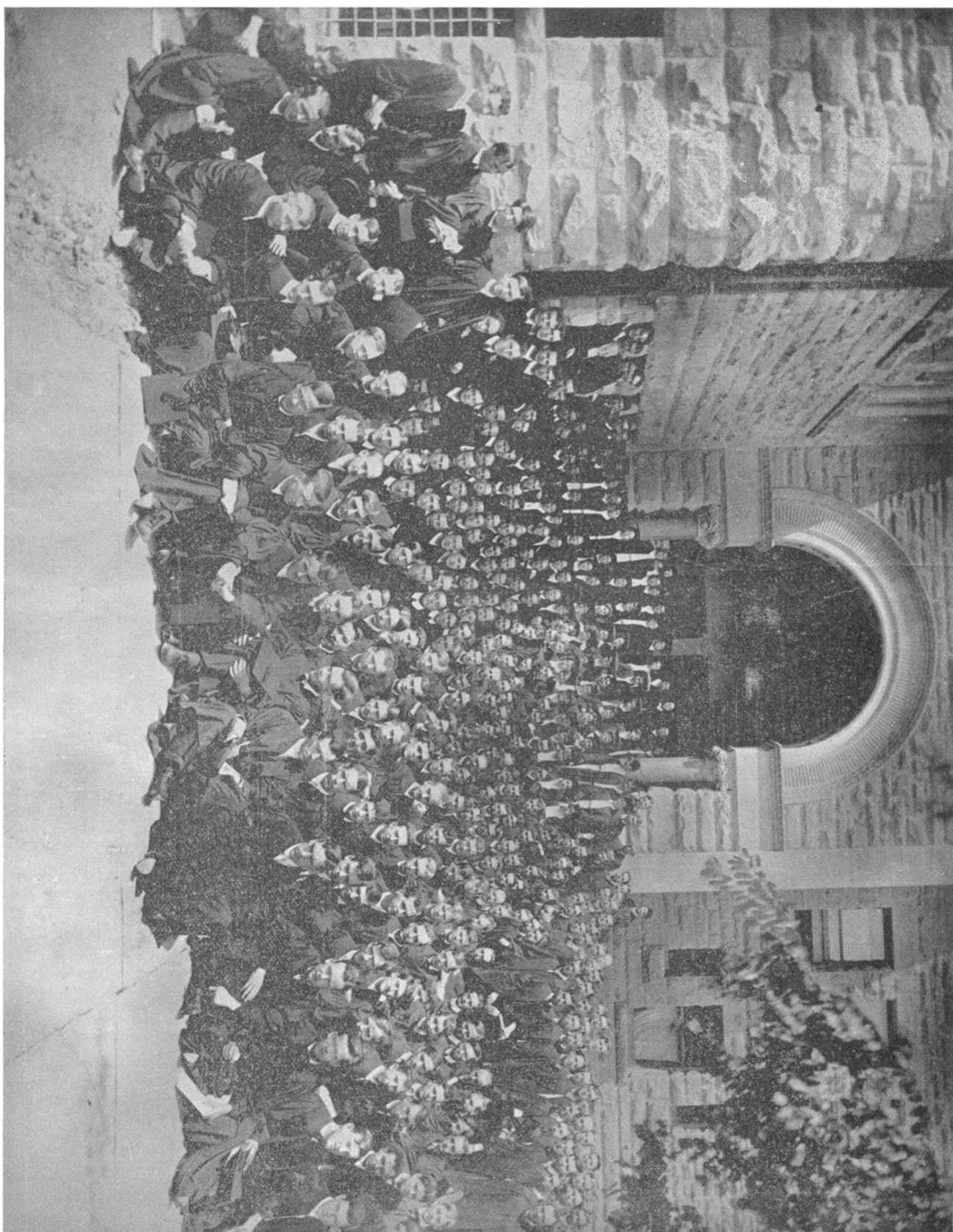


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CORNELL CLASS OF 1965.

deavored to do. Was it not for each of you this: to enable you to make a man of yourself and fit yourself for a man's work in the world. To be a man, and play the man, and put a man's heart and brain into the service of man—is not that the goal to which we all aspire?

THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION.

Colleges and universities exist for the culture of manhood. It is easier to prepare students for their professions and callings than to train them to be men. For man is a wonderfully complex creature. His feet are on the earth, but his brow fronts the heavens. The ideal education would develop to the fullest extent possible the capacities of every individual, whether those capacities be physical or mental or moral or religious. Some division of educational functions is absolutely necessary. The church and the home have an educational function which supplements and completes the work of the school and college. The latter can indeed, by methods partly direct, but mainly indirect, help to form moral character and inculcate the virtues as moral habits. And denominational critics of the American public schools would do well to recognize impartially the great and indeed invaluable service which the schools render in the moral training of the rising generation. Yet it remains true that the primary and explicit object of schools, colleges and universities is the intellectual education of youth. Of course man's intellect is not divorced from his heart or conscience. And many a student will remember the moral impulse he received from some modest, high-minded and noble teacher long after the lessons of the class room have faded from his memory. Nevertheless, when all is said and when all allowance is made, it still remains true that the object for the sake of which institutions of learning are founded and continue to exist is intellectual culture.

At this point the critic raises another query. He wants to know whether our colleges and universities have not dethroned Apollo and the Muses and set up the image of Hercules with his club. He reads in the newspapers of diamonds, and gridrons, and tracks and courses until he wonders what has become of books and laboratories and the studious cloister. Indeed the charge is made by men who should know better that the pursuit of knowledge at our colleges and universities has been paralyzed by devotion to athletic sports.

ATHLETICS AT CORNELL.

Well, I shall speak only of Cornell, because I know the facts at Cornell. It is true, I admit, that on that last Saturday of May, when the navy of Japan was sinking the battleships and cruisers of Russia in the straits of Tsu-shima, Cornell students were winning over their rivals in the great universities of the East four splendid victories, both on land and water. Now, abstractly considered, there is nothing reprehensible

in these victories. Indeed, I will go further and say that I fully endorse Dr. Johnson's sentiment that anything which teaches us the value of our own powers, which shows us it is possible to do what we had hitherto thought impossible, is of the utmost value. Intercollegiate athletics, in themselves regarded, are not an evil, but a good. Nor at Cornell, at any rate, can it be said that they menace the studious spirit of the institution, for if there is a harder working body of students than ours in America or anywhere else I have still to hear of it. But it is also true that at Cornell athletics are and always have been subordinated to work and study. A student who fails to pass his examinations is removed from the University, no matter whose son he is or what team he may happen to belong to.

In fact athletics are a mere incident of life and work at Cornell. We require our Freshmen in all courses and our Sophomores in nearly all to take physical training; for man has a body through which the mind operates, and if the body be not fresh and vigorous the mind cannot do its work. Now athletics and intercollegiate games are the natural outcome of this attention which Cornell pays to the physical man. I wish the newspapers would report the physical exercises which hundreds and hundreds of our students take regularly. I wish they would report the regular attendance of thousands to their daily scholastic duties. On this vast volume of intellectual work and physical recreation they are silent; but when a few men go to Cambridge to row or to Philadelphia for an intercollegiate meet the events are reported all over the country. It is the prominence which the newspapers give to athletics and their indifference to the scholarly and scientific work of the universities which leads to the public distortion of perspective. If a handful of Cornellians go away to play a game a few times a year, it should be remembered that between three and four thousand are at the University doing faithfully their daily work.

I come back to the essential function of the University. It is, I have said, in the case of each one of you, to enable you to become a man and to do a man's work in the world. And though physical and moral training must be kept constantly in mind, the peculiar contribution of the college and university to the culture of manhood is an intellectual contribution. Putting aside for the present the subject of professional training and concentrating attention upon liberal or humane culture, we have to confess that the theme is beset with difficulties inherent in itself and exposed to misunderstanding arising from the confusion of existing practice, to say nothing of neglect proceeding from the prevailing dominance of practical and utilitarian interests.

CHANGES IN A. B. DEGREE.

When your fathers were young a liberal education meant four years of study

of Greek, Latin, mathematics and natural and moral philosophy. Today in America it does not mean any specific studies, at least for the greater part of the undergraduate's course. Then it was four years; but at Harvard men may now graduate A. B. in three years, and Columbia has just announced that students may receive its M. D. degree, which by law requires a four-year course, or its LL. B. degree, which by law requires a three-year course, and also its A. B. degree in six years in the one case and five years in the other. The reduction in time of study from four years to two for the A. B. degree has been very rapid, and we may probably look forward in the coming years to still shorter requirements, perhaps one year, possibly even one term. Of course the effect of the giving of the A. B. degree to men whose college studies have been restricted to Freshman and Sophomore years will be, in the eyes of the outside public, to make all A. B. degrees worthless as symbols of a liberal education. And justly so. For not only has the period devoted to liberal study been cut in two, but those abstract studies, which were the crown and glory of the old education, but which Freshmen and Sophomores are too young and too immature to understand, will necessarily be excluded from the curriculum of those prospective lawyers, doctors and technologists who acquire their A. B. degree by two years of study in the course in Arts.

What then? Shall we despair of liberal education because its constituents have changed and its symbolic certificate suffered depreciation? Why should we? Symbols are created to be destroyed. If the intellectual powers in you are cultivated and nourished and strengthened and enlarged by diligent study, you are yourself a better certificate of the education you have acquired than all the symbols which might be derived from the permutations of an entire alphabet. What sensible man cares for empty forms? It is fact and reality that counts. If you are a liberally educated man, the world will take note of it; if you are not, then no sheepskin will hide your ignorance.

The American A. B. is gone, or it is going. Let it go; the American remains. And the American should not be discouraged because knowledge has been increased, and there are today many subjects to study of which nothing was heard a generation or two ago. Besides Greek and Latin and mathematics and philosophy are with us for those who are worthy to study them. And good instruments of education and culture and general power they are. The late James C. Carter, who, I suppose, was in his day the leader of the American bar, once told me that, even in his professional work as a lawyer, he owed more of his success to the training he had derived from the classics and philosophy than from any other study. And when I repeated this observation to that Nestor of the American press, the late

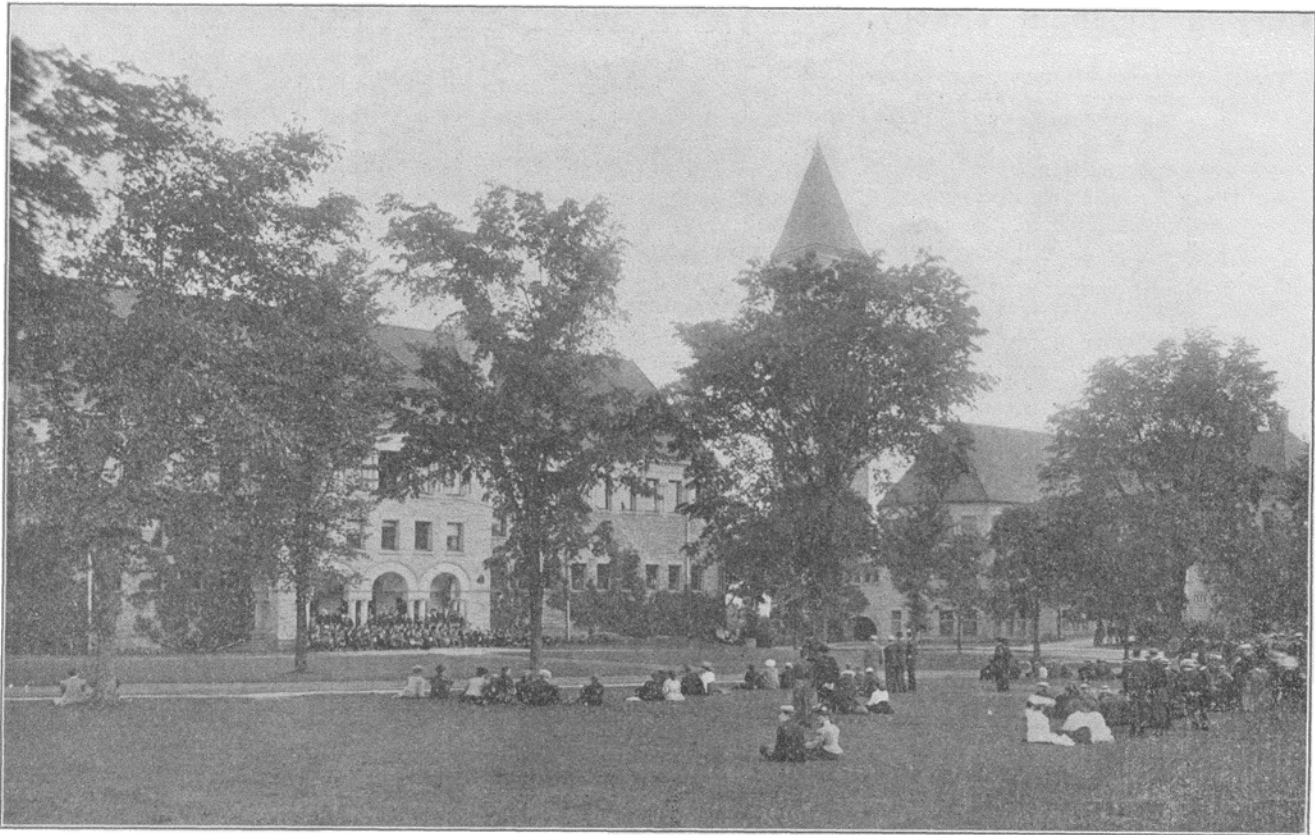


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SENIOR SINGING ON THE STEPS OF BOARDMAN.

Charles A. Dana, at the time of his last visit to this University, he told me that as a journalist his greatest obligations were to classics and mathematics.

THE EXPANSION OF KNOWLEDGE.

All studies deal either with man or nature; those we call the humanities or liberal arts, these the natural or physical sciences. One set of studies reveals to us the best that man has thought and said and done; the other opens to us some of the secrets of the inexhaustible book of nature. Instead of whining that the circle of knowledge is not as small as it was when the New England colleges were first founded, thank God that it has expanded, and that in its vast extent it is all open to you, and that if you plunge in anywhere you can take hold; it will be a light to your feet, a lamp to your path and an imperishable blessing to your heart and imagination and intellect. I do not say that all studies have the same value. But any of them you can assimilate are good for you. Indeed I often dwell on those words with which Mr. Rashdall closes his great history of European universities: "It is not necessary that a definite line of study should be marked out by authority, that a definite period of years should be assigned to a student's course, or that at the end of that period he should be

subjected to examination and receive with more or less formality and ceremony a title of honour." Here is the voice of the history of the higher education since it began with the University of Bologna 800 years ago. And there never was a greater wealth of studies than today. It is our own fault if by means of them we fail in the culture of manhood, which, as I have said, is the end of a liberal education.

At the outset I observed that our aim in dealing with each of you was to enable you to make a man of yourself and to fit you for doing a man's work in the world. This second end will be furthered, of course, by the accomplishment of the first. But, in addition, we endeavor to fit men for lives of service by our professional and technical courses. The reputation of these courses fills them with students. I know not where men can be better trained for the various learned and scientific callings to which these courses lead. The engineering faculties have this year, after much consideration, effected certain improvements in their courses, and, what is of not less importance, they have adopted entrance requirements equivalent to and substantially identical with those in Arts. I am sure the public will approve these changes, as students themselves have freely done. But there is

one problem which I believe we have yet to solve. We need a course, not for the training of engineers, but for the training of business men who will be engaged in production, transportation, trade or commerce, and who need neither the Arts course exclusively nor the Engineering course exclusively, but a combination of certain features from both with some elementary training in law, especially contracts and commercial law. This course would not compete either with Arts or Engineering, but it would draw to the University and render great help to a class of young men who today cannot find what they need and what they dimly grope after in any college or university in America.

THE PERSONAL CHARGE.

Ladies and gentlemen of the graduating classes:

I have said that the object of education is to enable each of you to realize to the fullest extent the capacities with which the Creator has endowed you and to fit you to do your work in the world—to do it loyally, efficiently, generously and magnanimously. To that end you have here for the past few years sedulously devoted yourself to intellectual activity, and you have been sub-

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Crews' Splendid Victory.

Varsity Distances All Opponents—Freshmen also Triumph—Four-Oared Loses Close Race.

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* VARSITY EIGHT-OARED RACE.	*
* Cornell	20:29 2-5 *
* Syracuse	21:47 2-5 *
* Georgetown	21:49 *
* Columbia	21:53 4-5 *
* Pennsylvania	21:59 4-5 *
* Wisconsin	22:06 1-5 *
* VARSITY FOUR-OARED RACE.	0
* Syracuse	10:15 2-5 *
* Cornell	10:17 2-5 *
* Pennsylvania	10:33 2-5 *
* Columbia	10:45 *
* Wisconsin	10:52 *
* FRESHMAN EIGHT-OARED RACE.	*
* Cornell	9:35 2-5 *
* Syracuse	9:49 *
* Columbia	9:53 *
* Pennsylvania	9:58 4-5 *
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It could not truthfully be called a race, this contest between the Varsity crews of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Georgetown, Wisconsin, Syracuse and Cornell. It was not even a decently ordered procession, for the leaders made no effort to keep in pace or in place with the others. It was a funeral cavalcade, marking the burial of the dead hopes of forty sturdy oarsmen. "Dere's nuttin' to it," said "Spike" of Cornell Widow fame as he turned away in disgust after the first half mile had been rowed. He was not entirely right, however, for there was a little something to it. There was as pretty a fight for second and third places as one could wish to see, and second and third places meant something in this particular race.

Cornell won the Varsity race of 1905 by over a quarter of a mile. Just how many boat lengths this equalled it was impossible to say, for while one was measuring with his eye the distance between the Cornell shell and that cluster of boats far to the rear the winners had added another boat length or so to their lead. Expert statisticians announce that by means of a certain trigonometric formula they have computed the distance as between 21 and 22 boat lengths, and far be it from us to gainsay this.

THE BEST CREW EVER.

It is safe to say that never before in the annals of American intercollegiate

rowing has so sweeping a victory been won. It was not that the other crews were below the usual standard. Syracuse partisans had announced openly before the race that their Varsity was better and faster than last year's winning crew. It was simply that the Cornell eight was so far above the usual standard as to be in a class by itself. Its form was the acme of finish and precision; its stroke was the Courtney stroke *par excellence*. It was easily the best of the long line of Cornell Varsity crews; and many experts agreed that it was the fastest crew that ever sat in an American shell. The Cornell Varsity eight of 1905 will be remembered with a thrill of pride for years to come.

The time of the race was not fast, as will be seen from the figures printed above. This was due to the unfavorable conditions, for the strong tide that helped the four-oared crews had turned and the Varsity race was rowed in slack water with a swell that at times seriously impeded the boats. The fact that Cornell was not pushed has been pointed to by some persons to explain the slow time, but this had little or nothing to do with it, for in spite of the ease with which the Cornell oarsmen seemed to draw away from their opponents they were not loafing, but were rowing the race with all that was in them to retrieve the defeat of a year ago. Unprejudiced observers agree that they succeeded. Had the race been rowed under favorable conditions there can be no doubt that the record of the 1901 crew—18 min. 53 1-5 sec.—would have been lowered considerably. In practice the Varsity had covered the course down stream in 18:33 and up stream in 18:24½.

LOSS OF THE FOUR-OARED.

In the Freshman race the Cornell eight won almost as easily, its lead never being threatened after the first half mile, but the four-oared crew lost to Syracuse by a bare three-quarters of a length after the prettiest contest of the day. In announcing the result of the four-oared there was an unfortunate mix-up that served to mar the enjoyment of the afternoon. The finish was so close that spectators at the extreme ends of the observation train could not tell who was winner, but to those who sat in the middle cars directly opposite the finish line there could be no question that Syracuse was in the lead. The judges

thought so, too, only they made a mistake in naming the winning boat and the word went out that Cornell had won. The flags were flung from the bridge with the Red and White at the top and a surprised cheer went up from the Cornell delegation. It was thought, and not without reason, that Syracuse had been disqualified for fouling, for she had left her course and had come dangerously near to interfering with the other boats.

In a few moments, however, the flags were changed to indicate a victory for the Orange and Blue, and it was Syracuse's turn to rejoice. Then for some unaccountable reason the announcement was again changed, and it was not until the crowd had returned to Poughkeepsie that it was learned authoritatively that Syracuse had won the four-oared race in time that established a new record for the course—10 min. 15 2-5 sec. Cornell's time, two seconds slower, was also much below the previous record of 10:31 1-5, made by Pennsylvania in 1900. This absurd mix-up in announcing the result of the race will probably never be explained, and will be remembered as one of the few disappointing features of the 1905 regatta.

THE STORY OF THE RACES.

The day was ideal in every respect for the great annual regatta between the American university crews. The strong southwest wind which had blown over the river earlier in the day subsided by the time the four-oared crews reached the starting point above Highland, and the face of the Hudson was calm and propitious. The blue sky was dotted with a few fleecy clouds, and just enough breeze floated down the river to make the thousands of ribbons and pennants wave gaily in the sunshine.

A multitude had turned out to see the regatta. The beautiful cluster of yachts grouped around the finish line and for a half mile up the river, the eager throng that crowded every vantage point along both shores of the Hudson, and, best of all, the beautiful ribbon-like band of color that marked the long observation train—as a spectacle alone it was well worth coming hundreds of miles to see.

The betting on the races had been livelier than for several years past. Last year's victory by Syracuse had its effect early in the week, and some even money was wagered between Cornell



1905 CORNELL VARSITY CREW.

Taylor, coxswain; E. T. Foote, stroke; Lee, 7; Fernow, 6; G. W. Foote, 5; Dods, 4; Boesch, 3; Barton, 2; Stowell, bow.

and Syracuse. But as rumors began to spread that the Cornell crews were doing some unusual feats in their daily practice on the river, odds were demanded, and by noon of the regatta day the odds were 5-3 on the Cornell Varsity against the field. For the Freshman race the betting was 5-4 on Cornell against the field, the four-oared race being the only one in which even money could be had. Accordingly many Cornell supporters wagered heavily on the four-oared, and their winnings in the Varsity were somewhat reduced in this way.

THE FOUR-OARED RACE.

The four-oared race, the opening event of the afternoon, was started promptly at 3.15 p. m., and was a pretty

struggle from start to finish. As the starting word was given, Syracuse dashed quickly into the lead and held it until the half mile point, where Cornell overhauled her. The oarsmen from the Salt City strained and tugged, but they could not pass the nose of that stubborn Ithaca shell. As the boats shot out from under the bridge Cornell, Syracuse and Penn were bunched in a struggling mass, with the Ithacans still in the lead; but the form of the Syracuse four, superior from the first, now began to assert itself, and in a magnificent spurt Ten Eyck's pupils forged ahead of Cornell within a quarter mile of the finish line. The Cornell crew, urged on by the shouts of their supporters on the shore, pulled and pulled

with all their strength, but in vain, and they crossed the finish line three-quarters of a length behind Syracuse. Penn, Columbia and Wisconsin followed in the order named. The Cornell four had lost for the first time in five years, but it had lost to a better crew, and only after the gamest kind of a fight.

THE FRESHMAN RACE.

It was in the Freshman race that the Cornell oarsmen gave a premonition of what they were going to do later in the day. It took the Cornell crew only a few strokes from the starting boats to gain the lead, and in all the splendid sweep down the two-mile course it was never headed. Its form was splendid; its perfect rhythm and unison of action

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Class Reunions.

'70.

The reunion of the class of '70 was neither largely attended nor highly successful, the attendance consisting of one man—Samuel D. Halliday of Ithaca. One other member of the class expected to be in Ithaca, but did not report, and as a result the registration at the thirty-five year reunion was precisely the same as at the thirty year gathering of the class five years ago. The class of '70 was cordially invited to unite with '75 in the dinner at the New Ithaca, and the invitation being gladly accepted, the history of the '70 reunion thenceforth was mingled with that of '75.

'75.

Eight members of the class of '75 were in Ithaca to recount the events of the last thirty years and to recall undergraduate days. The list included men of prominence and distinction in several fields of work. It was as follows: Vernon L. Davey, superintendent of schools at East Orange, N. J.; W. T. Graham of Brooklyn; Frank H. Hiscock of Syracuse, justice of the New York Appellate Division and a member of the University Board of Trustees; Professor G. S. Moler of the University; Jared T. Newman, attorney of Ithaca; John Ostrom of Pittsburg, practicing civil engineer and widely renowned as the "Father of Cornell rowing;" Colonel Henry W. Sackett of New York, a prominent lawyer and member of the Board of Trustees, and G. R. Thompson of Wilmington, Del.

These gentlemen, several of whom were accompanied by their wives, spent a day or two revisiting the old scenes made less familiar by the changes of recent times, and at 6.30 p. m. met at the New Ithaca hotel dining room for their class dinner. With them as their guests sat S. D. Halliday, '70; Professor John H. Comstock, '74, and from the class of '76, Eugene Frayer of New York, J. T. Brown of New York, and Dr. W. L. Cuddeback of Port Jervis. A delightful evening was spent in reminiscences and informal toasts from everyone present.

'80.

It remained for the class of '80 to

eclipse all records not only for this year but for preceding years as well. In June, 1880, Cornell University gave eighty-two degrees, and forty-five persons, or more than one-half of the class' strength at graduation, were on hand for its quarter-centennial. To be sure several of these were non-graduates, but the percentage of graduates remained very high. This was not only the largest attendance ever recorded at a twenty-five year reunion at Cornell, but was the largest proportionate attendance at any reunion this year. This is a remarkable record for a class which has been scattered for a quarter of a century. A considerable number of those who came to Ithaca had not visited Cornell since they graduated, and this fact served to make the occasion all the more memorable.

The members of '80 began to arrive on Monday and Tuesday, and on Tuesday evening a pleasant informal reunion was held at the Town and Gown club in Stewart avenue, whose members extended to the visitors the hospitality of the club. At the alumni luncheon on Wednesday the class filled a whole table and was represented on the toast list by its senior president, Frederick W. Smith of Rochester. Among the many achievements of the class are two notable ones in connection with the University itself, for it has furnished three members to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Charles G. Wagner, S. B. Turner and Dr. R. T. Morris, and two members of the College of Law faculty, Professors Irvine and Finch.

The class banquet was held at the Campus Tavern, Wednesday evening, and proved a most enjoyable occasion. Dr. Wagner of Binghamton acted as toastmaster, and among the speakers were Rutherford P. Hayes, son of former President Hayes; Dr. Charles Atwood of New York, Lee J. Vance of New York, Frank C. Whitney of Rochester, Minn., and H. J. Messenger of Hartford, Conn. Judge Frank Irvine, who has acted as class secretary in the illness of Professor William A. Finch, and to whose energy and enthusiasm was due almost altogether the success of the reunion, made an interesting address, and took occasion to read some statistics gathered in the course of his duties as secretary. Dr. Robert T. Morris, newly elected member of the Board of Trustees, was to have spoken at the dinner, but was called away early in the evening. When the meeting adjourned,

everyone present was heartily enthusiastic over the reunion and proud of his class for the showing it had made.

The following members of the class registered at Barnes hall:

Charles R. Allison, New York; Charles E. Atwood, New York; W. N. D. Bird, Buffalo; W. H. Carrier, Phoenix; Mrs. Esse Bissell Dakin, South Bend, Ind.; John R. Flanigan, Syracuse; Susanna Phelps Gage, Ithaca; Rutherford P. Hayes, Asheville, N. C.; Willis A. Huntley, Brooklyn; Frank Irvine, Ithaca; J. J. Jennings, Columbus, O.; Irving W. Kelley, Chicago; J. T. Leary, Baltimore, Md.; E. A. Landon, Groton; Addison D. Merry, Phoenix; D. W. Mesick, Brooklyn; H. J. Messenger, Hartford, Conn.; C. J. Pennock, Kennett Square; M. E. Poole, Ithaca; Frederick W. Smith, Rochester; J. L. Stone, Ithaca; E. B. Terry, Waterville; J. S. Tidball, Columbus, O.; Alfred T. Vail, Buffalo; Lee J. Vance, New York; F. C. Whitney, Rochester, Minn.; F. J. Whiton, New York.

'85.

The '85 reunion was small, being attended by only fifteen or twenty members. The class was never a large one, and was handicapped in the reunion campaign by lack of organization. This was remedied at a meeting in Barnes hall on Wednesday, when James McCall, A. B. '85, LL. B. '88, was elected class president and Robert J. Eidlitz of New York class secretary. Edward H. Bostwick had been acting as reunion secretary until a permanent organization could be effected.

The class met at Alberger's Wednesday evening for its dinner, and informal toasts were given by everyone present. A pleasant evening was spent in anecdote and reminiscence. The class is looking forward to a more successful gathering at its quarter-centennial five years hence.

The following members of the class registered at Barnes hall:

E. H. Bostwick, Ithaca; Martha Merry Buell, Madison, Wis.; Florence E. Dearstyne, Sandy Hill; Robert James Eidlitz, New York; Sadie Boulton Eidlitz, New York; J. B. French, Jamaica; James McCall, Bath; H. M. Stevens, Rome; Andrew C. White, Ithaca.

'90.

Rah! rah! rah! Nonaginta! echoed and re-echoed through the Campus on Alumni day, struck the rafters of the old Armory at the luncheon and blazed forth from the tasty menu cards that

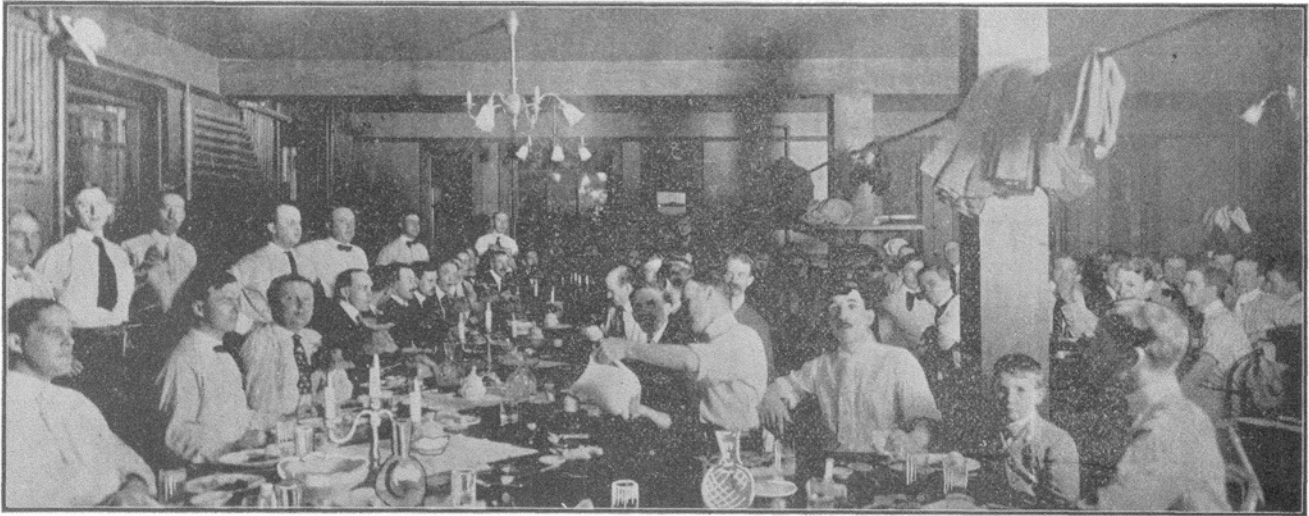


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'95 AND 1900 DINING AT CAMPUS TAVERN.

'95 in the Foreground, 1900 in the Background at the right. "Jimmy" McNeil, 1919, Mascot of '95, sits by his Father at the right.

adorned the banquet tables in the evening. These menus were among the most elaborate that have ever been used at Cornell reunions. The covers were of board, with a blue leather back, and alongside of the class yell shone resplendent a big Cornell seal in gold, with bits of red and white ribbon depending therefrom.

The class reported at roll call to the number of about fifty, the attendance even surpassing the committee's expectations. Tuesday was spent in visiting the Campus, in a voyage "on the bosom of Cayuga" in Arthur N. Gibb's launch, and in pleasant renewals of old friendships. Everyone was so delighted to see such a big crowd that the enthusiasm kept spreading and increasing as the day wore on. The enthusiasm even survived the shock of the downpour and flood on Wednesday and Thursday, though this was a mighty severe test.

The Alumni day schedule had to be foregone, in common with the other classes, but in the evening a successful dinner was held. The program was brimful of interest and included several able and distinguished speakers. Clarence J. Shearn acted as toastmaster, introducing in his easy and graceful way the following speakers:

"Cornell," Frank H. Callan.

"Class Politics: the Statesman's Incubator," John Ford.

"Our Freshman President," William N. Smith.

"Memories," J. DuPratt White.

"What We Did to 89 and Others," Junius T. Auerbach.

"Fifteen Years After," Frank A. Abbott.

On Thursday forenoon the class began to drift toward the railway stations, and little knots of friends reluctantly broke up to reassemble only after five years have flown by.

The following members of the class registered at Barnes hall:

F. A. Abbott, Buffalo; J. T. Auerbach, Boston, Mass.; L. L. Bentley, Bethlehem, Pa.; Charles H. Bernheisel, Harrisburg, Pa.; G. A. Blauvelt, Brooklyn; E. P. Bowen, Geneva; F. H. Brown, White Plains; Roscoe Carle, Fostoria, O.; George D. Chapman, Syracuse; A. H. Crist, Cooperstown; N. Seymour Crouch, Erie, Pa.; William Dalton, Schenectady; Henry M. Eaton, Philadelphia; J. W. Ellis, Buffalo; P. A. Fish, Ithaca; John Ford, New York; James M. German, Brooklyn; Arthur N. Gibb, Ithaca; R. L. Gifford, Chicago; E. H. Hulbert, Ithaca; Mabel Brown Hyatt, Homer; Charles J. Miller, Newfane; William H. Morrison, Ithaca; W. H. Powell, Cincinnati, O.; James E. Rice, Ithaca; C. J. Shearn, New York; H. T. Schich, Reading, Pa.; John F. Skinner, Rochester; W. Nelson Smith, New York; Thomas B. Spence, Brooklyn; J. E. Wadsworth, New York; Hosea Webster, Montclair, N. J.; W. R. Webster, Bridgeport, Conn.; Eugene M. White, Syracuse; J. P. White, Nyack; R. B. Wilcox, Chicago; R. C. Wilson, Ithaca.

'95.

'95 arrived in Ithaca about 55 strong. They commenced coming on Saturday, continued to come on Sunday, mostly came on Monday and finished coming on Tuesday. They would have been coming still on Wednesday, except for the flood, which prevented several late comers from getting into town. Hugh O'Brien had to drive in from Trumansburg, but he got there just the same.

Until Tuesday no attempt was made to get the members of the class together, and they just drifted around, renewing their old associations and acquainting themselves with the many changes on the Campus. On Tuesday the Tent Headquarters were opened just below the Library, and the clans gathered there and spent most of the day picking up the threads of the ten years since graduation. At 5 o'clock, headed by 1900 and the bass drum, they inspected the new athletic field and then paraded the town, visiting old friends like Pat Wall, Louis Bement and others.

In the evening the Town and Gown club entertained the class, after which an adjournment to the town was in order. Authentic reports state that the majority of the class climbed Buffalo hill at 2.30 a. m.

Wednesday was rainy and Thursday was rainy, and the best of the plans

were thereby spoiled. But the class attended the alumni luncheon in a body and then adjourned to the town to form another bass drum parade. This time Tommy McNeil supplied a bushel of fire-crackers and the town knew '95 was in it.

The class dinner was held at the Campus Tavern jointly with 1900. Judging by the damaged voices that came out at midnight, there must have been something doing. Everybody had a cheer and all the songs, old and new, were sung. Informal speeches from Gaines, Ed Henry, Charlie Russell, Roger Lewis, Tommy McNeil, George Dyer, Billy Beeber, Wallie Taylor and others recalled old times and told of the successes of '95 men. "Bobbie" Young responded for 1900 and Charlie Rosewater for '94. Tommy Fennell gave a characteristically loyal talk.

Thursday was too rainy to make any definite plans and the class gradually got away. One member writes back about the reunion: "I feel as if there was more fun in the four days than there was in the original four years." That seemed to be the unanimous opinion of '95, and they are all making plans already for the reunion of 1910. (*Contributed.*)

The following '95 men registered at Barnes hall:

E. P. Andrews, Ithaca; William E. Atkinson, New York; Blanche M. Averill, Alamogordo, N. M.; S. E. Banks, Ithaca; W. E. Barnes, Creighton, Pa.; William P. Beeber, Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. S. H. Burnett, Ithaca; Elizabeth Christian, Utica; H. J. Clark, Syracuse; E. P. Coleman, Buffalo; George L. Coleman, Ithaca; F. B. Dils, Fulton; George P. Dyer, U. S. navy; F. J. Emery, Salem, O.; Elmer W. Firth, Jamaica, L. I.; F. F. Gaines, Reading, Pa.; R. L. Gordon, New York; David J. Greene, Brooklyn; Robert H. Haskell, Brooklyn; Edward U. Henry, Peoria, Ill.; A. R. Horr, Cleveland, O.; Charles L. Inslee, New York; R. D. Johnson, Buffalo; Louis N. Kenton, Philadelphia; A. T. Kerr, Ithaca; C. R. Leonard, Kenwood; Robert B. Lewis, Philadelphia; Roger Lewis, New York; Thomas McNeil, 3d, Pittsburg; C. M. Marsh, Glens Falls; Charles B. Mason, Utica; Henry B. Montague, Southbridge, Mass.; D. A. Morton, Syracuse; Vandevye C. Mott, Buffalo; Minnie Murray, Ithaca; M. B. Palmer, Minoa; P. H. Powell, Bridgeport, Conn.; Charles Russell, New York; John Henry Schneepel, New York; F. B. Skinner, Medina; John A. Spengler, Geneva; S. H. Stebbins, Brooklyn; A. H. Stocking, Chicago; Lula M. Stone, Brooklyn; Charles P. Storrs, Owego; Waller Taylor, Los Angeles, Cal.; M. W. Thompson, Greensboro, N. C.; John

W. Vickery, Rochester; Agnes L. Tierney, Germantown, Pa.; E. A. Truran, Elmira; Martha Anna Veeder, Lyons; Fred R. White, Cleveland, O.; E. W. Whitfield, New York; Harris S. Williams, Buffalo; Roger H. Williams, New York; O. Raymond Wilson, Massillon, Ohio.

1900.

As early as Saturday before Commencement week, 1900 men began gathering in Ithaca, and by Monday evening a good delegation had assembled. The class tent had already been erected, and Tuesday morning and afternoon it was put to good use, both the regular tent and the annex, "New Jersey," being largely patronized by men of the class as well as many alumni of other classes. By Wednesday morning upwards of 50 members of 1900 had reported at headquarters.

An informal parade was a feature Tuesday afternoon. Those alumni of '95, '00 and '02 who happened to be around the tents, headed by a big bass drum, marched across the Campus to inspect the new athletic field, and then down the hill to make a few informal calls on several old friends, including Pat Wall and others. Souvenirs of the occasion were presented to the alumni at each stopping place, the merchants having gotten wind of their coming beforehand. As on other evenings of the week, 1900 men dined informally at the Dutch Kitchen.

The wet weather on Wednesday was a feature that had not been taken into the calculations, and consequently interfered greatly with the regular program. The class, however, had its scheduled meeting and raised a fund sufficiently large to defray the expenses of the reunion and give the newly elected class secretary, George H. Young, a small balance with which to keep the interest alive for the ten-year reunion.

This, by the way, was an important feature and one on which all of the men expressed very decided opinions. The ten-year reunion must be an event of the greatest importance and one worthy of the class. To that end periodical communications are to be sent to all 1900 men at least once a year for the next five years, and in various ways the endeavor will be made to keep the interest alive sufficiently to make the greatest reunion on record.

Wednesday evening the forces of '95 and '00 combined to have a rousing ban-

quet at the Campus Tavern, and it was a fitting close of the five-year reunion. The best of good feeling was present. All joined in the songs, old and new; toasts were given and yells interchanged and everybody present felt that it was a great thing to be a Cornellian and a great thing to have a reunion. (*Contributed.*)

The following members of the class registered at Barnes hall:

William Ambler, Cleveland, O.; Alice M. Baldwin, East Orange, N. J.; H. H. Bassett, New Britain, Conn.; C. R. Branson, Allegheny, Pa.; Arthur D. Brooks, Cleveland, O.; C. T. Chapman, Owego; Harold H. Clark, Chicago; Herbert L. Cowing, Brooklyn; Allen Curtis, Glens Falls; Harriet Dodge, Buffalo; M. M. Drake, jr., Baltimore; Elsie M. Dutcher, Owego; Jennie W. S. Felklin, Auburn; J. T. Fitzpatrick, Albany; Walter S. Ford, Elmira; Herbert H. Foster, Canandaigua; E. H. Frear, Ithaca; W. E. Fuller, Poughkeepsie; James M. Gilchrist, Chicago; R. L. Hastings, Homer; Louise Hempstead, Meadville, Pa.; Ralph E. Hemstreet, Brooklyn; John E. Hess, Lancaster, Pa.; John A. Hunter, Pittsburg; E. Winifred Jewell, Portland, Me.; Karl F. Kellerman, Washington, D. C.; Hayward H. Kendall, Cleveland, O.; Marguerite Hempstead Kingsbury, Ithaca; Thomas W. Morrissey, Caledonia; C. E. Newton, jr., Brooklyn; F. S. Porter, Buffalo; E. L. Quackenbush, Orange, N. J.; F. V. Rockwood, Chicago; Julian C. Smith, Montreal, P. Q.; Peter Smith, Newark, N. J.; Clarence W. Sutton, Cleveland, O.; William C. Thro, Ithaca; Frank Tracy, Syracuse; John C. Trautwine, 3d, Philadelphia; H. E. Truman, Vermillion, S. Dak.; C. W. Vocke, Syracuse; Alfred D. Warner, jr., Wilmington, Del.; J. R. Weed, New York; C. W. Wilson, jr., Brooklyn; E. A. Wilson, Ithaca; Jesse H. Wilson, jr., Washington, D. C.; Gilbert B. Woodhull, Brooklyn; W. L. Wright, So. Bethlehem, Pa.; George H. Young, Williamsport, Pa.; George Young, jr., Pittsburg; Helen Young, Palmyra; Helen Binkerd Young, Pittsburg.

1902.

It was a wet day in "New Jersey," Wednesday, the 21st, the red letter day in our calendar, but it is a query whether it would have been any drier if the clouds had not burst. There were about sixty of the "dry class" back for their first reunion, and they were prepared to have as much fun as the next one. "Bill" Norton was on hand early with his tent and his flag pole and that great big flag which required a young hurricane to float it on the breezes, and he got the cohorts used to crossing the

ferry—into that mystic land, New Jersey.

There were a lot of things planned for that Wednesday, but the rain took all of the life out of Guernsey Price's helmet, and that of course spoiled the dry breakfast which we were going to have. Nevertheless we were there in full force at the luncheon, and, like youngsters, made ourselves heard.

A few of us held a brief meeting and decided to increase our memorial fund by a yearly tax of \$2.50 on all members of the class. To this end Maurice R. Whinery, the rising young banker of New York, has been appointed treasurer. Miss Ruth Bentley has been appointed assistant secretary so as to help out "Bill" among the girls.

It is the purpose of the officers to raise more money for the next reunion in 1907, so that a bigger one can be held. In point of numbers the one just passed was a success but the rain spoiled the spirit of the day, and incidentally kept away a few of the brighter lights in the class. Now for 1907 and a dry day. (Contributed.)

The following members of the class registered at Barnes hall:

M. A. Beltaire, jr., Philadelphia; J. H. Bosshart, Clifton Springs; E. S. Bowman, Cleveland, O.; Douglas K. Brown, New York; E. Nellie Barker, Norwich; Ruth Bentley, Flewanna; A. F. Brinckerhoff, Buffalo; Helen L. Brown, Ithaca; Kathryn E. C. Carrigan, Ithaca; Helen W. Cooper, Dayton, O.; Joseph C. Culver, Eau Claire, Wis.; Bertha M. Downes, Francestown, N. H.; Clarence M. Doyle, Ithaca; R. R. Fernald, Stulton, Pa.; Henry T. Ferriss, St. Louis, Mo.; Paul F. Gaehr, Ithaca; W. C. Geer, Ithaca; J. Gertrude Hast, Cumberland, Md.; Clara Hastings, Homer; C. A. Hebb, Brooklyn; G. W. Hosford, Hampton, Va.; George H. Hooker, Watertown; Mary G. Hughes, Rochester; Albert H. Huntington, St. Louis, Mo.; Margaret Scott Jarvis, Brooklyn; Fred H. Jennings, Ralph S. Kent, Ithaca; J. P. Kittredge, Sharon, Pa.; Charles H. Kraatz, Akron; A. G. Lander, Brooklyn; David Rich Levi, Buffalo; I. H. Levy, Elmira; C. R. Lusk, Cortland; J. A. Magoffin, North Tonawanda; P. M. Neave, New York; William J. Norton, Baltimore; S. F. O'Day, Binghamton; G. A. Oldham, New York; W. H. Pike, Chicago; L. Guernsey Price, New York; Ernest H. Riedel, Brooklyn; John P. Ryan, Grinnell, Ia.; W. F. Santry, Oneida; F. A. Schmidt, Ithaca; E. S. Shepherd, Washington, D. C.; R. Harold Shreve, Ithaca; Helen Smith, Penn Yan; Muriel Smith, Rochester; C. Tracey Stagg, Elmira; Claire L. Steers, Brooklyn; Edward J. Swee-ney, Middleport; Charles A. Taussig,

New York; John C. Trefts, Brooklyn; Walter Tuttle, Brooklyn; C. M. Waterbury, Whitesboro; Richardson Webster, Brooklyn; M. R. Whinery, East Orange, N. J.; H. M. Wood, Sackville, N. B.; Herbert S. Wood, Washington, D. C.

Luncheon Well Attended.

Lieut.-Gov. Frederick H. Jackson, '73, of Rhode Island a Guest of Honor.

Despite the downpour which upset most of the Reunion day plans, more than four hundred alumni and former students assembled in the Armory at 12.30 to partake of the annual luncheon as the guests of the University. This number was almost exactly the same as last year. Considering that at least one hundred persons were undoubtedly kept away by rain the attendance was very gratifying.

The luncheon was, in fact, successful from every point of view. The University had taken a leaf from last year's book and had made ample provision for all who came, both as to seats and edibles. The change of program whereby the baseball game was shifted from Tuesday to Wednesday had made it necessary to cut short the luncheon so as to be at Percy Field by 3 o'clock. On account of the rain the game was not played, but the original plan was substantially adhered to and the luncheon was over soon after three. This was a decided improvement. The interminable toast lists of some previous years, dragging on through the whole afternoon, are remembered with horror by those who had to sit through them. The program was fully long enough this year; in fact, one toast could have been dispensed with from the list without making the function any too brief.

The reunion classes were grouped around the long tables in an appropriate way, the veterans in the middle of the room and the youngsters at the outskirts. Members of "off-year" classes were made welcome by their nearest neighbors and good fellowship prevailed throughout the big hall.

It was just 2 o'clock when President Schurman rose to welcome the returning alumni and to assure them of the encouragement and cheer that their presence and words gave to those in authority at the University. He then introduced Dean Crane as toastmaster. The president and the members of the Board of Trustees were obliged to ex-

cuse themselves in order to attend a meeting of the board adjourned from the forenoon.

Dean Crane began by paying a feeling tribute to two men whose presence was sadly missed at the tables this year—Alonzo B. Cornell and Joseph C. Hendrix. He alluded to the fact that Mr. Hendrix left the University without completing his course but said that this did not make him less dear to Cornellians, for the heart of Cornell is great enough to embrace within itself everyone who has ever passed through the University halls. This declaration was received with the heartiest applause.

LIEUT.-GOV. JACKSON'S SPEECH.

As the opening speaker on the program the toastmaster introduced Frederick H. Jackson, '73, lieutenant-governor of the state of Rhode Island, whose successful career was sketched in a recent number of the ALUMNI NEWS. Mr. Jackson's speech was one of the features of the afternoon. It was brief, straight to the point, and delivered with the eloquence that springs from sincerity and depth of feeling. He said that it is hardly possible for the younger men to have so deep a devotion for their University as those who were here in the early days. With tears in his eyes, he said that the memories of those early days are so touching that one can scarce speak of them without emotion. In no institution in this country has the American spirit been so firmly established as at this University, and in the life and policy of Cornell this spirit finds its highest exponent. It was brought here by Andrew D. White and the noble band of men associated with him at the beginning, and it has been fostered and promoted ever since. The speaker appealed to Cornellians to remember their birthright, to emulate those noble men and permeate the country with this spirit—the American spirit, the Cornell spirit.

The next speaker was State Senator Horace White, '87, of Syracuse, who told of his pride and satisfaction at the growth and development which the past few years have brought to the University. He delivered an eloquent and polished address on the great problems that are confronting us as state and nation, touched upon Cornell's part in solving these problems in the past, and closed with an appeal to the University to fit its men and women for the plain,

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With this issue of the paper, which was held back a week in order to cover the Poughkeepsie regatta, the ALUMNI News ceases regular publication until the opening of the University in September. The usual midsummer numbers will be published, however, in order to keep our readers in touch with affairs at Ithaca. The first of these will be issued the latter part of this month, and the second about the middle of August.

THAT POUGHKEEPSIE RACE.

In discussing the outcome of the Harvard and Schuylkill races on May 27, we remarked that it was good to see the Cornell crews coming to their own again, and we expressed our confidence that Cornell's showing on the Hudson this year would be up to her old standard.

Now that the Poughkeepsie regatta of 1905 has come and gone, we can do little more than repeat the above observations. The Cornell crews surely did come to their own again in so peculiar and decisive a manner as to leave us breathless and amazed. They did more than come up to their old standard—

they created an entirely new standard that was at once the admiration and the despair of every other crew on the river.

Those of us who sat in the observation train on the Hudson on June 28 and saw the Varsity race between the trained crews of six great American universities—saw five crews struggling desperately through the weary four miles, their bows see-sawing back and forth as now one and now another forged to the front, while far ahead in the distance, drawing further and still further away with every sweep of the blades, rode that wonderful Cornell crew—will never forget the sight. It was a sight that made one rub his eyes and wonder if the day of miracles was really past; wonder if that was a real boat race out there on the river or only a burlesque affair arranged for his amusement. By the time these thoughts had passed through his mind the Cornell shell had added a few more boat lengths to its lead, until it passed entirely from his range of vision as he looked at the other crews. He almost forgot his pride in this magnificent product of the Cornell navy in his feeling of pity for those other crews from whom all hope of victory had been snatched at the very outset, whose every energy in the terrible struggle was bent on winning the paltry honor of second place.

It is unnecessary to refer to the brilliant athletic season to which the Poughkeepsie victories furnished a fitting climax. That thought is in every Cornell man's mind just now. It was even reflected in the dispatches that went from Poughkeepsie all over the country a few hours after the race. In baseball, in track and in rowing Cornell has made a name for herself indeed this year. With this record to inspire them, the gridiron warriors should do better things next fall, and retrieve themselves and the University for the disasters of a year ago. If in achieving these victories Cornell has been kept free from the taint of commercialism or professionalism, there is far greater cause for rejoicing. Let our effort in future be to measure up to the same high standard and to make the purity of Cornell athletics our constant watchword.

AN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION.

Almost unnoticed in the bustle and gaiety of Senior week and reunion time

occurred one event which is destined, we believe, to exert a far-reaching influence on Cornell University and Cornell alumni. In the forenoon of Tuesday, June 20, the life secretaries of nearly every class that was ever graduated from Cornell met in Barnes hall and organized themselves into a permanent association. The constitution of the association, which clearly shows its nature and object, is printed elsewhere in this paper.

A mere chance perusal of that constitution will not, however, give any adequate idea of the important place which this organization expects to occupy, and should occupy, in Cornell life. Its aim is akin to that of the ALUMNI NEWS, to bring Cornell alumni into terms of closer relationship with their University, only it seeks this end in a somewhat different way. It purposes to gather the data for complete and uniform records of all Cornellians, whether graduates or not; to keep in close touch with all, through the individual secretaries, and to develop and systematize the reunion work.

Some three or four years ago such an organization was formed at Yale, and already the good effects are being felt in better and closer organization among the alumni and in larger attendance at the reunions. Indeed, a prominent officer of Yale University recently declared that the Association of Class Secretaries had become the most potent of all forces in unifying Yale alumni. If there is a place for such a body at Yale, there is an even larger place at Cornell, for the youth of the institution, combined with other conditions, has left its alumni and former students sadly out of touch with the University of today.

We direct special attention to the association's resolution urging that non-graduates as well as alumni be included in the next Ten-Year Book of the University, to be published in 1908. This action comes as a reinforcement of our suggestion to the same effect, made in these columns a few weeks ago. It emphasizes the statement which we then made, that everyone who has ever had occasion to deal with Cornell alumni as a body realizes the serious mistake and injustice in omitting the non-graduates from the Ten-Year Book of '98.

To the new Cornell Association of Class Secretaries the ALUMNI NEWS offers a hearty Godspeed in its labor for the common cause of Cornell.

Barr and Morris Elected.

Largest Trustee Vote in History of University—Ballots Cast by 3170 Alumni.

John Henry Barr, M. M. E., '89, of Syracuse and Dr. Robert Tuttle Morris, '80, of New York city, were chosen members of the Cornell Board of Trustees as a result of the recent election. The careers of both men were recently outlined in these columns and are well known to most Cornellians.

The agitation for more general interest in the trustee election, which was started a year ago by the ALUMNI NEWS and which resulted this spring in the nomination of six men for the two positions, bore still further fruit in the election itself. The canvassing board announced that a total of 3,170 alumni cast ballots in the election, which represents almost one-half of the whole body of Cornell alumni scattered over the face of the earth. This is the largest vote in the history of the University. As all but a very few of these voted for two candidates, the total number of single ballots cast amounted to 6,059. Last year only 1,434 ballots were cast. This sudden increase of interest in the trustee election was commented upon repeatedly by prominent alumni as an encouraging sign of the times.

The detailed report of the canvassing

board made by Chairman Charles L. Crandall, '72, was as follows:

Total ballots 3,170
Defective and illegal..... 59

Total number counted..... 3,111
Ballots for two trustees..... 2,948
Ballots for one trustee only..... 163

The candidates ranked as follows:

J. H. Barr, '89..... 1,667
R. T. Morris, '80..... 1,656
L. O. Howard, '77..... 1,155
Thomas McNeil, 3d, '95..... 805
Willard Beahan, '78..... 453
Whitney Newton, '79..... 314
Scattering 9

6,059

The board reported that it took them ten hours to arrange the ballots and check them by the treasurer's list and four hours to count them, and suggested that hereafter the ballots be arranged and checked in advance before delivery to the canvassing board. This suggestion was approved by the association.

The C. E. Directorship.

Several weeks ago President Schurman tendered to Professor Earl B. Lovell, C. E., '91, now of Columbia University, a nomination to the vacant directorship of the College of Civil Engineering. The offer was accepted, sub-

ject to ratification by the University Board of Trustees at its June meeting.

Opposition to the appointment arose among some of the alumni of the College of Civil Engineering, and on June 21 Professor Lovell withdrew his name in the following letter to President Schurman:

"Dear Sir:—When you called at my office in New York and offered to nominate me for dean and director of the College of Civil Engineering, I appreciated the honor involved in the offer, and after further negotiations I gave my answer that I would accept the appointment if confirmed.

"While engaged on professional business in a distant state, I learned two days ago that there was opposition to my appointment among certain of the alumni, and started for Ithaca to investigate. I have this day arrived here, and have ascertained that the character of the opposition is such as to hinder the fullest success of my administration were I to accept.

"I therefore beg to advise you that I should deem it unwise to accept, even if confirmed, and to request that the nomination be withdrawn.

"Thanking you with profoundest gratitude for the great honor of your preference and selection, I remain,

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INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

Class Secretaries Meet.

Permanent Association Formed--Its Constitution and Officers.

At a meeting of the permanent secretaries of the classes from '69 to 1905, held in Barnes hall on June 20, the Cornell Association of Class Secretaries was formed. The several classes were represented as follows: '70, S. D. Halliday; '71, R. G. H. Speed; '72, C. L. Crandall; '73, Edwin Gillette; '74, J. H. Comstock; '78, R. H. Treman; '79, W. C. Kerr; '80, Frank Irvine; '81, G. L. Burr; '84, H. P. DeForest; '85, R. J. Eidlitz; '86, C. H. Hull; '88, W. W. Rowlee; '89, H. N. Ogden; '91, W. H. Austen; '92, C. D. Bostwick; '94, E. E. Bogart; '95, W. F. Atkinson; '97, Jervis Langdon; '99, N. J. Gould; '00, represented by G. H. Young; '01, represented by G. D. Crofts; '02, W. J. Norton; '04, C. J. Swan; '05, H. J. Richardson.

W. F. Atkinson was elected temporary chairman and W. J. Norton, temporary secretary. The following constitution was read, discussed and adopted:

I. NAME.

The name shall be "The Cornell Association of Class Secretaries."

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of the association shall be:

1. A president, whose duties shall be those of a presiding officer, and who shall also be an ex-officio member of the executive committee.
2. A vice-president, who shall, in the absence of the president, act as presiding officer.
3. A treasurer, who shall collect the annual dues and keep the accounts of the association.
4. A secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of that office. He shall also be a member of the executive committee and shall act as chairman of that committee.
5. Three members of the executive committee.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The executive committee shall consist of the president and the secretary, ex-officio, and three other members. The secretary of this association shall act as chairman of this committee. The executive committee shall be entrusted with the general management of the association. It shall have the power to appoint special committees from time to time, and act upon the reports submitted by such committee, and it shall be its duty to receive suggestions from members and take action upon them. It shall, if possible, take annual action looking toward the appointing of efficient class secretaries by the graduating classes of Cornell University.

IV. MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

There shall be an annual business meeting held in New York city on some day in the month of February of each year, and there shall also be an annual meeting in Ithaca on some day in the month of June of each year, and at this meeting shall be held the annual election of officers and members of the executive committee.

V. MEMBERSHIP.

The active membership of this association shall consist of the class secretaries of Cornell University, and one member from the alumni of the Medical school in New York city.

There shall be an honorary membership of such men as may from time to time be elected at the regular meetings.

VI. DUES.

The annual dues for all members shall be two dollars (\$2.00), payable at the annual meeting in February in each year.

VII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments may be made at any annual business meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote of those present. Notice setting out the proposed amendment shall be sent at least ten days before such meeting addressed to each member of the association.

The following were elected officers of the new organization: President, W. F. Atkinson, '95; secretary, W. J. Norton, '02; vice-president, E. L. Nichols, '75; treasurer, C. D. Bostwick, '92; executive committee, Franklin Mathews, '83; H. P. deForest, '84, and P. R. Lee, '03.

C. E. Treman, '89, as the member of the Board of Trustees in charge of class reunions; D. F. Hoy, '91, as registrar of the University, and J. L. Senior, '01, as the representative of the ALUMNI NEWS, were elected honorary members of the association.

A resolution was adopted expressing it to be the unanimous sense of the meeting that the name of every man who ever attended the University, and not alumni alone, should be included in the Ten-Year Book that will be published in 1903.

A uniform statistics blank of the form recently described in the News was adopted as the official blank of the association, to be used by all the class secretaries. Class secretaries may secure blanks from W. J. Norton, Cornell club, New York city.

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Crews' Splendid Victory.

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would have done credit to a crew of veterans. Cox, the wonderful youngster who stroked the Junior Varsity to victory on the Schuylkill in May, pulled the same long, powerful sweep that sent the shell spinning through the water with never a check. At the quarter mile there was open water between the boats; at the half Cornell was almost two lengths to the good. As they passed under the bridge the Ithacans were still gaining, and without any increase in pace they crossed the finish line three and a half lengths in advance of Syracuse. Columbia and Pennsylvania were one and two lengths further back.

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their first-year crew, Cornell men began to predict a victory in the big race with even greater confidence than they had shown earlier in the day. But they soon found that they had not had even an inkling of the glorious treat that their Varsity crew had in store for them. The observation train rattled and clambered back along the shore to the starting point of the great race, three miles above the bridge, and found four of the crews already at the stakeboats. Cornell was the last to appear, for the men were thinking of their outside course and were waiting for the swells from the omnipresent police boat to die away.

Cornell was not really ready when the starting signal was given, for the nose of her shell was pointed over somewhere in the direction of upper Poughkeepsie, and it required three or four quick, splashy strokes to turn the boat into its course. Meanwhile the other crews had been improving their time and Cornell found herself in the rear of the procession. It was just as well, perhaps, for these few seconds of uncertainty gave the Cornell supporters their only excitement during the whole race.

After a dozen strokes the gallant Red and White crew had found themselves, and then they settled to that long, slow 34 stroke that was not varied for a moment throughout the four miles. The other crews, rowing 36 and 38, were passed, one by one, and at the half mile Cornell was comfortably in the lead. Then followed that remarkable exhibition of oarsmanship which excited the wonder and admiration of every spectator in the long train and on the high bluffs that line the river. The Cornell shell began to draw swiftly away from the others; steadily the distance increased at the rate of a boat length every minute, until at the mile point the Red and White shell was fully six lengths in the lead. Steadily, inexorably it swept on down the river until the forms of the men began to dwindle in the distance. Back here in the foreground were bunched five crews engaged in a terrible, nerve-racking struggle for supremacy, but in comparison with that Cornell eight in the dim distance their efforts seemed puny and ridiculous.

Dismissing Cornell from the mind altogether, one turned back to this other race directly in front of the speeding train and found Syracuse in the lead, though she was hard pressed by George-

town and Pennsylvania. Suddenly Columbia seemed to awake as from a trance and started out from her position at the very rear to overtake the procession. Slowly she crept up, passing Wisconsin and gaining on Pennsylvania, until at the bridge she had wrested fourth place from the Quakers. From the bridge down along that last weary mile it was a pretty fight among the three. One gave only an occasional glance at Cornell to see if she had crossed the finish line yet, and then turned back to this struggle among the beaten. Half a mile from the end it looked as if Georgetown would catch the Syracuseans, who had a lead of only half a length, and cheer after cheer went up from the Cornell section for the gallant fight of the plucky lads from the Capitol City. But Syracuse let out a last notch in her stroke and drew slowly away from Georgetown, who found she had all she could do to prevent Columbia from crawling past.

Suddenly the signal gun boomed at the finish to show that Cornell had crossed the line a winner by over a quarter of a mile, and the mighty thunder of cannon and whistles and human lungs reverberated across the river in honor of the victors. But the race was not over for almost two minutes yet, and an appreciable interval elapsed after Cornell crossed the line before the other crews entered the home stretch. They fought and struggled gamely to the last, but the order was unchanged, and Syracuse crossed the line second, with Georgetown and Columbia close behind and Pennsylvania and Wisconsin hopelessly in the rear.

The Cornell supporter, cheering mechanically, had not yet recovered from his amazement sufficiently to realize the magnitude of the victory. He could not take it in at first blush; his mind returned insistently to its questioning wonder if this were really a race after all; if it were not all a dream or a farce comedy concocted for the entertainment of these twenty thousand spectators. Gradually a realizing sense of the triumph dawned upon him, and then all at once he burst out with a soul-stirring cheer for Stroke "Eddie" Foote and his 1905 crew, the best that ever sat in a Cornell shell.

The Cornell crews rowed in the following order:

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Four—Bow, Hooper; 2, Barnhardt; 3, Acklin; stroke, Goodier.

The crews returned to Ithaca at noon on Thursday but as few of the students were in town the celebration of the victories was postponed until the fall.

COMMENTS ON THE CREWS.

Lest we be accused of undue gloating and boastfulness in our account of the regatta, we append extracts from several of the metropolitan dailies, who sent experts to report the race.

The New York Tribune had this to say: "Twenty-five thousand persons yesterday afternoon saw Cornell regain her lost title of Queen of the River. In the four-mile Varsity race, the principal race of the intercollegiate regatta, the Ithacans won with an ease which was all but ridiculous, drawing serenely away as soon as the six crews had settled into their strokes and being never in the least danger of defeat. At the half mile it was a certainty; at a mile it was a walkover; at two miles it was a procession; at three a farce, and at the finish mere nonsense. From the two-mile mark on Courtney's pupils were anywhere from ten to twenty-five lengths in the lead, and when the final gun flashed and boomed fully a quarter of a mile of open water divided Cornell's shell from that of Syracuse, her nearest rival.

"If the Ithacans were in need of balm for the defeat inflicted upon them a year ago, they got it in plenty. No such overwhelming defeat has ever been inflicted upon five eights in the history of Poughkeepsie racing as the Ithaca men furnished upon the young giants from Syracuse, Georgetown, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

"The time of the winners, 20:29 2-5, is no true measure of their superiority. True it is that this is far behind the record of 18:53 1-5, made by the phenomenal Cornell eight of 1901. But there is no telling how much the triumphant boatload of brawn that left the five other shells all but hull down might have bettered the time made had there been a crew on the river capable of putting up a respectable fight. As it was, Cornell was first and the rest nowhere."

The New York Sun said: "The issue in intercollegiate rowing supremacy as between Cornell and Syracuse was definitely settled for some time to come when Cornell's crews all but swept the river. In two races, the Freshman and Varsity eights, Courtney's pupils came

home easily first, and in the third, the four-oared, only the narrowest of margin separated the two crews."

The New York Press said: "Under a sky of turquoise and fleece, and over a four-mile stretch of Hudson water as smooth as a looking-glass, the shell of the Cornell Varsity eight skimmed swiftly to a victory almost absurd in its completeness. All but dallying with their oars half the time from Krum Elbow to the stakeboat, and actually loafing a third of the way, the oarsmen who had looked forward to a gruelling conflict with the winners of last year's trophy sat chaffing one another and grinning broadly at their far-away nearest competitor, and when they arrived at the finish line they were winners by nearly a quarter of a mile from Syracuse."

The New York World said: "Cornell's Varsity eight is probably the strongest, smoothest and fastest crew that ever sat in an American shell."

The New York Herald said: "Cornell rejoices in an aquatic Paradise Regained, for over the beautiful four-mile Poughkeepsie-Highland course, stretching smoothly down between the rolling hills of the Hudson and before thousands of Ithaca's faithful, Charles Courtney's crack Varsity eight distanced the strong crews of Syracuse, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin."

Luncheon Well Attended.

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practical duties of citizenship.

Dean Crane announced that the customary speeches from each of the reunion classes would be omitted this year to save time, and only one speaker was called upon from these classes. This was Frederick William Smith of Rochester, senior president of the class of '80. He expressed his pride that almost fifty members of his class had returned for the reunion, and told of some of the achievements of his classmates in the twenty-five years since they passed out from Cornell.

AN ANCIENT INSCRIPTION.

Former President Andrew D. White had been scheduled to respond to a toast, but he was obliged to attend the trustee meeting, and the concluding speech was made by T. P. Borden, '79, of New York. Dean Crane introduced him as one of the perpetrators of a practical joke on the toastmaster himself in the days when he was simply a professor of French. One year, when the French exams had been unusually hard and had proved fatal to a large percentage of the class, certain of the unfortunates avenged themselves by painting in large white letters on the big boulder

that stood in their professor's yard the advice: "TRY CRANE'S CONDITION POWDERS." The toastmaster said that a day or two ago he found Mr. Borden prowling around his yard trying to remove the vines and moss from this boulder and decipher the ancient inscription.

Mr. Borden had not been in Ithaca in twenty-six years, and he was full of amazement at the changes wrought in that time. He told a few stories suggested by conditions as he found them here and expressed his delight at meeting his old friends once more. His speech was witty and neatly phrased throughout and formed an admirable conclusion to the program. The luncheon was closed with "Alma Mater" and the "Evening Song."

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Associate Alumni Meeting.

General Committee of Seventeen to be Appointed—Alumni Hall Report.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Cornell Associate Alumni convened in Barnes hall at 10.30 a. m. on Wednesday, June 21, and was fairly well attended. In the absence of President Morris L. Buchwalter, '69, the meeting was called to order by the senior vice-president in attendance, John Ford, '90, of New York.

After the canvassing board had reported the result of the election of alumni trustees, a nominating committee was appointed, consisting of R. G. H. Speed, '71; Eugene Frayer, '75; G. L. Burr, '81; Luzerne Coville, '86; J. H. Tanner, '91; H. H. Norris, '96, and J. H. Blair, '01. This committee later nominated the following officers for the ensuing year, and they were unanimously elected:

President, Albert H. Sewell, '71.

Vice-presidents, Wilmot M. Smith, '74; Frederick W. Noyes, '76; Ira A. Place, '81; Charles H. Thurber, '86; Frank A. Barton, '91; Charles H. Rammelkamp, '96, and James O'Malley, '01.

Corresponding secretary, Charles H. Hull, '86.

Recording secretary, George W. Harris, '73.

Treasurer, S. E. Banks, '95.

Directors for three years, Jared T. Newman, '75, and Ernest W. Huffcut, '84.

Auditing committee, W. H. Smith, '73; C. E. Treman, '89, and George S. Tarbell, '91.

Canvassing board, Charles L. Cranday, '72, and Clark S. Northup, '93, the remaining members of the board to be appointed as directed by the by-laws.

Treasurer S. E. Banks, '95, reported as follows:

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Alumni hall fund, reported \$6,278.18 in his hands June 13, besides unpaid subscriptions amounting to several thousand dollars, and suggested that the Alumni association instruct the Alumni hall committee to proceed vigorously with the work of soliciting subscriptions. J. D. Warner, '72, had resigned from the chairmanship of this committee and had no report to make. The directors were instructed to appoint a new chairman of the committee.

The report of the committee of nine, recently printed in the ALUMNI NEWS, was accepted. E. S. Shepherd, '02, moved that a committee of seventeen graduates of Cornell University other than alumni trustees be appointed at the Commencement meeting of the Associate Alumni each year, to be known as

the Cornell Alumni General committee, this committee to be constituted as follows: two alumnæ at large, five alumni from the alumni residing in the state of New York and ten from those outside the state. The various local alumni associations throughout the country shall send to the recording secretary of the Associate Alumni at Ithaca prior to the meeting in June one nominee each to be voted upon at the annual meeting, as a member of this Cornell General Alumni committee, the voting, except as to the alumnæ members, to be restricted to these nominees, provided the associations make them; but in case of failure by the local associations to nominate for any one or more of the committee men the Associate Alumni shall elect from its own nominees.

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This was adopted. It was then voted that at this meeting the chair appoint a committee of five with power to select the committee of seventeen for the coming year. A motion to amend this by instructing the nominating committee to appoint so far as possible on the committee of seventeen the presidents of local alumni associations was lost by a vote of 60 to 48. The nominating committee of five was later announced by the chair as follows: Clarence J. Shearn, '90, chairman; Daniel E. Salmon, '72; Ernest W. Huffcut, '84; Clyde P. Johnson, '93, and Thomas McNeil, 3d, '95.

No report was presented from the committee on instruction in journalism, nor from the Alumni Field committee, but H. N. Ogden, '89, spoke briefly of the progress of work on the field and announced that a report would be published shortly in the ALUMNI NEWS.

C. L. Crandall, '72, brought to the attention of the association a paper entitled "A Plan to Aid in the Material Advancement of Our Alma Mater," by H. R. Lordly, C. E., '93, by investment in life insurance policies by graduates for the benefit of the University. The scheme was referred to the Board of Directors.

A brief statement was read from Trustee L. O. Howard, '77. Official duties requiring his absence from the country at this time, he asked the alumni to accept this not as a final and formal report, but as a summary of some of the principal features of the management of the University during his term. The report was accepted. On behalf of Trustee Willard Beahan, '78, Mrs. Beahan, '78, stated that he was engaged in the trustee meeting, but would, if desired, present a written report later.

H. P. deForest, '84, moved that a statement correcting allegations made in a recent article in McClure's Magazine, concerning the typhoid epidemic, be appended to Dr. Howard's report, but it was agreed that this question should be fully treated by Mr. Beahan, who was given permission to file his report with the secretary.

It was voted that the directors arrange to have the reports of the retiring alumni trustees printed in time to be sent out to alumni with the nominations and ballots for alumni trustees.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Delightful Concert.

The annual Senior week concert of the Cornell Musical clubs was given in

the Lyceum on Wednesday night, June 21, before an audience which filled the cozy theatre and made it the scene of one of the prettiest gatherings of the week. The concert was in every way a pleasing one and was made the more delightful because of the fact that several of the old Glee club "stars" were in the city for Alumni day and sang with the clubs.

President Schurman's Address.

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jected to intellectual discipline. I trust that you leave us with an enthusiasm for truth and knowledge, an open-mindedness to new ideas and an estimate of success in life which does not turn this fair world into a mere arena for the strife of money-getters and gamblers.

Let me venture to predict that the older and the wiser you grow the more emphasis will you lay on character as the supreme good for man. Without character even high intellectual power and refined taste and elegant culture are but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Without character the millionaire is merely a stupendously acquisitive animal. Character is not, it is true, a substitute for energy or skill or knowledge, but without character energy or skill or knowledge is of the brute brutish or of the demon diabolical.

I have recently been much impressed with two splendid illustrations of the influence of moral character. Have you thought of the unparalleled thing which President Roosevelt recently undertook and successfully accomplished? I mean, of course, the bringing of Russia and Japan together with a view to the ending of the carnage in far-off Manchuria. No man without superb courage would have essayed such a well nigh hopeless task; no man without the inspiration of an honest purpose could have plucked the flower, safely, from that nettle, danger. The most beloved and admired of Americans, his strength lay in the world's confidence in his integrity, his fairness and his devotion to righteous ends. Character has summoned the moral power of the nations to his aid; without character his action would have been that of a meddler and mischief-maker.

Or let me take another example. Here is a vast corporation, holding in trust for widows and orphans unimaginable millions of dollars. But the best asset the Equitable Assurance company ever had was the spotless reputation of Henry B. Hyde, the man who created the business. So long as he lived the company was as solid as Gibraltar. Within the past six months we have seen it become an object of universal distrust, its business paralyzed, its officers severely condemned by its own directors, its organization rapidly disintegrating, and the spectre of a receivership or of bankruptcy confronting it in a future apparently not very remote. Now what saved the Equitable Assurance company? I say it has been saved

by the grace and potency of character which built it up. Stronger than all the forces of criticism, of disintegration, of personal rivalries, even of faulty and therefore dangerous organization, is the name of that sturdy, honest, tried and tested and absolutely reliable American, Grover Cleveland.

Our republic is exalted by high minded, honest men like Theodor Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland. It is fitting that the republic has exalted them also. We cannot all occupy the high seat of chief magistrate. But we can all be faithful in the things, little or great, which fall to our lot. And it is the man who is faithful in these things who is made ruler over many. Heaven bless you all!

Many Alumni in Ithaca.

"Off-Year" Classes Well Represented in Register at Barnes Hall.

The following out-of-town alumni of the "off-year" classes registered at Barnes hall during Commencement week:

'72—D. W. Bowman, Phoenixville, Pa.; R. B. Howland, Kingston, Pa.; I. E. Salmon, Washington, D. C.; John D. Warner, New York.

'73—M. S. Bierce, Cortland; John Chamberlain, Buffalo; Frederick F. Jackson, Providence, R. I.; George I. Turner, Auburn.

'74—Sophy P. Fleming, Hibernia, Fla.; H. B. Robinson, Oil City, Pa.; A. A. Van Alstyne, Galveston, Texas; George G. Winston, Raleigh, N. C.; Charles C. Wood, Buffalo.

'76—James T. Brown, New York; W. L. Cuddeback, Port Jervis; Eugen Frayer, New York; Charles W. Wasoi, Cleveland, O.

'78—Willard Beahan, Cleveland, O.; J. McKee Borden, New York; T. I. Borden, New York; Ruth Putnam, New York; Arthur Falkenau, Philadelphia, Pa.

'79—Bessie DeWitt Beahan, Cleveland, O.; Walter C. Kerr, New York; Lena Hill Severance, Buffalo; Frank W. Skinner, New York; Marv E. Wee, Newark; Addison Weed, North Rose.

'81—W. R. Storey, Rochester; Richard B. Wick, Warren, O.

'82—Frank S. Purdy, Corning.

'84—Delbert H. Decker, Middletown; H. P. DeForest, New York.

'86—Eva S. Snyder, Herkimer.

'87—E. E. Hart, Cleveland, O.; Albee J. Himes, Cleveland, O.; Herbert M. Lovell, Elmira; Horace White, Syracuse.

'88—Orville Benson, New York; H. Edwards, Oxford; Harry L. Taylo, Buffalo; Andrew S. White, Fayetteville.

'91—George M. Brill, Chicago.

'92—John A. Hamilton, Buffalo; M. McVoy, jr., New York; L. N. Nicholson, Brooklyn.

'93—C. F. Barr, Buffalo; Robert I. Jacobs, New York; Clyde P. Johnson, Canton, O.; Margaret Otis, Rochester.

'94—T. S. Clark, New York; Rutger Green, Detroit, Mich.; George Platt nox, St. Louis, Mo.; C. C. Rosewater, Omaha, Neb.; Wm. E. Schroeder, Toledo, O.; Edwin P. Young, Pittsburg, Pa.
'96—Lillian B. Coleman, Rochester; E. Haslam, Niagara Falls; Theodore Joseph, Seattle, Wash.; John B. Richards, Buffalo; Gordon Saussy, Savannah, Ga.; J. S. Truman, Owego; W. C. Ruman, Owego; A. W. Wyckoff, Pittsburg, Pa.
'97—F. O. Affeld, New York; Fred sa Barnes, Stockbridge, Mass.; William C. Bell, Lockport; Jervis Langdon, Elmira; Mrs. Josephine Genung Nichols, Brooklyn; Paul S. Peirce, Ames, Ia.
'98—Dean Clark, Syracuse; John T. Orman, Owego; Mary F. Macauley, Rochester.
'99—N. J. Gould, Seneca Falls; Corliss Trowbridge, Westhaven, Conn.; Adelaide Taber Young, Wellsboro, Pa.
'01—Bertha L. Alexander, Brooklyn; Edward R. Alexander, Washington, D. C.; R. M. Brown, Washington, D. C.; G. Crawford, Aurora, Ill.; George Crofts, Buffalo; Mabel R. Crowl, Syracuse; John S. Gay, Seneca Falls; Ella V. Goodall, Binghamton; Lena Harris, New York; L. H. Keeler, Auburn; Anna W. King, Williamsport, Pa.; Ascom Little, Cleveland, O.; Layton Lyon, Williamsport, Pa.; Alice R. Ray, Rochester; Gertrude E. Mock, Rochester; Russell B. Putnam, Washington, D. C.; Lucy M. Washburn, San Jose, Cal.; Frederick Willis, New York.

'03—C. Albert Blakeslee, Du Bois, Pa.; G. E. D. Brady, Buffalo; Edward Burns, jr., Brooklyn; J. B. Chase, Chicago; Juliet S. Crossett, Warsaw; C. L. Dibble, Marshall, Mich.; Hugh M. Ferguson, Pittsburg, Pa.; Harry N. Howe, Memphis, Tenn.; Grace E. Inman, Bloomington, Ill.; S. H. Kellerman, Buffalo; Raymond P. Morse, New York; Curtis C. Myers, Buffalo; Ralph C. Osborne, Schenectady; John Randolph, Adams; W. H. Rowe, Newark, N. J.; R. Ryon, New York; Kenneth B. Turner, Detroit, Mich.; C. Reeve Vanne-man, Havre de Grace, Md.; Raxley F. Weber, St. Louis, Mo.; W. S. Woodward, Philadelphia.
'04—C. M. Brown, jr., Brooklyn; Henry W. Bryant, Chicago; Eleanor I. Burns, Philadelphia; Mary Merritt Crawford, Nyack; E. G. Cuddeback, Port Jervis; Charles H. Day, Providence, R. I.; A. Penn Denton, Leavenworth, Kan.; Miss Fletcher, Bainbridge; W. F. Fletcher, Washington, D. C.; Charles G. Koehler, Brooklyn; Maud L. Kuschke, Plymouth, Pa.; Ethel Laverty, Glens Falls; Edwin F. Lines, Washington, D. C.; Peter S. McGuire, Buffalo; P. H. Mallory, Albany; Albert R. Mann, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. M. Mann, New York; Florence Marquardt, Brooklyn; E. J. Meyer, New York; George J. Nathan, Cleveland, O.; Fred W. Oswald, jr., Brooklyn; Belle Payne, Gouverneur; Lillian M. Purvis, Dryden; G. C. Robertson, Buffalo; F. M. Sears, Holyoke, Mass.; Jessie Gillies Sibley,

Cuba; Charles A. Sleicher, Troy; Mary Winifred Sprague, New Berlin; Cecil J. Swan, Elmira; Ralph M. Thomson, New York; Irving Warner, Wilmington, Del.; J. H. Wilson, Amsterdam.

Return to Farce Comedy.

Senior week of 1905 opened on Monday night, June 19, when the Cornell Masque presented the delightful little farce comedy "The New Boy." The decision of the management to abandon the musical comedy seems to have been a wise one for the immense amount of preparation requisite, and the great expense involved in such productions made it practically impossible to give a creditable performance. The return to the farce comedy was warmly welcomed. The cast was excellent, and in the clever little play the members found a vehicle especially fitted to their talents. The Lyceum was crowded as usual with an attractive throng of Senior week guests, and this year it was noticeable that many graduates were present.

It can be said without reservation that the Masque scored a decided hit at this performance. The play abounds in humor and ludicrous situations, and the wit of the book itself was augmented

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by the comic impersonations of the feminine roles. Had not Nancy, Mrs. Renick and Susan been required to talk, the delusions would have been well nigh perfect. As it was, their Venus-of-Melos-like figures, their grace and charming femininity easily overshadowed all else.

The Baccalaureate Service.

The Baccalaureate sermon before the students of the graduating class was delivered by the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson of New York city in Sage chapel on June 18. The inclement weather which marred all the events of Commencement week began to manifest itself on this occasion, and a violent thunder storm, accompanied by rain, began during the address of Dr. Jefferson and continued long after the close of the exercises. Just at the point when the speaker was about to address the class in his last words of counsel the lights went out and the remainder of his remarks were delivered extemporaneously and in total darkness.

At the close of the address the congregation remained in their seats for some time and sang familiar hymns until the rain had abated to some extent.

Class Day.

On Tuesday of Commencement week the members of the Senior class and their friends assembled in the Armory at 9.30 o'clock on the occasion of the class day exercises. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and was crowded to its capacity. The singing of "Alma Mater" opened the exercises, after which followed the president's address, which was delivered in a masterful manner. Mr. Richardson had evidently prepared these last words to his class with much care and thought, and at the close of his address he was generously applauded.

William L. Ransom, the class orator, spoke upon the war now in progress in the Far East and the lessons to be obtained from the conflict. Miss Charlotte C. Faust, the class poet, was the next speaker on the program, and was followed by Miss Vera L. Shepherd, the class essayist. After the singing of "Cornell," Bernard B. Maginnis delivered the memorial oration.

The Seniors then made their way to the library, where the class picture was taken, and thence to the north end of

Stimson hall, where the class ivy was planted. The order of exercises on the Campus was as follows:

Ivy oration, William P. Allen.

Class history, Walter H. Gerwig.

Class prophecy, Walter W. Baldwin.

"The Bells."

Presentation of pipe for 1905, Neal D. Becker.

Reply for 1906, Hugh E. Weatherlow.

"Evening Song."

Enjoyable Senior Ball.

The Senior ball was held in the Armory on Tuesday night of Commencement week and brought to a fitting close the social history of the class of 1905. This ball is an institution almost as old as the University itself, and committees have vied with each other to surpass preceding events in magnificence, and the ball this year represented the high-water mark in the development. This event has come to be known throughout the social world, and it was learned that guests had journeyed from as far as Texas to participate in the brilliant affair.

The decorative scheme employed was somewhat different from those used on former occasions, the purpose being to give the ball more perfect ventilation. A form of lattice work in bunting of the class colors was prettily arranged about the ceiling and above the boxes on the sides, while the boxes were arranged in the form of cozy summer houses. Mention should be made of the electric effects. A dimmer was employed, and when the lights were turned low during the progress of those dreamy waltzes, and only the Japanese lanterns served to light the hall with a soft glow, the many votaries of the Goddess Terpsichore vowed they were in a fairyland indeed.

Cornellians in Washington, D. C.

In the absence of Secretary L. C. Graton, who is now in New Mexico on an investigation for the U. S. Geological Survey, E. S. Shepherd, '02, is acting as secretary for the Cornell Alumni Association of the District of Columbia. It is urged that any Cornellians who may be in the city of Washington for either a long or a short stay, notify the secretary of their arrival. He has a list of all Cornell men now in the Capitol City, and will be glad to assist visitors in finding their old classmates, and in any case assures them a hearty welcome.

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