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## The Signing of the Charter.

**Fortieth Anniversary Last Thursday--  
Story of the Struggle at Albany  
in the Spring of 1865.**

In connection with the fortieth anniversary, last Thursday, of the signing of the Cornell University charter, it may be interesting to sketch the struggles which that charter passed through from its introduction by Senator Andrew D. White in the New York Legislature on February 7, 1865, until the governor's signature finally made it a law on April 27.

Possibly some persons imagine that the bill creating Cornell University passed the legislative body as a matter of course, without opposition, or at least with only a few scattering votes against it on the part of some prejudiced or narrow minded partisans. A greater mistake could scarcely be made. The bill went through only after the most vigorous campaigning by its friends in committee rooms, on the floor of the Senate and Assembly and through the columns of the influential press.

Those who followed the course of the struggle for the agricultural college appropriation of \$250,000 last year may obtain from that some faint idea of the bitter opposition encountered by the original movement for the founding of the University, forty years ago.

The chief factors in this opposition were two rival institutions which desired the benefit of the state's appropriation from land grant funds. These were the State Agricultural College at Ovid, standing on the site of the present Willard Asylum, and the People's College at Havana, the predecessor of the present Cook academy.

### TWO ACTIVE RIVALS.

The State Agricultural College, a worthy institution supported by many enthusiastic friends, had suffered a ter-

rible set-back in the outbreak of the Civil War before it had completed its first year of existence, and since then had been in a languishing state. Ezra Cornell was interested in this institution, and won the support of its trustees by offering to remove it to Ithaca and grant it a large tract of land, with buildings and a suitable endowment. This proposition, which really amounted to the abdication of the State Agricultural College in favor of the proposed Cornell University, was readily accepted by the embarrassed institution.

The other rival was less easily disposed of. The People's College at Havana had already received provisionally from the Legislature the benefit of the land grant fund, and it was by no means disposed to withdraw in favor of a rival institution which had not yet come into existence even. Ezra Cornell decided that the best plan was to divide the fund between the two institutions, and went so far as to introduce a bill at the 1864 session of the Legislature in furtherance of this idea. He might have succeeded had it not been for the determined stand of Andrew D. White, then newly elected state senator, who believed firmly that the state endowment should be concentrated in one institution and not divided between two. As chairman of the committee on literature, Senator White deliberately thwarted Mr. Cornell's purpose throughout the entire session, delaying action and preventing any report upon this bill, until Mr. Cornell could be won over to the policy of concentration.

### DRAFT OF THE CHARTER.

Early in 1865 Mr. White and Mr. Cornell joined in drafting the form of a bill to establish the proposed Cornell University, and when the sketch of the bill was fully developed, it was put in shape by Charles J. Folger, then chairman of the judiciary committee of the Senate, and later chief-judge of the Court of Appeals. The provision for-

bidding any sectarian or partisan predominance in the faculty or Board of Trustees was proposed by Mr. White and heartily acquiesced in by Ezra Cornell. The state scholarship feature and the system of alumni representation on the Board of Trustees were also accepted by Mr. Cornell at Mr. White's suggestion. On the other hand, the whole provision for the endowment, the part relating to the land grant, and especially the supplementary bill allowing Ezra Cornell to make a contract with the state for "locating" the lands—later so valuable to the University—were planned out entirely by the founder himself. It was during a conversation between the two men in regard to the educational features of the new university, that Mr. Cornell uttered the words afterward to be engraved upon the Cornell University seal: "I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study."

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. White and was not unfavorably received. It was in the Assembly that the real struggle developed. The friends of the People's College, assisted by representatives of all the other little colleges scattered through the state, were alert and active. Mr. Cornell and Mr. White then began a vigorous campaign of education, leaving no stone unturned to win over the recalcitrant assemblymen. They invited the members to their rooms and went over with them in detail the plans for the proposed university, the urgent need for such an institution, and the danger that lay in dividing the state funds.

### EZRA CORNELL DENOUNCED.

In order to influence the Assembly committee to report the bill favorably, Mr. Cornell employed an eminent lawyer to present the case at a public hearing. But the lawyer undertook his argument without due preparation, and the result was what in modern parlance would be termed a "frost." The speech

on the other side was much more effective, though the arguments were in reality weak and demagogical. The speaker, warming to his theme, denounced Mr. Cornell roundly as a swindler, and his friends as dupes or knaves.

Mr. Cornell sat unmoved through this storm of abuse, remarking quietly to his friend: "If I could think of any other way in which half a million dollars would do as much good to the state, I would give the Legislature no more trouble," and a little later, when the invective was especially bitter, he remarked, with a humorous allusion to his own Quaker ancestry, "I am not sure but that it would be a good thing for me to give the half a million to old Harvard College in Massachusetts, to educate the descendants of the men who hanged my forefathers."

The argument over, the committee was firmly decided not to report the bill, posing as public protectors against a swindler and a monopoly. It became evident that the only way to bring it to a vote in the house was to drag it away from the committee, and to do this a two-thirds vote was necessary. Now came the strenuous days. In order to brace up the waverers, Mr. Cornell went with Andrew D. White to various leading editors in New York city, explaining the situation to them and securing strong editorials in support of the bill. Notable among these were Horace Greeley of the *Tribune* and Manton Marble of the *World*. This did much for the cause, but some of the waverers were still so timid that when the vote was called they retreated to the cloak room, and had to be shamed back to their places.

The motion to take the bill from the committee was finally passed, and after a reference to the committee of the whole, another long struggle carried the bill through the Assembly. It received the approval of the Senate shortly after, and on April 27, 1865 it received the signature of Governor Reuben E. Fenton.

The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Albany the next day, in the office of the secretary of the State Agricultural society, among those present being Ezra Cornell and Horace Greeley and Francis M. Finch, as librarian of the Cornell Library. At intervals of a few months other meetings

were held, at which an organization was gradually effected, a building committee appointed, members of the faculty chosen and the work of establishing the University started under way. The completion of the necessary preliminaries to the opening of the University required three years.

#### THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT.

It was at the fourth meeting of the trustees in Ithaca, October 21, 1866, that the first president of Cornell University was chosen. In his "Reminiscences of Ezra Cornell," Mr. White gives the following account of the election:

"Mr. Cornell had asked me, from time to time, whether I could suggest any person for the presidency of the University. I mentioned various persons and presented the arguments in their favor. One day he said to me quietly that he also had a candidate; I asked him who it was, and he said that he preferred to keep the matter to himself until the next meeting of the trustees. Nothing more passed between us on that subject; I had no inkling of his purpose, but thought it most likely that his candidate was a Western gentleman whose claims had been strongly pressed upon him.

"When the trustees came together, and the subject was brought up, I presented the merits of various gentlemen, especially of one already at the head of an important college in the state, who, I thought, would give us success. Upon this, Mr. Cornell rose and in a very simple but earnest speech, presented my name. It was entirely unexpected by me, and I endeavored to show the trustees that it was impossible for me to take the place in view of other duties—that it needed a man of more robust health, of greater age and of wider reputation in the state. But Mr. Cornell quietly persisted, our colleagues declared themselves unanimously of his opinion, and with many misgivings, I gave a provisional acceptance."

The University was formally opened on October 7, 1868.

"Hughie" Jennings, ex-'04, formerly head coach of the Cornell baseball team, found on Saturday that the blow which he received at Cumberland a week before had fractured his arm. The fact was disclosed by an X-ray photograph made at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

## Brilliant Musical Festival.

### Chapel Crowded Night after Night to Hear the Inspiring Oratorios.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week the music lovers of Cornell and Ithaca, together with many neophytes who were making their first acquaintance with genuine choral music, were afforded a rare opportunity to hear the works of the great masters sung and played as they were meant to be sung and played. That the public of Town and Gown appreciated the value of this opportunity was shown by the immense audiences that filled Sage Chapel for three evenings in succession and by the smaller but appreciative gatherings in Sibley hall at the afternoon concerts.

To say that the music Festival of 1905 was an unqualified success would be falling far short of the truth, for it would convey no adequate idea of the splendid work of the big Festival chorus and orchestra under the leadership of Professor Hollis E. Dann. The chorus contained one hundred and sixty voices, trained almost to perfection, and balanced to a nicety seldom seen even in a professional band of singers. Easily the most striking feature of the chorus was the magnificent showing of the male section. The fine quality of the tenors, asserting itself over and over again in the oratorios, was enhanced by the volume of full, rich bass. The work of the soprano and alto parts was no less excellent, but this is to a certain extent expected in choral music, while a strong and well balanced male contingent is rarely found outside the large cities.

The grandeur of the scene in the Chapel as the great audience listened to the voices and strings and pipe organ pealing forth the melodies of the "Stabat Mater" or "The Messiah" can be but dimly realized by the Cornell man who has not visited Sage Chapel since its enlargement two years ago and the transformation of the interior by the painter's brush. The chorus and orchestra were seated in the choir loft in the northwest wing, the platform having been extended out into the body of the church for the occasion. The interior was brilliantly illumined by the clusters of incandescent lamps, and the beautiful tints of ceiling and walls, rich in the symbolic imagery of the Church,

gave just the atmosphere suited to the religious oratorios.

The audience was thoroughly representative of both University and city. Besides the members of the faculty with their families and the musically inclined townspeople, it was gratifying to observe a generous sprinkling of students through the audience. The chorus itself was composed in large part of undergraduates, only the soloists and a few singers in each part being outsiders.

#### THE FESTIVAL OPENS.

The Festival opened auspiciously on Thursday evening before an audience that filled the Chapel. The program was admirably arranged so to contain a variety of excellent music, with numbers for the orchestra, the chorus and the solo singers, and including as the main feature Rossini's great "Stabat Mater." A potent factor in the success of the entertainment was the inspiring sympathy of the keenly appreciative and enthusiastic audience.

Among the most pleasing numbers on the program were "Un Reve," a delicate little piece written for the strings alone, and a vocal quartet from "Rigoletto," in which the four soloists appeared to splendid advantage. They were Mrs. De Moss, soprano, Mrs. Bouton, contralto, Edward Johnson, tenor and Henri G. Scott, bass. Mr. Johnson in particular delighted the audience with his clear and vibrant tenor, rising to the very highest notes without apparent effort.

It was in the "Stabat Mater" that the soloists and chorus had opportunity to prove their talent and training, and no higher praise could be bestowed than to say that they rose to the occasion. The chorus was characterized by the same qualities which have made the Cornell Glee club famous under Director Dann's leadership: certainty of attack, precision, distinctness of utterance and balance and beauty of tone. On the final sustained note of each chorus the four parts were blended as perfectly as if they had been a four-stringed instrument, each tone in the chord being clearly apparent, yet all blending in an harmonious whole.

#### "THE MESSIAH."

On Friday evening came the climax of the Festival in the rendition of Handel's "Messiah." It was the second time that this famous oratorio had been

sung in Ithaca, and safe to say it will be many years before this performance is surpassed. Whatever the character of the passages it was called upon to render in the course of the evening, the chorus measured up to its task and completely satisfied the most critical of its hearers. On the grand finales of the choruses, calling for breadth and depth of tone, the volume of sound rolled forth strong and vibrant and sent a thrill through the big audience.

One of the most delightful features of this performance was the work of Miss Anita Rio, the celebrated soprano. Singing entirely without notes, she rendered the difficult solos of "The Messiah" with perfect ease and freedom and with beauty and finish of tone. The other soloists were Mrs. Bertha Cushing Child, alto, Mr. Johnson, tenor and Willard Flint, bass.

"The Messiah" was repeated successfully to another crowded house on Saturday evening, with Mrs. De Moss as soprano soloist, Mr. Van Hoose, tenor and Mr. Scott as bass. On Friday and Saturday afternoons the Boston Festival orchestra gave delightful concerts in Sibley hall to good-sized audiences.

#### LOVING CUP FOR PROF. DANN.

At the conclusion of the performance on Saturday evening, the devoted and untiring efforts of Professor Dann in carrying the Festival through, despite severe illness, were fittingly recognized by the presentation to him of a beautiful silver loving cup from the chorus.

### Tigers Here Next Week.

#### Musical Clubs to Give Concert on Eve of Game--Interscholastic Meet.

With the approach of the Princeton-Cornell baseball game on May 13 at Percy Field, extensive preparations are being made to carry out an elaborate program on that date. On the same day the annual interscholastic track meet will take place. Owing to the absence of the usual Memorial day regatta on Cayuga lake this year the spring concert of the Musical clubs, usually held at that time, will take place on the eve of the Princeton game.

The attendance at the concerts of the Musical clubs is usually limited to those participating in the festivities of Junior

and Senior week but this spring event gives the students in general an opportunity to hear the musicians. A program containing many new songs and other selections is now being prepared. No auction of seats will be held for this concert and the house will be sold at popular prices.

From the sixth to the thirteenth of May the baseball team will have four of its hardest contests of the season. Columbia will play at Percy Field on Saturday, May 6. The Eastern trip taken by the teams in former years has been abandoned, and as a result only two games will be played on the trip into Massachusetts during the following week. Cornell will meet Amherst on May 9 at Amherst, Mass., and Harvard on May 10 at Cambridge, Mass., and the team will return in time for the contest with Princeton on Saturday.

Speculation is rife concerning the outcome of the second game with Princeton and undoubtedly a very large crowd will gather at Percy Field on this occasion. An effort is being made to make the program of the day interesting to alumni as well as undergraduates and it is expected that the occasion will resemble that of Regatta week. In former years grads. have assembled in large numbers at this time as opportunity is afforded them of visiting the University while it is in session and of witnessing some of the best of Cornell's intercollegiate contests.

The following schools have entered teams in the interscholastic meet: Wyoming seminary, Mercersburg academy, Cortland Normal school, Elmira Free academy, Masten Park High school, Central High school of Buffalo, East High school of Rochester, St. John's school of Manlius, N. Y., University school of Cleveland, Colgate academy, Troy academy and Lansingburg High school of Troy, N. Y.

Mrs. Bayard Taylor, widow of the late Bayard Taylor, formerly minister to Germany and from 1870 to 1877 non-resident professor of German literature at the University, has presented to the University library a considerable portion of her husband's collection of books. As the library of the late minister is of great value, the Cornell library will be greatly enriched by this collection. It is expected that the contribution will be largely in the form of historical works. Mr. Taylor died in Germany in December of 1878.

## Team Is Twice Defeated.

### Poor Judgment Loses Lafayette Game-- Stage Fright Fatal at Princeton.

Cornell suffered her first home defeat on Wednesday of last week at the hands of the Lafayette team. The contest was a nerve-racking one and although the reputation of the Lafayette players was well known Warner's men would probably have come off victorious had Umstad, who replaced Martin in the box in the third inning, pitched during the entire game. The defeat cannot be attributed to an error of judgment on the part of the coach, for Martin had shown excellent form in the game with the Nashville Southern league earlier in the season and no doubt had a day off at the time of the Lafayette game. It is, however, to be regretted that Umstad, who had done consistent work and shown remarkable ability to pull the team into shape when things looked dark for Cornell, was not placed in the box at the outset. The strength of the Lafayette team was known and Martin, who had at no time during the season shown unusual ability, was pounded at will.

Three bases on balls, two hits and two errors in rapid succession, which nettled the visitors seven runs, proved the undoing of the Cornell pitcher and Umstad replaced him after two innings. Try as they might the Red and White players were unable to overcome the lead which the visitors had obtained. The players worked hard and supported Umstad in faultless fashion and when at the bat did everything in their power to give Cornell a lead but Newberry's coolness at critical periods proved too much for the home team. Umstad's work was almost marvelous. Only 23 men faced the Cornell twirler in the seven innings and of these but one hit the ball safely. Lafayette did not succeed in getting a man to third after Umstad went into the box.

Following is the detailed score:

CORNELL.						
A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.	
Champaign, rf..	5	0	2	0	0	0
Rice, 2b.....	5	2	2	4	4	0
Preston, 1b.....	5	0	0	13	0	0
Bigelow, lf.....	3	0	2	1	0	0
Brown, 3b.....	5	0	0	1	3	0
Braman, cf.....	2	1	0	0	0	0
Heilman, ss....	5	0	2	1	3	1

Welch, c.....	5	0	3	7	1	1
Martin, p.....	1	1	0	0	2	0
Umstad, p.....	3	0	0	0	5	0
Total.....	39	4	11	27	18	2

#### LAFAYETTE.

A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.	
Irwin, c.....	0	1	0	1	0	0
Falkenson, cf..	3	1	1	2	0	0
Snook, 2b.....	2	1	0	1	1	1
Hubley, 3b.....	3	2	1	2	2	0
McAvoy, cf., c..	4	0	1	7	1	1
Reeder, lf.....	4	0	0	2	0	0
Hawk, ss.....	4	0	0	1	3	0
Wack, rf.....	2	1	1	2	0	0
Peters, 1b.....	4	1	1	9	0	0
Newberry, p....	3	0	0	0	2	1
Total.....	29	7	5	27	9	3

Score by innings:

Cornell .....	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	—4
Lafayette .....	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	—7

Summary: Earned runs, Cornell 1, Lafayette 1; two-base hits, Champaign and Bigelow; three-base hit, McAvoy; bases on balls, off Martin 3, off Umstad 2, off Newberry 3; hit by pitched ball, Braman 2; struck out, by Martin 1, by Umstad 5, by Newberry 6; left on bases, Cornell 13, Lafayette 3; double play, Heilman, Rice to Preston; stolen bases, Rice 2, Bigelow, Welch, Falkenson.

PRINCETON 4, CORNELL 0.

Unsteadiness in the first and second innings was largely responsible for the defeat of the baseball team at the hands of Princeton on Saturday. The final score was 4-0. After the Cornell players settled down to steady baseball, the contest was a beautiful one and reflected credit on the players. Byram, the Princeton twirler, proved a puzzle difficult of solution and even Bigelow, Cornell's strongest batsman, fanned three times and was unable to secure a hit. Byram allowed but two hits during the entire game.

Deshon was in the box for Cornell and showed remarkable steadiness at critical periods. He permitted the home team to secure but four hits. The marked nervousness of the Cornell men during the early portion of the game was due to some extent to the volume of cheering which was a revelation to the visitors and which had a telling effect on the playing of the Princeton team.

Reid was first to bat for Princeton and was given a base on balls. Heim

sacrificed him to second and he came home on Wells' single. McLean got to first on an error by Heilman. Wells went to third on this play, but was caught at the plate a moment later, when Cooney hit to second. McLean, who had stolen second on the previous play, went to third on Cooney's fielder's choice and scored on an error by Preston. Cooney scored the third run of the inning on Rice's overthrow to Preston.

Princeton added a fourth run in the second inning. Reid made first on a single, stole second and scored on Heim's hit.

After the second inning Cornell played a better and steadier game, and although the Tigers had the bases covered frequently they could not score. The line-up and score by innings follow:

#### PRINCETON.

R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.	
Heid, ss.....	2	0	0	0	0
Heim, lf.....	0	0	0	0	0
Wells, 2b.....	0	1	0	1	0
McLean, 3b.....	1	1	1	1	2
Cooney, c.....	1	0	15	2	0
Bard, 1b.....	0	0	8	0	0
Forsythe, lf.....	0	0	1	0	0
Doyle, rf.....	0	0	2	0	0
Byram, p.....	0	2	0	2	0
Totals .....	4	4	27	6	2

#### CORNELL.

R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.	
Champaign, rf.....	0	0	1	0	0
Rice, 2b.....	0	1	2	2	1
Preston, 1b.....	0	1	7	1	1
Bigelow, lf.....	0	0	3	0	0
Braman, cf.....	0	0	0	0	0
Welch, c.....	0	0	5	1	0
Heilman, ss.....	0	0	4	2	1
Brown, 3b.....	0	0	1	1	0
Deshon, p.....	0	0	1	4	0
Totals .....	0	2	24	11	3

Princeton .....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	*—4
Cornell .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Two-base hits—Byram, McLean. Stolen bases—Preston, Reid, McLean, Cooney. Base on balls—Off Byram, 2; off Deshon, 4. Struck out—By Byram, 16; by Deshon, 4. Sacrifice hits—Heim, Bard. Umpire—Mr. Horner. Time—1:35.

Haldor Hermannsson, an Icelander has arrived in Ithaca to take charge of the cataloguing of part of the library of the late Willard Fiske, which was recently brought to the University from Florence, Italy.

## New Employment Bureau.

### Sibley Organizes This Work--Scope and Aims of the Bureau.

The young men graduating from Sibley College and entering into the vicissitudes of business life find themselves confronted by many problems differing widely from those of their college years. They have received certain training as to methods of thought and to some extent have been equipped with technical skill and engineering information. The technical school does not attempt to teach trades or professions, however, and there is, under the best conditions, a more or less abrupt change in the young man's environment. On the other hand, engineering and manufacturing firms realize more than ever before that their ultimate success depends upon the kind of material which goes into their engineering force, and they are exercising great care in selecting well-trained young men to learn their methods of business in order to prepare them eventually for responsible positions.

These facts have led to the establishment in Sibley College of a committee, the purpose of which is to study from both sides the problem of adapting the graduates to their new lines of work. It is not intended that the committee shall in any sense accept the responsibility of finding positions for the graduates of the college, but it is expected that by familiarizing itself with the standpoints, both of the employer and the employee, the committee will be able to make such recommendations as will reduce the amount of correspondence necessary to establish young men in business.

The functions of the committee may be briefly stated as follows:

1.—To maintain accurate records of the scholarship, personality, and business experience of the undergraduates and alumni of Sibley College.

2.—To conduct correspondence with business firms for the purpose of intelligently recommending to the young men the proper fields of activity for each.

3.—To receive applications from such firms and to make recommendations to them when technical help is desired.

4.—To foster among the students a proper attitude toward the business world and to explain to them as far

as possible the conditions under which they will be obliged to work.

In order to facilitate the work of the committee a number of practical plans have already been put into operation, and while the work is still in a formative period, enough has been done to show that a committee of this kind is needed and that its services are appreciated by all who have occasion to make use of its facilities. During the present spring arrangements have been made for the reception of a number of representatives of large firms and every opportunity has been afforded for providing interviews between the students and the visitors. This feature of the work has been very successful and it is supplemented by the use of individual and group photographs of the members of the various classes. At the headquarters of the committee are maintained correspondence files and card records of correspondence with firms and alumni, and of student scholarship. A systematic canvass among the members of the faculty is made for the purpose of ascertaining the opinions of the various departments as to the personal qualifications of the Seniors and Juniors. Under this head are included: general integrity, industry, promptness, address, and ability to achieve results. The committee finds that these qualifications are considered quite as important as scholarship by prospective employers of the students.

Among the most important features of the committee's work, that of keeping in touch with the alumni is by no means the least. Blank forms are sent out periodically for the purpose of familiarizing the committee and the faculty of the college with the careers of the various alumni. In connection with the canvass which it is intended to make semi-annually for the first five years after a class is graduated and annually thereafter, the committee makes inquiry as to the needs of the alumni in the line of technical help. It also asks if the alumnus desires to change his position, and finally requests suggestions and notes as to matters of interest in regard to the conduct of affairs in the college and of other items which are deemed important.

The alumni of Sibley College now form a very large body and its members have it within their power to greatly facilitate the successful advent of recent graduates into the business world.

It is hoped that they will make full use of the employment bureau, which has been established as much for their convenience as for that of the undergraduates.

The committee as at present constituted includes Professors H. Diederichs of the department of experimental engineering, N. S. Barnard of the department of machine design, A. E. Wells of the mechanic arts department, with Professor H. H. Norris of the department of electrical engineering as chairman.

### Resolution of New York Alumni.

The following resolution was adopted by the Cornell University club of New York city at its annual meeting on Thursday evening, April 27:

Whereas, It is the desire of all alumni of Cornell University to be reliably informed concerning each of the candidates for election as alumni trustee, and

Whereas, Robert Tuttle Morris has been nominated as a candidate for alumni trustee; now be it

Resolved, That the Cornell University club of New York city place on record the following statement concerning the qualifications of Dr. Morris, viz: He is a member of several of the best social organizations in New York city. As a physician and surgeon he has had wide experience; and he is known for the part he has taken in the advance movements in surgical progress, his reputation being international. For many years he has been professor of surgery at the New York Post Graduate Medical school. He has always evinced an interest in affairs connected with Cornell University. He is an ex-president of the Cornell University club, and for several years has been one of its trustees. One of his chief characteristics is the enthusiasm with which he throws himself into everything which he undertakes. We believe him eminently fitted for the office of trustee.

A memorial service for Professor Albert S. Wheeler of Yale, who died several months ago and who first occupied the chair of classics in Cornell, will be held May 9 at New Haven. For many years Professor Wheeler was a member of the faculty of Yale College. Several addresses will be delivered at the memorial services, among them one by a former classmate at Hobart.

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## A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

To Cornell alumni even of recent years, unacquainted with present conditions at the University, the idea of holding a great Festival of music in Ithaca, with five performances, a chorus of one hundred and sixty voices, an imported orchestra of fifty pieces and eight celebrated soloists, must have seemed a hazardous enterprise. That the chorus should be recruited almost entirely from the ranks of the students, the audience made up in large part of faculty and undergraduates, and the whole enterprise carried out under the auspices of Cornell University did not make the undertaking less difficult.

Yet this is precisely what was done by Professor Hollis E. Dann and his department of music, with the aid of an advisory committee from the University and the city. Five years ago, or even two years ago, the idea would have been pronounced impossible by even the most sanguine enthusiasts. And they would have been right, for the interest in good music was not then sufficiently developed at the University. Last year, indeed, a Festival was at-

tempted, and considering the handicaps under which the promoters worked, it was very successful. It comprised, however, but two performances, and it was given on a much smaller scale than this year. In this year's Festival Professor Dann jumped boldly from two to five performances, enlarged his chorus and carried out the whole idea on a much more elaborate scale. His triumph when it came was all the more splendid.

That the chorus should be characterized by those very same qualities which have marked the work of the Cornell Glee club since it has been under Professor Dann's direction was to be expected, for it was the growth and success of the Glee club which alone made it possible to hold the Festival. Without a corps of fifty or sixty trained male singers to draw from, it is very unlikely that any director could have produced a balanced and finished chorus like that which sang in Sage Chapel last week. Practically the whole Glee club was comprised in the chorus, with its thirty-two tenors and thirty-nine basses, and the double training received by these men was mutually beneficial to both organizations.

This band of trained vocalists was a great help to Mr. Dann at the outset of his work, and a decided advantage over other choruses in any but the largest cities of the country. Even so, however, the amount of faithful practice and skilful direction that was necessary to turn out the finished chorus is something which none but the experienced singer can appreciate.

When the chorus had been organized and thoroughly trained, the battle was only half won. It remained to awaken public interest sufficient to support the Festival and meet the heavy expense of importing soloists and orchestra from a considerable distance. The previous rendition of "The Messiah" at the Lyceum ten years ago by the Ithaca Choral club resulted in a half-filled house and a financial deficit of \$400. The difference between that performance and the successful series of last week represents the growth of interest in good music that has taken place mainly in the last twelve months.

In this growth of musical appreciation in the University community, the new department of music, organized last year with Mr. Dann at its head, has been chiefly instrumental. The public

concerts which have been held from time to time have educated the people up to a point where they enjoyed classical music. The spring Festival, coming as the climax of the season's musical program, found them in a receptive and appreciative mood, and the result was a delight to everyone.

In conclusion, we can only express the hope, in behalf of Cornell alumni generally, that Professor Dann's success in the splendid work of creating a musical atmosphere at the University will not be bounded by his present achievements, but will extend to even larger undertakings in the coming year.

## THE SENIOR MEMORIAL.

The action of the Senior class in pledging itself to support the Alumni hall fund provided it can secure the cooperation of other classes is commendable. It is the more so because it was taken in direct disregard of the recommendation of the Class day committee, which had had the matter in charge.

This committee had displayed admirable energy in investigating the various possible objects to which the class memorial might be devoted, and as stated in this paper last week, had reported six or seven possibilities. When it came to selecting two of these for recommendation to the class, however, the committee's good judgment apparently failed it. It picked out the two objects which were perhaps the least commendable in the whole list: the founding of alumni athletic scholarships, and the provision for an annual fund to support intercollegiate debating at Cornell.

The athletic scholarship scheme was open to many objections, some of which were forcibly stated in a recent editorial in the Cornell Sun, and were repeated with emphasis by the New York Sun. The chief objection was the taint of professionalism which would inevitably attach to a scheme which, in granting university scholarships, made the basis of award one-third for athletic ability, one-third for scholarship and one-third for all-around qualities of leadership.

Another strong objection would be the extreme difficulty of awarding the scholarships in any just and efficient way, the object being supposedly to help athletics at Cornell. It must be remembered that only a small percent-

age of the prep. school athletes who come to the University with big reputations ever pan out as Varsity material. On the other hand, many of our best athletes are men who never did anything on the field or track in their high school days, but were discovered by the University coaches. The task of picking out the youngsters who were really promising and at the same time deserving of help would be involved in endless difficulty.

As to the other proposition, to endow Cornell debating, this may be dismissed with the observation that debating, like any other student activity, should have the interest and support of the whole undergraduate body, and when it has this, funds for its maintenance will not be far to seek. An effort to prop it up with an alumni endowment would be a sad makeshift indeed.

When the question of the 1905 memorial came up for discussion before the class as a whole, both these recommendations were passed over and the class voted to support the plan of establishing an Alumni hall, providing sufficient coöperation could be secured to make the scheme feasible.

In our judgment, no better object could have been found for the expenditure of the \$10,000 which is expected to be in the hands of the 1905 commit-

tee at the end of ten years. Already six classes, from '96 to '01, have devoted their memorials to this purpose. Nineteen two and 1903 diverted their aid from this to the worthy cause of the Alumni Field, while 1904 held its decision in abeyance until the time comes to expend its money ten years hence.

Now that the Alumni Field is assured and the movement is under good headway, the Alumni hall proposition deserves general support from graduating classes. The dire need for such a building has been repeatedly urged by Ex-president White, President Schurman, and other Cornellians; and the ALUMNI NEWS has put itself on record more than once in support of the movement. The contributions of 1905, possibly 1904, and probably 1906 and 1907, together with the sums already raised by former classes, should go a long ways toward assuring the erection of a suitable Alumni hall on the Cornell Campus.

### University Calendar.

May 5—Woodford prize contest; lacrosse, Hobart at Ithaca.

May 6—Baseball, Columbia at Ithaca; Track meet, Princeton at Ithaca; Golf, Owasco Country club at Ithaca.

May 7—University preacher, the Rev. Edward Judson, D. D., New York city, Baptist.

May 9—Baseball, Amherst, at Amherst, Mass.

May 10—Baseball, Harvard, at Cambridge, Mass.

May 12—Track meet, Pennsylvania at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

May 13—Baseball, Princeton at Ithaca; interscholastic track meet at Ithaca.

### A Correction and Explanation.

The attention of the editors of the News has been called to two errors which appeared in the recent article on the history of Junior week. The first cotillion to be held in the Armory was in '94 instead of '93, and the year '94 also marked the holding of the "Pink Masque," the first Junior week performance of the University Dramatic club.

Our attention has also been directed to the fact that a Junior ball was held previous to that of '82, which we designated as the first. This earlier dance was given by the class of '80 in Library hall on April 18, 1879. In preparing the article in question, we aimed merely to trace the origin and development of the present-day Junior week, which occurs about the middle of the winter

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season, usually in February. For that reason we did not include the ball in April, '79, nor a Sophomore cotillion given by the class of '93 in Prager's hall in Senior week in June, '91.

#### First Annual Meeting in Brooklyn.

The recently organized Cornell Association of Brooklyn held its annual meeting Tuesday evening, April 25, at the University club of Brooklyn. The meeting was preceded by an informal dinner. Thirty alumni were present, and several new names were added to the membership roll. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. H. D. Schenck, '82; secretary, R. H. Haskell, '95; treasurer, C. W. Wilson, jr., '00. There will be no meetings during the summer months, and the next dinner and meeting of the association will be held Tuesday evening, October 30, at the University club.

#### Good Singing at Elmira Dinner.

Not the largest but the best in the series of annual Cornell dinners at Elmira, New York, was the one held there last Wednesday evening, April 26. A delegation was on hand from Ithaca, and several alumni attended from nearby towns. Justice A. H. Sewell, '71, who was holding court in Elmira at the time, was an interested guest. Judge Frank Irvine, '80, was the guest of the evening and spoke on various urgent needs of Cornell at the present time. He was enthusiastically received. J. T. McCollum, '72, was present and entertained the banqueters with reminiscence and with observations of a humorous and philosophical nature.

The feature of the dinner was the singing. The Elmiraans showed their enterprise by organizing an informal glee club beforehand and holding a rehearsal in preparation for the banquet. The results were satisfactory in the extreme, for the music entertained and delighted everybody.

Those present at the smoker were:

From Ithaca: Judge Frank Irvine, '80, Charles H. Blood, '88, Charles E. Treman, '89, and Louis A. Fuertes, '97.

From Walton, N. Y.: Justice A. H. Sewell, '71. From Troy, Pa.: J. T. McCollum, '72. From Addison: D. M. Darrin, '72. From Corning: John G. Webster, '82.

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### Ground Formally Broken.

The students in the College of Agriculture celebrated the breaking of ground for their new buildings on Monday with an interesting and unique ceremony. All exercises in that college were suspended at 12 o'clock and the students marched in a body to the site of the main structure. After a brief speech by the president of the Agricultural association, former President White was induced to address the students. He went back to the history of the founding of the College of Agriculture, mentioning many interesting incidents which led to this important event. Director L. H. Bailey spoke on the significance of the new college shortly to be erected with state funds.

After speeches by representatives of the upper classes, ground was broken with a large plow, drawn by the students and guided by the director himself. The implement was donated for the occasion by the Syracuse Chilled Plow company and will be kept in the new building as a souvenir of the event.

After a complete furrow had been made, every student of the college had an opportunity of throwing one shovelful of dirt, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies all joined in singing "The Old Farm at Cornell," written by Mrs. Anna Botsford Comstock, B. S., '85.

Morris Kantrowitz, the contractor in charge of the building, kindly deferred starting the work of excavation till after the exercises, holding his men idle until the afternoon in order not to in-

terfere with the ceremony. The work must be completed in four hundred working days.

### Action on Senior Memorial.

The Senior class put itself on record as favoring the Alumni hall project at its meeting Friday noon and pledged its memorial fund for this purpose in the event of concerted action to that end by other classes. The wording of the resolution adopted was as follows:

"Resolved, That the final decision as to the disposition of the memorial fund be postponed until the expiration of ten years, when a referendum vote shall be taken by mail by the secretary of the class; provided that in the event of a concerted action by other classes to build an Alumni hall the memorial

fund of this class shall be considered pledged to be applied to that purpose; and the permanent secretary is hereby instructed to use his best efforts to induce other classes to join in a concerted movement towards the early erection of an Alumni hall."

On recommendation of the Class day committee, \$350 was set aside as the fund for the expenses of permanent secretary. Harold J. Richardson '05, president of the class, was by unanimous vote chosen as its life secretary, to have charge of the class records and class finances after graduation. He will appoint a reunion committee of three members as the permanent executive committee of the class.

Other business transacted was a decision not to commence wearing the caps and gowns until Baccalaureate Sunday.

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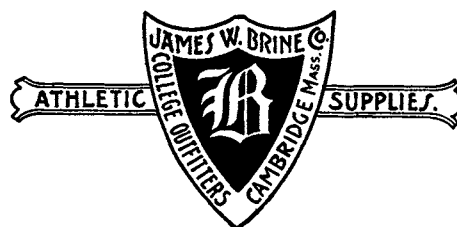
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## Brief University News.

Baron Kanecko, former minister to the United States from Japan, who for some time has been connected with the Imperial cabinet, and James B. Dill, the well known corporation lawyer, have accepted invitations to address the students of the University. Their consent was secured through Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks of the department of political economy.

The Junior class has dedicated the 1906 Cornelian to Andrew Carnegie, who so generously came to the assistance of the students during the typhoid epidemic and made possible for many the continuance of their courses at the University. This action of the board met with the enthusiastic approval of the undergraduates. The annual will be ready for distribution on May 24. In all departments the work has been maintained at a high standard and will do credit to the Junior class.

Romeyn Berry, '04, who is completing his second year as editor-in-chief of the Cornell Widow, went to Princeton last Friday to be present as a special guest at the annual banquet of the Princeton Tiger board. Besides former editors of the Tiger and prominent Princeton undergraduates, Homer Davenport, the celebrated New York cartoonist, was present and made a clever speech. Mr. Berry spoke in behalf of the Widow and was most hospitably entertained by his fellow editors.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, lectured before the students of the University last week. On the evening following the lecture a dinner was given in his honor. The students in the President White school of history attended in a body, and leaders of the local labor unions as well as a number of prominent business men were present. Professor Phelps of Yale, who has been the guest of Professor Catterall of the department of English history for some time, was also a guest at the dinner. The subject of President Gompers' address was "Employers' Associations and their Relations to the Trade Unions."

The Review of Reviews for May contains an extensive article on "The Progress China is Making" by Professor Jenks of the University. "The Chinese," says Professor Jenks, "are making little effort to cultivate Western art, to study Western literature, to adopt the Western religions, to adopt even Western methods of government, except so far as these things contribute directly to their power of resistance to Western aggression. It is probably not at all unjust to conclude that the Chinese are adopting Western methods because they recognize their essential superiority, but that they may thereby

be better enabled to meet the Westerners on even terms in the contest which they believe to be inevitable for the protection of Chinese territory and Chinese civilization. But the Chinese are not aggressive and there is every reason to believe that nations that are willing to do justice will receive from them just treatment in return."

## Cornell Alumni Notes.

Ex-'74—A. J. Durland, president of the Durland Trust company of Norfolk, Neb., spent three days in Ithaca last week on business with the University. With the exception of a brief stop on his wedding trip nineteen years ago, it was his first visit to the University since he left in '74. Like all the early grads. when they first return to Ithaca, he was amazed and delighted at the growth of Cornell in the past two decades, and expressed his determination to keep in closer touch with affairs Cornelian in future.

'75, B. S.; '76, M. S.—Dr. Frederic W. Simonds, professor of geology in the University of Texas, will conduct the courses in geology at the Summer School of the South, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., during the summer months.

'78, B. C. E.—The address of Willard Beahan, formerly division engineer of the Chicago and North Western railroad with offices at Winona, and now first assistant engineer of the Lake Shore, is Room 8, Lake Shore building, Cleveland, O.

'80, A. B.—F. C. Whitney is pastor of the First Baptist church in Rochester, Minn. He expects to attend the quarter centennial of his class in June.

Ex-'83—Helen Louise Sprout, a student at the University for nine terms, is now a teacher of German and Greek at the State Normal school, Athens, Ga.

'87, B. S.—Professor Robert T. Hill formerly of the United States Geological Survey and the author of several volumes on the West Indies has a letter in the New York Herald of April 18 upon "The Theory of Volcanic Action and the Recent Eruption of Mount Pelee."

'88, M. E.—The tenth lecture before the Academy of Art and Science of Pittsburg was given April 6 by Henry W. Fisher, '88, before an audience of over five hundred people. His subject was "The Production of Diamonds by Artificial Means." Mr. Fisher's investigations have earned for him an international reputation for original and practical research and this lecture was one of his best efforts. Diamonds made by Mr. Fisher were shown and other attractive features introduced.

'88, B. L.—Henry R. Ickelheimer of the firm of Heidlebach, Ickelheimer & Co., bankers, was married in New York

recently to Miss Lehman of that city. Mr. Ickelheimer is a trustee of the University.

Ex-'90—Charles Gilbert Hawley is an attorney at 800 Railway Exchange building, Michigan avenue and Jackson boulevard, Chicago. He devotes special attention to patent and trademark work.

'92, A. B.; '94, A. M.—Alexis V. Babine, formerly of the University library and now of the Library of Congress at Washington, has published a book entitled "The Yudin Library." This is the largest private library in the world, consisting of 80,000 volumes kept by the owner in a log house at Kiasnoiyorsk, Eastern Siberia. The book is printed in Russian on the left hand pages and in English on the right. A copy of the interesting work has been received at the University.

'92-'93, Sp.—Professor H. Judson Lipes of the department of obstetrics in the Albany Medical College visited the University last week.

'95, M. E., (E. E.)—A. S. R. Smith is now addressed at 156½ Woodruff place, Indianapolis, Ind.

'95, LL. B.—William H. Tompkins is a practising attorney at 515 Elwanger and Barry building, Rochester, N. Y.

'95, Ph. B.—Mrs. Margaret Boynton Windsor is a charter member of Alpha chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa society in Texas, recently established at the State University.

'96, LL. B.—Walter M. Rose has opened law offices at 220 West Fourth street, Los Angeles, Cal.

'97, LL. B.—Edward Hubbard Fitch is now addressed at 5232 Laurens street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. He is manager of the Philadelphia branch of the Diamond Rubber company.

'97, B. S.—George A. Charlton announces a change of address from Pogamasing, Algoma district, Ontario, to 294 Goundry street, North Tonawanda, N. Y.

'98, C. E.—O. A. Wait announces a change of address from 268 Third street, Niagara Falls to 316 Providence building, Duluth, Minn.

'99, M. E.—Fred L. Bryant is a consulting engineer at Spartanburg, S. C.

'99, A. B.—Professor Charles V. P. Young, director of the University gymnasium, was recently operated upon at the Ithaca City hospital for appendicitis. Since the operation he has been improving steadily and his early recovery is anticipated.

'00, M. E.—D. R. Spier announces a change of address to 305 Seward place, Schenectady, N. Y.

Ex-'00—John E. Ferris is connected with the publicity department of Parke, Davis & Co. of Detroit, Mich., and resides in Saginaw. He is representing the "Therapeutic Gazette," "Medicine," the "Medical Age," and the "Bulletin of Pharmacy."

'00, C. E.—R. A. Pendergrass announces a change of address to 300 Quincy street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'01, M. E.—F. W. Bailey is now connected with Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co. at 10 Bridge street, New York city.

'02, M. E.; '04, M. M. E.—J. M. Young, formerly an instructor in the experimental engineering department of the University, is now addressed at 211 West 108th street, New York city.

'02, A. B.—Parker F. Scripture is a practising attorney in Syracuse and is addressed at 42 West Memorial building.

'02, C. E.—Louis A. Mitchell is now connected with the Associated Electric Mutual Insurance companies of America with offices at 901-902 Citizen's building, Euclid avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

'03, D. V. M.—The engagement is announced of Miss Mabel Bradley, a student in the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, to L. L. Zimmer, '03, manager of the Campus Tavern.

'03, M. E.—Thomas S. Ramsdell announces a change of address from Housatonic, Mass., to 117 Mercer street, Jersey City, N. J.

'03, M. E.—Edgar C. Welborn, formerly with the Illinois Steel company of Chicago, is now with the Allis Chalmers company of Milwaukee in the steam turbine department. His address is 479 Marshall street, Milwaukee.

'03, A. B.—A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wood of Woodville, N. Y.

'03, M. E.—E. D. Beals has been appointed assistant chief engineer of the Twin City Rapid Transit company which operates the street railway systems of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

'03, B. Arch.—H. P. Atherton announces a change of address from 103 West 80th street, New York city, to 8645 Bay 24th street, Bensonhurst, Long Island.

'03, M. E.—Frank D. Williams announces his address in care of the Babcock Wilcox company, Apartado 109, Havana, Cuba.

'03, M. E.—J. H. Wisner, jr., is on the engineering corps of the Chicago Terminal Transfer railroad company at 353 Grand Central Passenger station, Chicago.

'04, A. B.—Miss L. K. Smitz is now located at Aidionte, Pa.

'04, M. E.—Warner Snider is with the Kansas City Home Telephone company and is addressed at 1018 Baltimore avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

'04, A. B.—R. C. Snowden has been appointed an instructor in chemistry in the University. He is addressed at 115 Cook street, Ithaca.

'04, M. E.—Allen Mason and N. C. Fassett have established in Tonopah, Nevada, as an engineering and assaying firm, and are addressed in care of the Mispah club at Tonopah.

'04, A. B.—Miss J. A. Snow is a teacher in Toledo, Ohio, and is addressed at 426 Oak street.

'04, A. B.—Miss A. G. Sweeton is a teacher in Elizabeth, N. J. She is addressed at 211 South Broad street.

'04, A. B.—Douglass Swift is an attorney with Swift & Swift at 17 Dun building, Buffalo.

'04, L. L. B.—J. L. Sullivan is an attorney with Stearns, Thrasher & Sullivan of 315 Lions street, Dunkirk, N. Y.

'04, A. B.—C. I. Swayze is a Baptist minister and is located in Anthony, Kan.

'04, A. B.—Cecil J. Swan is with R. G. Dunn & Co. and is addressed at 370 West Gray street, Elmira, N. Y.

Ex-'04—H. W. Sweeton who left the University in 1902 is now a student at Syracuse University and is located at 904 Irving avenue.

Ex-'04—C. W. Spicer who left the University in April of 1904 is in business, manufacturing Universal joints and shafts in Plainfield, N. J.

'04, M. E.—D. G. Stanbrough is an electrical engineer with the Gray National Telautograph company and is addressed at 123 West 111th street, New York city.

'04, M. E.—W. F. Steel is with the A. B. See Electric Elevator company and is addressed at 42 Park avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Ex-'04—B. G. Stone is now located in Walla Walla, Wash.

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**Relay Team Third.**

The four-mile relay team secured third place in the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival at Philadelphia, Saturday. The race was won by Michigan, whose team was composed of Ramey, Coe, Stone, Rowe, in 18 minutes 25.3-5 seconds. Yale secured second finishing only a few feet behind the fourth Michigan runner. Cornell finished third, about sixty yards behind, and Pennsylvania and Princeton secured fourth and fifth respectively.

The time while very fast for the distance is slower than that of the Cornell team last year, which defeated Yale at Madison Square garden, breaking the world's record in 18 minutes 20.1-5 seconds.

In the 120-yard high hurdles L. Ashburner, '06, qualified for the final heat, securing second in his trial, Amsler of Pennsylvania winning the heat in 15.4-5 seconds. In the final heat, when leading by a yard, Ashburner fell and Amsler won in 15.4-5 seconds. If it had not been for this accident Ashburner would undoubtedly have won the event.

F. J. Porter, '05, secured third in the shot-put with a put of 42 feet 2 inches. Coe of Boston broke the intercollegiate record of 46 feet, held by Beck of Yale, with a put of 46 feet 11½ inches, but the record does not stand, as it was not made at the intercollegiate championship meet.

Porter secured fourth in the discus throw with a throw of 111 feet 4 inches. This event was won by Garrel of Michigan with a throw of 135 feet ½ inch, which exceeds the world's record of 133 feet 6½ inches, held by Sheridan of the Pastime Athletic club. This record also will not stand because of the character of the construction of the discus used.

In the pole vault, J. B. Philips, '06, and Dray of Yale tied for first place at 11 feet 6 inches. On the jump off Dray won, clearing the bar at 11 feet 8½ inches, Philips securing second.

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