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## PROFESSOR E. W. HUFFCUT.

### Appreciation of the Dean-elect by Dean Francis M. Finch—Biographical Sketch.

The appointment of Professor Huffcut as director and dean of the College of Law, to fill the place which I shall leave vacant at the coming commencement, is an occasion which tempts me to say a few words about him, because I know so well the man himself and the duties and responsibilities which await him.

I have taken a deep interest in the Law Department of the University and in the young men who have come to it to fit themselves for their professional lives. I have seen the school largely increase the preparation demanded of its students, and extend its course of instruction from two years to three, facing an anticipated reduction of its attendance, but lifting to a higher level the study and diligence requisite for its degree. All along this line of progress Professor Huffcut has been an able and effective assistant. He not only thoroughly approved of the changes made, but was always the resolute advocate of every measure tending to elevate our educational standard. He comes to his new duties with the advantage of a long experience in the school itself, and with a full knowledge of all its successes and failures. He has seen it grow and been a part of its growth.

He has watched the career of its graduates, and learned many lessons from the trend of their professional careers.

In later years he has largely managed the varied details of administration and lifted from the dean the daily burdens that grew heavier with advancing years. He is familiar with them all and will have none of them to learn anew.

He is a learned and scholarly lawyer, with a capacity for and love of hard work, and with that tact in conveying instruction and awakening enthusiasm in the learner which is the most valuable characteristic of the successful teacher.

I know of no man more thoroughly fitted to be the director of the Law School, or so certain to fill all its demands, and grow with the years into even a broader reputation than that already gained. It is a satisfaction to me, as I surrender control of the Law School, to know that I leave it in the hands of an able and vigorous successor, in the prime of his life and strength, and so thoroughly fitted to carry the department on to a success beyond any that it has yet attained.

F. M. FINCH.

### Biographical Sketch.

Ernest Wilson Huffcut was born November 21, 1860, in the town of Kent, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He prepared for college at the Afton Union School, Afton, N. Y. The two years following the completion of his preparatory course were devoted to teaching; and, then, in the



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fall of 1880, he entered Cornell University.

His work in the University was mainly in history and political science under President Andrew D. White, Moses Coit Tyler and Herbert Tuttle. He was editor of the Cornell Daily Sun in 1881-2, and of the Cornell Era in 1882-3. In 1882 he joined the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. In June, 1884, he graduated from the University.

During the following year Professor Huffcut held the position of private secretary to President White, and in 1885, upon the resignation of Dr. White, he became an instructor in the English Department of the University, and continued as such until 1888.

In the meantime he began the study of law, first in the office of Newman & McLachlan (Jared T. Newman, Ph. B., '75), and then in the newly established College of Law at the University. In June, 1888, he graduated with the first class that left the new Law School, and in the same year was admitted to the bar.

Professor Huffcut moved to Minneapolis in the fall of 1888 where he formed a law partnership with Edward H. Crooker, B. Lit., '83. During the Presidential campaign of that year he stumped almost continuously throughout Minnesota for the Republican ticket. This work brought him into such prominence that he was appointed Judge Advocate General, with the rank of Brigadier General, on the staff of Governor Merriam.

In the fall of 1890, David Starr

Jordan, M. S., '72, then President of the University of Indiana, called him to a professorship in the law department of that institution, where he remained until 1892. In 1892-3 he occupied a similar position at the Northwestern University College of Law. In 1893, Dr. Jordan, who in 1891, had become the President of Leland Stanford University, appointed Professor Huffcut to a law professorship at Leland Stanford. At this juncture, however, a call came to a professorship in the Cornell University College of Law. Professor Huffcut secured a release from President Jordan, and returned to his alma mater in the fall of 1893.

Professor Huffcut was president of the Cornell Athletic Council from 1894 to 1900. In 1900-1 he was president of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He is also an honorary member of Delta Chi and Quill and Dagger.

In the fall of 1901 he became secretary of the College of Law. He was chairman of the Section on Legal Education of the American Bar Association in 1901-2, and he has been secretary and treasurer of the Association of American Law Schools since its foundation in 1900.

Since returning to Ithaca in 1893, Professor Huffcut has been offered the deanship at three other prominent law schools with an increase of salary, and several professorships elsewhere, but he has declined them all, and has remained continuously at his work in the Cornell University College of Law from his appointment in 1893 to the present time.

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## FEVER EPIDEMIC.

### President's Speech—Student's Attitude—Outlook For Water Supply.

The resolutions adopted by the Senior class meeting on Tuesday, the 17th, as reported in the last issue of the Alumni News, were transmitted the same afternoon to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, who adopted the following minute:

After careful consideration of the petition of the Senior class at a special meeting called for that purpose the President was directed to assure the students of the Senior class and all the students in the University that individually and as Trustees we are doing our utmost in the present emergency for the welfare of the University and its students; that we are glad to give most careful consideration to all measures of relief that the students or any of them suggest or propose; that after mature deliberation the plan of furnishing water to all the student boarding houses in Ithaca, scattered all over the city as they are, seem to us well nigh impracticable and to bring with it other difficulties that would greatly embarrass us in the relief measures we are now pursuing; and even if we were to undertake to carry out the plan it is our belief that the furnishing of water free would not make the careless and indifferent any more careful that we now compel them to be under the pledges that have been secured. These pledges are of the following form:

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., February 16, 1903. I hereby agree that I will not serve or permit to be served on my table or in students' rooms for drinking in my house any city water except it be boiled; that I will not serve uncooked vegetables which have not been washed in boiled water; that all dishes used for serving food or drink shall be washed and rinsed in boiled water; and, in general, that I will take every possible precaution against the spread of typhoid fever.

These have been signed by 203 boarding houses and have been largely secured since the meeting of the Senior class on Tuesday. We earnestly urge upon every member of the student body to see that at the house where he boards these pledges are observed; and in event of any case of violation being discovered, that immediate steps be taken for the prosecution of the offender under the stringent rules of the Board of Health of the City charter.

On Wednesday, the 18th, President Schurman gave notice that he would address the students in the Armory at noon on the 19th, all University exercises being suspended for the purpose.

An audience of about 1,500, including almost all the students remaining in Ithaca, assembled Thursday noon, and to them the President read the minute of the Trustees, as above printed, and added by way of explanation:

It will not do for the University to take the responsibility of supplying water to all the boarding houses, but because you want this done, I make

the following pledge: Supply yourselves with artesian water, have it installed in your boarding houses to be used for the purposes specified in the Senior resolutions, and if you do not care to pay for it, send the bills to me and the University will pay for it until further notice.

Inasmuch as many students say that they cannot trust their boarding house keepers to use boiled water, we offer to fit up the Sage gymnasium as a boarding room for men, and within three days afford accommodation for 300 students. Any who desire to accept the offer, should notify Mr. Foote at Sage College immediately.

President Schurman's address, which occupied nearly an hour, was not stenographically reported, but on the general situation he said in substance:

By the first of September next, the city of Ithaca will have absolutely pure water. This is a crisis, a time that tries the spirits of men. No man, be he student or professor or trustee, can effect anything unless he keeps his head level, his temper cool, and his heart warm and generous.

Everything possible has been done by the University authorities. Yesterday and today, I am glad to report, conditions at the Infirmary and the annex are better than at any time since the epidemic occurred, although there are several critical cases. To protect the lives of those of you who are well, orders have been issued to boarding house keepers to use only boiled water.

The vital questions, shall Cornell University open next September or shall 3,000 students from all parts of the United States and the world be advised to go home because the water supply is polluted and unsafe? and shall the University Faculty be dissolved, having no work to do next year? have both been solved through the action of the Common Council last night, in accepting the offer of the Trustees to provide funds for the installation of a filtration plant.

Regarding those who are still here—and the size of this audience shows that they are not a few—I desire to say that no reflection will be cast upon any student who leaves, and that every consideration will be shown to him upon his return. Whatever is possible, even though it involves the suspension of every educational rule established by the Faculty, will be done. Either by means of special classes or summer session the students will be allowed to make up their work. The students' needs must be met and their aims carried out. The financial rule regarding tuition I hereby suspend, and any student desiring to do so may make special arrangements with me.

We have done the utmost in our power to protect the University and the students; the rest is in your hands. Be calm, be loyal to the University as far as is compatible with the protection of your lives and health, and the name of the University, in your hands, as never before, will be safe.

#### Students' Attitude.

The next morning (Friday) the Cornell Daily Sun said editorially:

"President Schurman's address has had a remarkable effect in restoring confidence and its influence in allaying apprehensions has been very great. The attitude of the University is now clearly understood, and quite unanimously approved."

The correctness of this judgment was made manifest at noon, when a mass meeting called by the presidents of the Senior and Junior classes, after

listening to a prolonged discussion, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, During the past few days numerous misleading reports have been circulated in the public press regarding the attitude of the students and officers of the University toward one another and the public has been led to believe that the students are widely at variance with the Board of Trustees in the measures taken to protect those still in the University and it has been made to appear that we have little confidence in the effectiveness of their plans for the relief of the present situation.

Since these reports have misrepresented the prevailing sentiment, we desire to express at this mass meeting our actual attitude. We believe that the plans recommended and carried out by the University officials are those best adapted to relieve existing conditions and we believe that the situation is improving. We realize that each one is now responsible for his own health and if sufficiently watchful over his interests, will have no reason to be fearful of remaining in Ithaca.

Feeling that at the present time those bearing the burdens of responsibility need the thoughtful help of all of us, we pledge our unqualified support to the University authorities and assure them of our confidence in their actions while we express anew our devotion and loyalty to Cornell.

#### The Outlook for a Water Supply.

The decision of the Trustees to distribute water to all students, as outlined in President Schurman's address to the undergraduates on Thursday, was promptly put into execution.

Two stations, each a small board house about 10 by 12 feet, were constructed, one south of the Library, the other south and east of the Cascadilla bridge. At each of these stations artesian well water is stored in sterilized receptacles, a fresh supply being provided every morning. All students who care to apply, are furnished as much water as they may care to take to their rooms or boarding houses.

In addition, pure drinking water is supplied freely in each of the University buildings. To prevent infection, 26 new tanks have been procured and installed in the place of the filters previously in the buildings. The tanks are filled with artesian well water every morning.

These precautions, however, are in their nature essentially temporary. The Trustees of the University and the authorities of the city thoroughly realize the necessity of such prompt and radical measures as shall place the purity of the permanent water supply beyond question, and that at the earliest practicable date. With this end in view, the Trustees authorized President Schurman to present to the Common Council of the city the case as the University views it. At a meeting of the Council held Wednesday, February 18, he spoke substantially as follows:

I appear before you in a matter of the utmost gravity. A matter which involves the lives of the students of the University, and of the people of the City of Ithaca. During these last few weeks there has been a great loss of life in our city and there are still 450 fever stricken patients. I trust I shall never see in the future as I have never seen in the past, such suffering among our students, such fear and trembling in the entire community as prevail at present.

While the city is mourning over the loss it must also make plans for the future. I come before you to propose such a plan, although I will not discuss the cause of the present disaster, nor the parties who may be morally

or legally responsible. It is my own belief that the infliction is due to the water, but I am unable to prove it. If, however, it be due to polluted water the directors of the company who furnished the water are responsible.

After what has occurred I must make it an essential feature of the plan which Cornell University submits that the power to decide the quality of water shall be vested in parties who are satisfactory to the Board of Trustees, or its executive committee, and therefore satisfactory to the City of Ithaca. It is further essential that we have a weekly analysis of the water furnished to the citizens, and that a report should be made by a competent expert in whom the University has confidence. And this report must be published in the newspapers.

My proposition is one of simplicity and one which could not be more easily apprehended. It is pure water by September 1.

The proposition I shall make does not affect the question of municipal ownership. The Board of Trustees has no official opinion to offer on that subject, but there are a number on the board who heartily favor municipal ownership. It does not involve the question of any one stream or streams. It is simple a plan for the filtration of water, no matter how that water is supplied.

We believe that pure water can be furnished by September 1 on one condition: That the City of Ithaca through its Mayor and Common Council; the Board of Trustees of the University, and the Water Company heartily co-operate. In that co-operation the Water Company is the last to be considered as it is a money-making organization. The University and the City are not.

The filtration plant I suggest will cost \$150,000. The cost of maintenance will vary. The interest on the capital will be \$7,500 a year, and the cost of operation \$2,500, making a total cost annually of \$10,000, without providing any sinking fund for the recovery of the bonds. We don't ask the City to pay the \$10,000 a year, or even a half of it, but the City must pay for the filtered water when it gets it. We ask the City to cancel the clause in the water contract, which, when recently made, reduced the price from \$20 to \$17, and so on in proportion, with the understanding that the money raised by the increase of rates shall be used toward the annual maintenance of the plant. The total thus raised would be from \$4,000 to \$4,500, which is not half of the annual cost. The burden on those who take the water would be at the most \$3, for others \$2 and others one dollar.

The question which the City has to consider is simply the one mentioned now. We simply say that the money will be forthcoming for the filtration plant. The plant will be erected and good filtered water will be supplied by September 1, providing you cancel that clause in the contract.

The second reason why this is the only plan available is that the public of the country cannot gain confidence in Cornell or the City of Ithaca until this Council and Cornell University are absolutely in accordance. The University cannot carry out this plan alone. If it did the problem of saving the University and the City would not be solved. The people would think the University did not have good water because the City would not co-operate.

Alderman W. W. Rowlee, '88, offered the following resolution, which was

adopted, by a vote of six to one, and approved by the Mayor:

Resolved, That the agreement between the Ithaca Water Works Company and the City of Ithaca, dated August 25, 1902, be modified by striking out the following words and clause on page two (2) in line four (4) thereof, viz: "And furthermore covenants and agrees on November 1, 1902, to cut the present price of consumption for combined hot and cold kitchen faucet from \$10.00 to \$8.00; to cut the present prices for consumption for cold kitchen faucet from \$8.00 to \$6.00, and for baths in private residences from \$5.00 to \$4.00 per year." And by inserting in place thereof, the following, viz: "And furthermore covenants and agrees that the price for consumption for combined hot and cold kitchen faucet shall not exceed \$10.00; that the price for consumption for cold kitchen faucet shall not exceed \$8.00, and for bath in private residences shall not exceed \$5.00 per year."

The foregoing resolution is adopted in pursuance of the promise of the Ithaca Water Works Company to promptly build and maintain a suitable filtering plant for the purpose of filtering all water distributed by it, and this resolution is to go into effect when the Ithaca Water Works Company furnishes such filtered water throughout its system.

The foregoing resolution is adopted, William T. Morris, '73, president of the Ithaca Light and Water Company, announced that the matter of a filtration plant had been taken up already with Allen Hazen of New York. Mr. Hazen's experience is well known. His reputation is of the highest. He has given assurance that absolutely pure water can be furnished by the first of September. Active operations will be begun, Mr. Morris said, as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Meanwhile plans and specifications will be drawn and a construction contract awarded so that the actual work of building the plant may be begun as soon as the weather permits. Even if the City, at the election ordered for March 2, shall decide in favor of municipal ownership of the water supply, that will in no way interfere with the prosecution of the company's plans.

#### President's Statement.

Just before the News went to press President Schurman issued the following statement in regard to the situation:

"The cause of the epidemic of typhoid is generally believed to be contamination of the water of Six Mile creek, which, along with Buttermilk creek, furnishes the water supply of the city of Ithaca, by a band of laborers who were engaged in the fall and early winter in the construction of a dam in that creek for the Ithaca Water Company. This belief is confirmed by an investigation, which, on behalf of Cornell University, has been made by Dr. V. A. Moore, our bacteriologist, and Dr. E. M. Charnot, our toxicologist, and which they have just completed.

"They say a study of the various ways by which typhoid bacilli are disseminated will show that in our present epidemic we should look to but two of the channels of dissemination, namely, milk and water, for source of infection. A careful inquiry into distribution of routes does not show or give reason to suspect that milk has been a source of infection. This leaves us with but one possible source for such a widespread infection, namely, drinking water. The distribution of the cases of typhoid fever shows that the disease has not existed in (first) families using water from Fall creek exclusively, which is the source of the water supply of Cornell University; (second)

in families using for drinking purposes spring or other water brought to the city; (third) among those who have used well water exclusively for drinking purposes, and (fourth) among those who have used for several months past boiled city water only for drinking purposes.

"Thus Cornell heights, the Campus, portions of the flats not having city water, and West Hill are exempt. Fever cases have been restricted, with possibly rare exceptions, to those using city water for drinking purposes without first properly filtering or boiling.

"We are informed by the Water Works company that there are three distinct zones in the city, one receiving water from Six Mile creek exclusively, one from Buttermilk creek exclusively, and one mixed water of the two streams. We find a large number of cases on East Hill, where the water supply is from Six Mile creek. There are, however, some cases of the disease, alleged to be supplied by Buttermilk creek water. Many of these cases are people who spent more or less of their time in other parts of the city and could easily have become infected with water there.

"Drs. Moore and Chamot, however, assert that this hypothesis of water contamination by labors at the dam is not conclusive until it can be demonstrated that at least one of the laborers had suffered from typhoid fever, and as all the laborers have returned to their homes in and about New York city this link in the chain of inference cannot be supplied.

"The water supply of the University comes from Fall creek, which is a different source from the water supply of the city. No cases of typhoid fever are known to have occurred among those who used exclusively the water supply of the University Campus. No person at Sage College, in which more than 200 women students board and lodge, and which is supplied by this water, has had typhoid fever, and no case of typhoid fever has occurred in the families of professors living on the Campus. Typhoid fever has developed among those students only who live in other portions of the city which are supplied by the Ithaca Water company, with water from the Six Mile creek and from Buttermilk creek.

"Cornell University differs from most of the other large institutions of learning in having no dormitory system or dining hall for its men, and they live in private houses situated over all parts of the city. There are this year about 2,700 students of Cornell University resident in Ithaca. Of these at least one-third have gone to their respective homes since the outbreak of the fever epidemic, the University authorities having advised all students who had the least illness or were apprehensive of illness to leave the University and many having been imperatively summoned by their parents. Of those that remain in the University 78 are on the sick list at Ithaca. Of this number 57 are confined in the University Infirmary and its annexes and 21 are ill either at their own rooms or in private hospitals in the city. The majority of these patients in the University Infirmary and its annexes have typhoid fever mostly mild, though some are serious and a few critical.

"Of the 21 outside the Infirmary seven are recognized as typhoid pa-

tients, of which number one or two are serious. The 57 sick students in the University Infirmary and its annexes are attended by 50 trained or skilled nurses, while the students outside the Infirmary are cared for by their friends. The condition of all student patients, whether in the Infirmary or not, is reported by the president of the University in daily letters to their parents."

**Condition of Fever Patients.**

The condition of student typhoid patients was officially reported from the Infirmary as follows at the hour the News went to press:

- H. D. Aller, '04, doing well.
- E. Blough, G., typhoid, no change.
- F. J. Baker, '05, hard cold.
- R. Bennett, '04, typhoid, improving.
- J. M. Bell, '06, fever, improving.
- C. E. Barie, '04, typhoid, improving.
- P. F. Gaehr, '02, typhoid, improving.
- J. W. Calkins, '06, typhoid, doing well.
- W. E. Curtis, '05, fever, improving.
- R. A. Cushman, '05, typhoid, improving.
- E. S. Choate, '03, typhoid, improving.
- A. K. Dawson, Sp., typhoid.
- H. A. Daboll, '03, typhoid, improving.
- H. A. Eckert, '06, fever, improving.
- J. P. Fisher, '06, pneumonia, improving.
- A. T. Freer, '06, typhoid, slight improvement.
- S. H. Fringer, '06, typhoid, improving.
- A. A. Freedlander, '05, typhoid, improving.
- C. A. Gaensslen, '06, typhoid, improving.
- H. A. Gilbert, '05, typhoid, improving.
- R. Gannett, '05, fever, improving.
- L. E. Hulse, '06, typhoid, improving.
- J. K. Hoppin, '05, paracolon, improving.
- W. A. Hillebrand, '05, typhoid, improving.
- F. B. Humphrey, '04, typhoid, improving.
- C. B. Jeffords, G., fever, improving.
- E. E. Keet, '06, fever, improving.
- G. B. Lull, '04, just admitted.
- Clyde Leavitt, just admitted.
- C. W. Lange, '05, paracolon, improving.
- J. R. Mitchell, '06, typhoid, doing well.
- W. D. Masterson, '06, fever, improving.
- J. H. McEvoy, '05, typhoid, no improvement.
- Miss McClune, '04, typhoid, improving.
- G. E. Merrill, '03, typhoid, improving.
- R. E. Mueden, '03, typhoid, improving.
- C. N. Pinco, '03, fever, convalescent.
- R. W. Palmer, Ag., typhoid, improving.
- M. Rothkugel, Sp., typhoid.
- W. Reid, '06, paracolon, improving.
- A. H. Schaaf, '06, typhoid, improving.
- W. L. Savacool, '05, typhoid, very sick.
- F. D. Sheffield, '06, typhoid, no change.
- J. P. Stewart, G., fever, improving.
- C. F. Shaw, '06, fever, improving.
- C. W. Sandford, '05, typhoid, improving.
- A. F. Stillman, '06, typhoid, improving.
- F. B. Sawyer, Ag., typhoid, improving.
- C. J. Teller, '05, typhoid, no improvement.
- W. A. Tydeman, '03, typhoid, improving.
- C. Thom, G., fever, improving.
- M. J. Wright, '04, enteric, improving.
- J. A. Woods, '06, typhoid, slight improvement.
- C. Wineburgh, '04, typhoid, improving.
- G. P. Watkins, '05, typhoid, improving.
- A. G. Wylie, '05, typhoid, improving.
- A. S. Wardwell, '05, typhoid, no improvement.
- Miss Walton, '06, typhoid, improving.
- J. W. Young, '06, typhoid, improving.

**Cross Country Run.**

If the weather is suitable, the annual handicap race of the Cross Country club will be run off Saturday, February 28. Only members of the club are eligible.

The distance has been shortened to three miles in order that the men doing indoor track work may enter.

The handicaps will be published during the latter part of this week. They are made out by the executive committee assisted by Trainer Moakley.

—As a result of deficiencies in the work of the first term of this year in the Department of Arts and Sciences, 21 students were denied permission to continue their work for the current term. Two have since been reinstated on a reconsideration of facts and three allowed to remain for a time on probation. A total, therefore, of 16 has been dropped for the term.

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## Class Reunions.

The following will constitute the  
committees that will take charge of  
their respective class reunions in June,  
1903:

Class of 1873—Edwin Gillette, Ithaca, N. Y.

Class of 1878—Robert H. Treman, Ithaca, N. Y.

Class of 1883—Franklin Matthews, editorial rooms, New York Sun, New York City.

Class of 1888—Harry L. Taylor, Buffalo, N. Y.

Class of 1893—B. S. Cushman, Ithaca, N. Y.

Class of 1898—Jesse Fuller, Jr., 166 Montague Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Any missing addresses or other information will be appreciated by these committees.

## Calendar of Coming Events.

Feb. 26, Thursday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Yale, in New Haven.

" 27, Friday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Princeton, in Princeton.

" 28, Saturday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia.

" 28, Saturday — Cross Country handicap race in Ithaca.

March 1, Sunday — Sage Chapel preacher: the Rev. Francis E. Clark, D.D., Boston, Congregationalist.

" 4, Wednesday—Fencing meet: Cornell vs. Columbia, in New York.

" 6, Friday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Princeton, in Ithaca.

" 7, Saturday—Fencing: Cornell vs. Harvard, in Ithaca.

" 8, Sunday—Sage Chapel preacher: the Rev. Francis E. Clark, D.D., Boston, Congregationalist.

" 12, Thursday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Pratt Institute of Technology, in Brooklyn.

" 12, Friday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Columbia in New York.

" 14, Saturday—Basketball: Cornell vs. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy.

A sketch of Professor Bailey's work and a more extended notice of his merited promotion to the directorship of the Agricultural College will appear in a subsequent issue.

## FEVER EPIDEMIC.

A correct understanding by our alumni of the fever situation at Ithaca has been rendered difficult by the misleading character of many of the newspaper reports of the epidemic. We have endeavored in this issue to give a plain and concise statement of the more important facts in the hope that the erroneous impressions may be dispelled. In the main, we permit the facts to speak for themselves and leave our readers to draw their own conclusions. But a word of comment on some features of the situation may not be out of place.

It has been charged that the sick students do not receive proper care, that the hospital accommodations furnished by the University are inadequate, and that the members of the medical profession in Ithaca are not competent to treat typhoid.

As to the latter charge we feel that the Ithaca physicians need no defense at our hands. We have no doubt that the level of medical skill here is at least as high as it is in other communities of substantially the same size.

As for the University's part, there can be no doubt that Cornell possesses in the Sage Infirmary, as complete a hospital plant as is maintained by any institution of learning in this country exclusively for the care of its ailing students. For all ordinary times the accommodations thus provided are more than ample. In the present epidemic, which has visited Ithaca with great severity, both the Infirmary and the City Hospital have been overcrowded of necessity, and their facilities consequently overtaxed.

The University, however, took prompt steps to afford such relief as was possible under the circumstances. A large number of skilled nurses were brought from Buffalo, Philadelphia, and intervening cities, to augment the regular nursing staff of the Infirmary. Early in the epidemic a commodious building nearby was hired as an annex. Later on Stimson Hall, the new Medical building, which has all facilities for caring for the sick and an admirable system of forced ventilation, was opened as a second annex to the Infirmary. It can be confidently asserted that since the first days of the epidemic, the President and the Trustees have spared no effort to discharge, in the most liberal spirit, every obligation towards the sick students.

Moreover, the University authorities have not, either directly or indirectly, asked students to remain in town. On the contrary, they have made every student feel that he was at perfect liberty to go home if he or his parents considered it unsafe for him to remain in Ithaca. And in order to relieve as much as possible the strain on hospital accommodations here, they have encouraged physicians to send home promptly every student applying for medical advice, whenever the slightest symptom of any non-conta-

gious disease appeared. Likewise in his speech to the students last Thursday, President Schurman officially suspended the rule calling for the prompt payment of tuition and declared his willingness to make separate arrangements with each individual student in order that none should be under any financial pressure to remain in attendance at the University who would otherwise prefer to absent himself for a time.

It cannot be too strongly stated that the gravity of the situation is fully realized by the President and other University authorities, and that every effort is being made to meet the emergency. It is now generally assumed that the epidemic has been occasioned by a contamination of the water supplied to the people of the city of Ithaca in whose houses the majority of the students live. As is more fully stated in our news article no fever has yet appeared among the members of the instructing staff living on the Campus or among the women students living in Sage College, who are supplied with water by the University from another source. Prompt and vigorous steps have been taken for the immediate supplying of pure water to all students and for the purification of the entire Ithaca water supply before the beginning of the next college year.

It should be borne in mind that Ithaca has always, as a matter of fact, been a healthy place. There is no inherent element of danger in the conditions usually prevailing here. The epidemic is traceable to a cause that can and will be effectually and permanently eradicated.

Greeting to Professor Huffcut, the first Cornell graduate to be appointed Director of his own College and Dean of his own Faculty. He is an efficient executive and administrative officer, a scholarly lawyer and a brilliant teacher. Dean Finch's appreciation of him, published in this issue, indicates the pride in his great abilities which is entertained by the members of his own community. But his reputation is not confined to the narrow limits of the City of Ithaca. To say nothing of the numerous attempts which have been made by other law schools to lure him away from his alma mater, his enviable position in the legal community of the entire United States, especially on its educational side, is amply evidenced by the demands for and consideration accorded to, contributions from his pen, by the frequent calls made upon him for addresses before learned societies, and by his appointment to important offices, as for instance, the chairmanship of the Section on Legal Education of the American Bar Association and the secretaryship of the Association of American Law Schools, which latter office he has held since the foundation of the association. It is a great satisfaction to know that the beloved

judge leaves the law department of the University "in the hands of an able and vigorous successor, in the prime of his life and strength, and so thoroughly fitted to carry the Department on to a success beyond any that it has yet attained."

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THE ALUMNI.

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

'73, B.M.E., and '82, M.E.—Rufus Anderson claims to have solved the problem of the ellipse. He is at present machine designer for the Dwight Slate Machine Company, 516 Asylum street, Hartford, Conn. His home address is Southampton, Mass.

'76, A.B., '77, A.M.—Theodore Stanton, who resides in Paris, writes to a friend in this city, apropos of the recent death of Professor Fuertes, as follows: "One afternoon, some years ago, I was sauntering along the Avenue del'Opera, when I was rather surprised to see standing on a corner, Professor Fuertes. I thought I would puzzle him. So walking up to him, quietly, and taking him by the hand, I said very calmly, as though I had seen him yesterday, whereas we had not met for years: 'How are you, Professor?' Without a moment's hesitation, he answered smilingly and in the same tone, 'Am glad to see you Mr. Stanton.' He rather turned the laugh on me. And then we had a very long talk over old times, the last I ever had with him, and now, alas! the last I ever can have."

'78, B.M.E., '98, M.E.—Arthur Falkenau, member A. S. M. E., is president of the Falkenau-Sinclair Machine Company, 109-115 N. 22d street, Philadelphia. Mr. Falkenau built the first United States pneumatic postal system. He is a member of the Engineers' Club and Franklin Institute.

'89, A.B.—Clifton Price is in the Department of Latin at the University of California.

'88, E.E.—Henry W. Fisher, member of the A. I. E. E., is superintendent of the Pittsburg factory and electrical engineer for the Standard Underground Cable Company. Mr. Fisher has invented an apparatus for testing cables and locating faults. He has also made many improvements in cable machinery. His address is 5403 Friendship avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

'89, M. E.—A. C. Balch is managing director of the Pacific Light and Power Company, of 254 South Los Angeles street, Los Angeles, Cal.

'90, M.E.—Victor Ignatius Hahn is now division engineer with the White Pass and Yukon Railway, Skagway, Alaska.

'90, M.M.E.—John J. Flather is now professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Minnesota. He is vice-president of the Minnesota Sanitary Association. He has also held office in the A. A. A. S. His address is 1103 4th street, Minneapolis.

'90, M.E.—E. C. Fisher is secretary and mechanical engineer for Wickes Brothers, Saginaw, Mich.

'91, E.E.—Edwin Eugene Fisher is deputy division superintendent of the division of Rizal and Laguna, and is also superintendent of schools, Laguna Province, Philippine Islands. His home address is 27-29 Washing-

ton place, New York City. His present address is care of the Department of Public Instruction, Manila, P. I.

'92, M.E.—G. W. Bacon is a member of the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis, engineers, with offices at 149 Broadway, New York City. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and has had charge of the construction of various street railways in New York, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Chicago, Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga.

'93, M.E.—A. D. Morehouse, '93, and C. R. Morehouse have purchased a brick and tile works at Melbourne, Iowa. They have improved it greatly and are adding a new kiln which will cost about \$1,000. The entire plant is valued at \$30,000, and more money will be put into it in the future. A. D. Morehouse was formerly in the brick and tile business at De Sota, Iowa. After graduation he spent several years in Central America and Porto Rico, following his profession. C. R. Morehouse is a resident of Des Moines and is secretary and treasurer of the Washington Lumber Company. He is also interested in the Berg Medicine Company, which is doing a good business.

'93, M.E.—Junius Ford Cook, A. S. M. E., has invented a rubber belt ore feeder for stamp batteries, etc., also a method of winding from great depths. He is now chief mechanical engineer for Messrs Fraser & Chalmers, Ltd., Box 619, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

'93, M.E.—Wilbur Forbes Evans is manager of the Electric Maintenance Company at 149 Pearl street, Boston, Mass.

'94, M.E.—Fred W. Barry has accepted a position as resident agent of the Sprague Electric Company. His office is 516 House Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

'94, C.E.—G. G. Brooks, a recent graduate from the College of Civil Engineering, is superintendent of the Greenwood Coal Company, asks Dr. Thurston to recommend a senior in Sibley who is acquainted with the practical features of making steel castings.

'95, M.E.—W. E. Barnes is superintendent of Works Number 1 of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company. He resides at Creighton, Pa.

'95, E.E.—Robert B. Mann, proprietor for the Milwaukee Machinery Company, is engaged in building gas engines of small sizes at 507 Logan avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

'96, M.E.—The Elmira Gazette says: A. Welling Wyckoff, until recently the eastern representative of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, has been appointed general superintendent of the Bullock Electrical Manufacturing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Wyckoff commenced to work for Mr. Bullock last October when at his request he began the experiment of introducing the piece work system there. It was after Mr. Wyckoff had demonstrated the success of his system that he was appointed superintendent.

'96, E.E.—Herbert I. Finch is assistant superintendent for the Emerson Electric Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, Mo.

'96, M.E.—J. D. Forrer's new address is The Amber Club, Pittsburg, Pa.

'96, B.S. Arch.—Nathan Myers has architectural offices in the Metropolitan Building, Newark, N. J.

'96, Ph.B., '00, Ph.D.—Charles H.

Rammelkamp has an article in the January number of the South Atlantic Quarterly on "The French Constitution of 1791 and the United States Constitution, a Companion." Mr. Rammelkamp is now assistant professor of history in Illinois College.

'98, E.E.—C. E. Eshelman is employed by Warner & Swansey, Cleveland, Ohio. He is engaged in laboratory and other work, with the object of applying alternating currents to the transmission of intelligence on telegraph lines and sub-marine cables and automatic system of telegraphy, with the Crehore-Squire Intelligence Transmission Company. His address is 1922 Main street, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

'99, D.S.—E. P. Felt is now located at 132 Central avenue, Albany, N. Y.

'99, M.E.—J. S. Avery is general manager of the Rockland Light and Power Company, at Nyack, N. Y. He was formerly engaged in erection work for the Midvale Steel Works. He is a junior member of the A. S. M. E.

'99, M.E.—J. E. Barney is engineer of the construction department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at East Pittsburg, Pa.

'00, M.E.—J. F. Baker is draughtsman with the Oil Well Supply Company, 21st street, Pittsburg, Pa. His address is 6356 Marchand street, Pittsburg.

'00, M.E.—H. Chester Crouch is professor of mechanical engineering in the School of Applied Sciences of the University of Colorado, at Boulder, Colo. This engineering school has grown from a membership of 87 last year to about 135 this year.

'00, LL.D.—C. S. Tappan is practicing law in Los Angeles, Cal., as a member of the firm of Parker & Tappan.

'01, A.B.—S. P. Hitchcock's address is now 9 Chestnut street, Boston, Mass.

'01, LL. B.—C. M. Flint has entered the law firm of Reeve & Bartlett, of Riverhead, N. Y. H. A. Fordham, '04, is a partner. The firm makes a specialty of mortgages.

'01, A.B.—Lao Ke Alfred Sze is at Wu Chang, across the Yangtse river from Han Chow. He is assistant to Tuan Fung, Viceroy of the Provinces of Hupeh and Honan.

'01, E.E.—George J. Millington is in the calculating room of the General Electric Company. His address is 779 State street, Schenectady, N. Y.

'01, M. E.—Edward R. Alexander, besides being a student in the Columbia University Law School is employed as clerk of patent law at the offices of H. H. Bliss. His address is 705 G. Street, Washington, D. C. Mr. Alexander has been asked to be toastmaster at the Junior smoker.

'01, M.E.—F. W. Bailey is draughtsman and road man with the Russell Engineering Company, Massillon, Ohio. He is a member of the A. S. M. E.

'01, M.E.—W. H. Baker is draughtsman with the Pencoyd Iron Works, Wissahickon, Philadelphia. His residence is 2020 North 22d street, Philadelphia. He is a member of the Philadelphia Engineers' Club.

'02, A.B.—Michael A. Ford is studying law in the offices of Ford & Tuttle, New York City. The senior member of the firm is his brother, former State Senator Ford.

'02, C.E.—H. H. Bassett is with

Frink & Hazen, consulting and contracting engineers, Baltimore, Md. The offices are 711 Union Trust Building.

'02, A.B.—An article on "The Aron's Lamp," being a discussion of the ultra violet waves of the spectrum, by W. W. Coblentz and W. C. Geen of the Chemistry Department, soon to appear in the Physical Review, has been translated into German for publication in The Physikalische Zeitschrift.

'09, Sp.—W. H. Rozier's address is now 1012 Fullerton Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Ex-'02.—J. F. Druar, '02, and John Hunsicker are in business as general contractors and agents at 288 Franklin street, Buffalo, N. Y.

'02, A.B.—P. B. Mann, general secretary of the Christian Association left for his home in Potsdam recently. He will return to the University at the end of this week.

'02, D.V.M.—J. B. Reidy is now veterinarian in the United States army. He is stationed in Texas.

'02, M.E.—Robert A. Ives, who is in the employ of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., has been visiting his parents in Ithaca. Mr. Ives is at present engaged in railway construction work in Pittsburg, but expects to leave for New York in a few weeks.

Sp-Forestry, '03.—S. M. Higgins has been appointed forester to the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co., a large and influential company of northern Michigan, owning over a million acres of woodland, besides its large iron and railroad interests. Mr. Higgins will be located for the present on Grand Island, where he will control the cuttings of the company for its supply of wood for charcoal, used in smelting iron ore. The island is densely wooded, and he will also have charge of the general forestry management, fish and game preservation, and road construction on the island which is destined to become a popular summer resort.

WEDDINGS.

Stanford-Whipple.

The marriage of Miss Helen Winifred Whipple, '00, of Binghamton, to Albert Stanford of Sparrows Point, Md., is announced to take place on February 28 at the home of the bride.

Cowperthwait-Byles.

On Saturday, January 17, Allan Cowperthwait, '94, M. E., married Miss Emma A. Byles, at Titusville, Pa.

Breckenridge-Jayne.

Clarence E. Breckenridge on February 14, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Orange, N. J., married Miss Eleanor Ferguson Jayne of Orange.

Louis Jerome Mandel, M. D., '00.

Louis J. Mandel died at the New York Hospital on November 8, 1902. He received his preliminary education at the College of the City of New York, entered Bellevue Medical College in October, 1898, and finished his medical education at Cornell, receiving his degree in June, 1900. He was an interne at the German Hospital of Brooklyn, N. Y., during the year 1900-1. He died from the result of an operation for appendicitis. He was 25 years of age at the time of his death.

ISSUE STATEMENT.

**Board of Trustees Officially Declare That Reports About Owning Stock are False.**

At a meeting of the full Board of Trustees of Cornell University held Saturday the following official statement.

It has been widely published in the press that several of the Trustees of the University and members of the Executive Committee were stockholders in the Ithaca Water Works Company and that the University itself held stocks in that company; that the water supply of the University was contaminated and had been one of the causes of the typhoid fever epidemic and that the Executive Committee of the Trustees had refused to provide or to furnish opportunities to the students for obtaining pure water. It has also been charged that the means for caring for sick students and that the number of nurses supplied by the University were inadequate.

Each and every one of these statements is absolutely without foundation. No member of the Board of Trustees owns any stock in the Ithaca Water Company. The University itself does not own any stock in that company. It has an investment in bonds of the company, and that is the only interest it has in it, as it holds bonds of other water companies in different parts of the country. The water supply of the University comes from Fall creek, which is a different source from the water supply of the city. No case of typhoid fever is known to have occurred among those who used exclusively the water supply of the University Campus. No person at Sage College, in which more than 200 women students board and lodge, and which is supplied by this water, has had typhoid fever, and no case of typhoid has occurred in the families of the professors living on the Campus. Typhoid fever has developed only among those students who live in other portions of the city, which are supplied by the Ithaca Water Company with water from the Six Mile creek and from Buttermilk creek. Cornell University differs from most of the other large institutions of learning in having no dormitory system or dining hall for its men, and they live in private houses scattered over all parts of the city.

The University authorities have made arrangements to enable students to secure pure water, duly inspected. Artesian water has been placed in all the University buildings where the students may draw it freely. Distributing stations are being established and students have been officially informed that they may have pure water free at the expense of the University if they do not desire to pay for it. Furthermore some time ago the University secured from 204 boarding house keepers the following pledge:

"I hereby agree that I will not serve or permit to be served on my table or in students' rooms for drinking in my house any city water except it be boiled; that I will not serve uncooked vegetables which have not been washed in boiled water; that all dishes used for serving food for drink shall be washed and rinsed in boiled water; and, in general, that I will take

every precaution against the spread of typhoid fever."

In the University Infirmary and its annexes there are today 54 patients, mostly typhoid, who are attended by 50 trained or skilled nurses. Apart from these there are seven cases of recognized typhoid among students in the city cared for by their friends outside the University. The condition of all these sick students, whether in the Infirmary or not, has been reported to the President in a daily letter to their parents, unless their parents or friends are already in Ithaca.

To insure pure water for the city and University not later than September 1st this year the Board of Trustees have authorized the expenditure of \$150,000 for the establishment of a complete and adequate filtration plant.

Signed:

- J. G. SCHURMAN, President of Cornell University.
- E. L. WILLIAMS, Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
- L. O. HOWARD, Ph.D., Chief Entomologist United States Department of Agriculture and U. S. National Museum, Washington.
- CHARLES GRAY WAGNER, B. S., M.D., Superintendent of the Binghamton State Hospital for the Insane.
- FRANK H. HISCOCK, A. B., Justice Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Syracuse, N. Y. For the Board of Trustees.

**APPOINTED TO FACULTY.**

**W. C. Blair of University of Pennsylvania Will Take Professor Van Pelt's Work.**

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees, W. C. Blair was appointed assistant professor in design for the first term of next year, to take the place of Professor Van Pelt, who will be abroad during that time.

A formal leave of absence was also granted Professor Van Pelt. During the latter's absence, though he will be the nominal head of the College of Architecture, Professor Martin will discharge the administrative duties.

Mr. Blair is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and while in Europe won a medal in L' Ecole de Beaux Arts by the first sketch problem, which he submitted in competition.

**Cornell Wins Basketball Game.**

The Cornell basketball team defeated the Harvard five at Cambridge on Saturday by a score of fifteen to eight. The game was fast from beginning to end and Cornell's team work won the contest. Hermes, Lyford and Brinkerhoff played the best game for Cornell. The line-up:

- Cornell. Harvard.
- Townsend .....r.g..... Hanavan
- Lyford .....l.g..... Fosdick
- Wadsworth .....c..... Smith
- Hermes .....r.f..... McCoy
- Brinkerhoff .....l.f..... Vanderbilt

—Professor B. E. Fernow contributed to the current number of Forestry and Irrigation an article entitled "The Outlook of the Timber Supply in the United States."

**PROFESSOR E. W. HUFFCUT.**

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He has been a prolific writer since 1887. Among his more important publications are the following:

- 1894—American Cases on Contract (second edition, 1900), with Professor Edwin H. Woodruff.
- 1895—American Edition of Anson on Contract (second edition in preparation).
- 1895—Elements of the Law of Agency (second edition, 1901).
- 1896—Cases on Agency (second edition in preparation).
- 1898—The Law of Negotiable Instruments.
- 1900—History of Cornell University (In "History of Higher Education in the State of New York," published by the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.)

Professor Huffcut has also been a frequent contributor to legal and other periodicals, and has delivered numerous addresses before learned societies. Among the latter may be mentioned:

- "Relation of the Law School to the University." Before the American Bar Association, 1895.
- "Constitutional Aspects of the Government of Dependencies." Before the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 1899.
- "Constitutional Aspects of the Federal Control of Corporations." Before the New York State Bar Association, 1900 (included also in the report of the Industrial Commission).
- "A Decade of Legal Education." Address as chairman of the Legal Section of the American Bar Association, 1902.
- "The Philippine Problem in the Light of American International Policy." Before the Oneida Historical Society, 1902.

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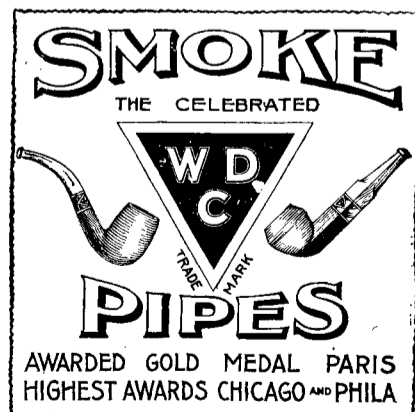
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**CORNELL WINS.**

**Syracuse and Seventy-Fourth Regiment Athletic Teams Defeated in Buffalo Meet.**

Eight thousand persons witnessed the signal victory of the Cornell track team over the teams of the University of Syracuse and of the Seventy-fourth Regiment Athletic Association in Buffalo on Saturday night.

Capt. Warren's men won first place in every event in which they entered, excepting the high jump, which resulted in a tie. The work of the Cornell teams as a whole was excellent, and several individual members of the team distinguished themselves.

Chief among the notable performances were those of McCarthy, who won both sprints in good time, and of Schutt, who captured the one-mile and two-mile runs. Schutt's figures for the one-mile event were 4:38 2-5, while in the two mile run he covered the distance in 10:00 2-5, which is within two-fifths of the Cornell outdoor record held by A. B. Gallagher, Cornell '01.

Cairns, '06, won the low hurdles handily, while Phillips, '06, captured the pole vault, clearing the bar at 11 feet. Cairns' victory was easy. Rogers in the quarter-mile also made an excellent showing.

The Cornell men surprised even their best friends. It was known that some of the most experienced members of the team, men like Ketcham in the hurdles, McMeekan in the runs, Knapp in the high jump, Fredericks, Carroll and Meissner in the pole vault would be unable to compete, and it was feared that the Red and White would consequently be severely handicapped. This proved not to be the case, however, and the defeat of our two rivals was not difficult.

**The Final Score.**

The points were counted five for first, three for second and one for third. The final score was: Cornell, 45; Seventy-fourth Regiment, 13, and Syracuse, 5. The pole vault and the high jump did not count in the score.

The loving cup won by Cornell is a beautiful piece of the silversmith's art. It stands 30 inches high, has three handles, and is mounted on an ebony base. The cup is now on exhibition at the downtown Corner Bookstore.

After the games the members of the Cornell relay team which defeated Princeton at Boston, G. P. Serviss, jr., the high jumper, and Trainer Moakley were delightfully entertained at the Cornell alumni banquet. A large party of Cornell graduates and undergraduates cheered the athletes to victory. Company "F" entertained the team at the armory after the games.

The summaries follow:

100-yard dash—W. T. McCarthy, '05, first; Stewart, 74th Regt. A. A., second; Johnston, 74th Regt. A. A., third. Time, 10 3-5 seconds.

220-yard dash—W. T. McCarthy, '05, first; Stewart, 74th Regiment A. A., second; E. K. Twombly, Syracuse, third. Time, 24 seconds.

Two-mile run—W. C. Schutt, '05, first; T. M. Foster, '04, second; W. Y. Boyd, Syracuse, third. Time, 10:00 2-5.

Running high jump—W. C. Lowe, Syracuse, and G. P. Serviss, '04, tied at 5 feet, 11 inches; H. F. Porter, '05, 5 feet, 6 inches, third.

880-yard run—Barrett Smith, '04, first; A. R. Moore, 74th Regiment A.

A., second; W. W. Zittle, '04, third. Time, 2:03 1-5.

Pole vault—J. B. Philips, '06, (11 feet), first; H. L. Gardner, Syracuse (10 feet, 9 inches), second. No third.

One-mile run—W. C. Schutt, '05, first; F. W. Poate, '04, second; J. D. Rust, 74th Regt. A. A., third. Time, 4:38 2-5.

100-yard low hurdles — Edward Cairns, '06, first; W. C. Lowe, Syracuse, second; R. B. Lawrence, 74th Regt. A. A., third. Time, 11 3-5 seconds.

440-yard run—H. A. Rogers, '04, first; F. L. Gallup, '04, second; Anthony M. Paul, 74th Regt. A. A., third. Time 52 1-5 seconds.

**OBITUARY.**

**William B. Brooks, Jr., '92.**

On February 9 at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, occurred the death of William B. Brooks, Jr., '92, from pneumonia. He was born 32 years ago in Binghamton, N. Y., although the greater part of his life was spent in Erie, Pa. At the beginning of the Spanish-American war he entered the United States transport service and for several years was stationed in New York.

Mr. Brooks had not fully recovered from severe injuries which he had received two years ago in the tunnel disaster on the New York Central Railway. He had been spending the winter with his brother at Penascola, Florida, but was called North on business. The sudden change in climate brought on a fatal attack of pneumonia.

**Margaret Taylor Shutt, M. D., '99.**

Dr. Margaret Taylor Shutt died at her home in Springfield, Ill., on January 24, 1903, of typhoid fever, which she contracted while making a microscopic examination. She was born in Springfield on January 13, 1868. After graduating from the Stuart Institute, she took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1894. In 1895 she entered the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, and in 1898 entered the Medical Department of Cornell University, graduating in June, 1899. Her name was on the honor roll of the State Board of New York, showing that she passed her examination with high honors. She was appointed upon the staff of St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Dr. Shutt was a woman of brilliant attainments, and she has often been mentioned as an example to students of medicine.

**Francis Edward Swartz, '03.**

Francis Edward Swartz, '03 Law, died at the Infirmary Sunday at 1 p. m. He was taken sick about three weeks ago, but remained at his house on South avenue until February 7, when he was taken to the Infirmary.

Last Thursday, after the patient had begun to convalesce, his temperature increased and Saturday morning the case was pronounced to be dangerous. His relatives were then telegraphed for, but did not arrive before his death.

Mr. Swartz was born in Marlboro, N. Y., December 24, 1879. He prepared for college at the High school in Newburg, entering the Cornell Law College in 1900. He distinguished himself from the first as leader of his class in scholarship. In his Junior year he was appointed assistant law librarian and in his Senior year



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became the Boardman prize scholar, holding that scholarship at the time of his death. He was a man of unusually strong character and had practically worked his own way through life. He was a special favorite among students and faculty alike.

The remains were taken home Monday morning over the E. C. and N. division of the Lehigh Valley.

Alfred Hager, '03, and R. K. McGonigal, '03, accompanied the remains of Mr. Schwartz to his home, where the funeral will be held.

**George Sumner Hill, '05.**

The death of George Sumner Hill, '05, was reported Sunday night. Mr. Hill left Ithaca about ten days ago sick with typhoid fever, and went to Gouverneur, N. Y., where he died. He was in the Arts course and was a member of the Goldwin Smith debate club, and a well-known and popular member of his class.

R. B. Davis, '05, will attend the funeral in behalf of the class and the Goldwin Smith Debate Club.

On Monday the Goldwin Smith club met and passed resolutions of sympathy for the bereaved parents. The funeral was held in Gouverneur Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

**Charles S. Langworthy, Sp. Ag.**

The first death among the students who were sent home with fever occurred Saturday, when Charles S. Langworthy, a student in the winter course in agriculture, died at Alfred Station, N. Y. He was taken sick about three weeks ago, shortly after he had arrived in Ithaca. His roommate, E. V. Green, of Alfred, is also at home critically ill.

**William Elliott Maher, '06.**

Friday at 10 p. m., William Elliott Maher, '06, died at the Infirmary Annex from paracolon fever. His

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case had been considered dangerous for several days, when his parents were summoned.

The body was taken to Brewster, N. Y., Saturday noon, accompanied by the parents of the deceased and by John Tinkler, Jr., '05, H. A. Walker, '05, and G. W. Stark, '06.

Mr. Maher was born October 27, 1883, and prepared for Cornell at the Brewster High School. He had registered for the Medical course in the University and was a member of the Omega Upsilon Phi fraternity. Last fall he won his numerals in the 220 yards dash at the underclass track meet. He was also a member of the Cornell Medical Society and of the University Orchestra.

The old north college dormitory at Union is being extensively renovated.

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### TRUSTEES MEET.

#### Gift To Pension Professors—Change In Campus Plans—Appointments To Faculty.

The annual winter meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cornell University was held Saturday. The meeting continued until evening.

The department of English literature, hitherto in charge of Professor Corson, was consolidated with the department of rhetoric and English philology, now in charge of Professor Hart, to take effect at the close of the present academic year.

Appointments and promotions were made to take effect at the close of the present academic year as follows:

Professor E. W. Huffcut, was appointed director of college law and dean of faculty of law, to succeed Judge F. M. Finch, retired.

Professor L. H. Bailey was appointed director of college of agriculture, and dean of faculty of agriculture, to succeed Professor I. H. Roberts, retired.

Professor Dennis was made the head of the department of chemistry to succeed Professor Caldwell. Assistant Professor W. R. Orndorff was promoted to a professorship of organic and physiological chemistry.

Assistant Professor W. D. Bancroft was promoted to a professorship in physical chemistry. Assistant Professor Merritt was given a professorship of physics.

Instructor C. S. Northrup was promoted to an assistant professorship of English language and literature.

Instructor J. T. Parson was promoted to an assistant professorship in civil engineering, and Instructor A. C. Phelps was promoted to an assistant professorship in architecture.

The following out-of-town trustees were in attendance: Miss Ruth Putnam of New York, H. W. Sackett of New York, Willard Beahan of Winona, Minn.; H. R. Ichelheimer of New York, L. O. Howard of Washington, C. G. Wagner of Binghamton, C. R. Skinner of Albany, George B. Turner of Auburn and Judge Hiscock of Syracuse.

President Schurman announced an anonymous gift of \$150,000 for the foundation of a co-operative professorial-pension fund, and submitted a detailed scheme for the pensioning of Cornell professors, which was unanimously adopted.

The site of the new Rockefeller Hall of Physics which had previously been located across the Campus to the south of Sibley College, was changed so as to make the new building parallel with White Hall and McGraw Hall.

### Columbia Debate Competition.

The first competition for the Columbia debate team was held in the hall of oratory Thursday evening, the debate council acting as judges. Thirteen contestants were entered and while the number was small, it included enough men of debate experience to assure a strong team.

Affirmative—Floyd L. Carlisle, '03; H. S. Braucher, '03; W. L. Ransom, '05; M. M. Wyvell, '03.

Negative—E. E. Free, '06; A. E. Mudge, '04; J. B. Smallwood, '03; C. E. Kelly, '04.

The final competition for the team was held Monday night, the debate council acting as judges. M. M. Wyvell, '03 Law, R. K. McGonigal, '03, and William L. Ransom, '05, did not take part in the competition.

The following team was chosen: H. S. Braucher, '03; F. L. Carlisle, '03; William Neff, '04, and E. E. Free, '06, as alternates.

The council, upon the advice of the team, unanimously chose to uphold the affirmative side of the question submitted by Columbia.

The debate will be held in New York April 3.

### Six Deaths.

There have been six deaths among the students since the News was last issued.

William Elliott Maher, '06, of Brewster, N. Y., died at the Infirmary on February 20. He was 19 years of age, registered in Medicine, and a member of Omega Upsilon Phi, the Cornell Medical Society and the University Orchestra.

Charles S. Langworthy of Alfred, N. Y., registered in the Agriculture short course, died at his home February 21.

Francis Edward Schwartz, '03, Law, of Marlboro, N. Y., died at the Infirmary, February 22. He held the Boardman prize scholarship.

William J. Reinhart, '03, died at his home in Paterson, N. J., February 22. He was president of the Society of Mechanical Engineers and financial secretary of the Christian Association.

George S. Hill, '05, registered in Arts, died at his home in Gouverneur, N. Y., February 22.

John Vernon, '06, of Brooklyn, died at his home February 24. He was a student in Sibley College.

—The death of Charles Schlenker, '06, at the Cornell Infirmary from typhoid fever, occurred on the same day with with the generators of his father, Jacob Schlenker, a merchant of Batavia. Mr. Schlenker was one of the best known business men in that city.

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