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THE ALUMNI TRUSTEESHIP.

Candidates Nominated for the Position.

LELAND OSSIAN HOWARD, B.S. '77,
M.S. '83.

One of the ablest and best known men whom Cornell University has presented to the world of science is Dr. Leland O. Howard, chief of the division of entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, whose many friends among the alumni have nominated him for election to the Board of Trustees. In this connection the following sketch of his

life and achievements may not come amiss: Leland Ossian Howard is the son of Ossian G. Howard, and was born in Rockford, Ill., June 11, 1857. A year later his parents removed to Ithaca, N. Y., their former home, and in the latter city the boy received his education. He early developed a strong inclination toward the study of natural history, interesting himself particularly in insects, of which he gathered a large collection. On entering Cornell University with the class of '77, he soon showed his ability in his chosen specialty and was allowed to do special work in the department of entomology under the direction of Professor Comstock. He was well known among his fellow students and was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. Graduating with the degree of B.S. in 1877, he continued his studies for a year, taking special courses in comparative anatomy and chemistry, preparatory to his intended study of medicine in New York city. In the summer of 1878, however, his friends recommended his appointment to the position of assistant entomologist of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. The appointment was made; Mr. Howard ac-

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Dr. Howard's many positions of honor and trust in the scientific societies of the country also prove that his knowledge, experience, and tact have been well recognized and appreciated. He has been at times president and secretary of the Entomological Society of Washington and president of the Biological Society of Washington. In 1892-93 he was secretary and treasurer of the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, and in 1894 was president of the Association of Economic Entomologists. Since 1895 he has been honorary curator of the department of insects in the United States National Museum. In 1897 he was chosen permanent secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Of this last position, it may well be noted that it has been said that the secretary of this association is generally better known to the scientific men of the country than any other one man, a characterization not inappropriate to Dr. Howard. He has in many ways shown an unflagging interest in the progress of Cornell, often visiting the University, and taking an active part in alumni matters. He is now President of the Washington (D. C.) Cornell University Alumni Association. Dr. Howard's election is urged by the many alumni who nominated him on the ground of his personal standing, his wide knowledge of universities and their work, and on the further ground that the Board is now almost exclusively composed of residents of New York State.

FRANCIS ROWING CLUB.

A Cornell Rowing Club Organized

About fifteen persons who have been active in agitating the proposed rowing club met in Boardman Hall Monday evening and effected a permanent organization. A constitution, offered by the committee appointed at the first meeting, was read and with but one or two changes, was accepted. It provides that the membership of the club shall be limited to seventy-five members, fifteen of whom shall be honorary and the remainder active. Any registered student in the University is eligible to membership and to secure it, shall apply in writing to the secretary of the club. The annual dues were fixed at five dollars and members, in case the limit is reached, will be admitted in the order of their application.

It was decided to call the organization The Francis Rowing Club of Cornell University, provided C. S. Francis '77 of Troy, in whose honor the club is so designated permits the use of his name. Officers were elected from the Junior Class to hold their positions until the second Monday in October, 1901, as follows: R. F. Chatillon, president; J. C. Otis, vice president; H. B. Plumb, secretary; and H. E. Beyer, treasurer; C. H. Fay was elected captain of the club. A board of directors is also provided for to manage the affairs of the organization. At the meeting a discussion was held regarding the matter of forming a club racing crew to meet other university and university boat club crews. It is possible that a race may be arranged for such a crew with the new crew of Syracuse University. Much interest was displayed in the proposition at the meeting and if arrangements can be made with Syracuse such a race will likely take place about the middle of June.

The *Magazine* and *Era* boards have appointed a joint committee to decide upon a plan for uniting the two publications. This committee has drawn up a constitution for the new paper, and it is expected that the board will agree upon some plan of combination within a few days.

SIGMA XI.

A Sketch of the Origin and Growth of the Society-- Its Aims and Ideals.

The Society of the Sigma Xi was founded at Cornell in 1886 as an honorary scientific society, and now has active chapters in ten American colleges, with a number of new chapters in prospect. Any sketch of its history should begin with the name of Frank Van Vleck, who will be remembered by many as a young professor in Sibley College, 1885-88. In a private letter (dated from Los Angeles, 1892) Mr. Van Vleck makes the following reference to the birth of the Society:

"You may remember Wm. A. Day, '86. He and myself were just before the '86 Commencement slowly toiling up the hill from town when he suggested to me the idea of a scientific Phi Beta Kappa. The thought of it at once impressed me, and we then in a way reviewed the field and the methods of organization. Together we went to my room, and before we parted we had the whole plan of organization formulated and a definite plan of campaign outlined. The following Fall we called together the gentlemen whose names now appear on the list of charter members, and with that band pushed out and achieved a success which has almost astonished the original projectors."

There were seven other members of this band: W. H. Riley, M. E., '86; H. E. Smith, M. E., '87; W. A. Moss crop, M. E., '88; C. B. Wing, C. E., '86; John Knickerbacker, M. E., '87; J. J. Berger, M. E., '87; F. N. Sanderson, M. E., '87. Of these the last three gentlemen had previously graduated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where a few months later they assisted in founding the second chapter of the Society.

At the outset the thoughts of the projectors did not go beyond the engineering departments; but through the influence of Professor Henry Shaler Williams, then head of the department of Geology, the scope of their design was widened to include all branches of pure and applied science; and Mr. Williams is hence justly regarded as one of the "ten founders" of the Society.

During the academic year 1886-7 they were reinforced by twelve professors from the various scientific departments, and a provisional constitution was adopted. They also elected four resident graduates, nine non-resident alumni, and six members of the graduating class. Four new chapters were founded in the Spring, of which two are still active as will be seen from the list given below. In commencement week the first president (Professor Williams) delivered the inaugural address, his subject being "The Ideal Modern Education," in which he set forth the aims and objects of the new Society.

That the Society's main object from the first has been the cultivation of a spirit of research, as contributing an element to the ideal education, is well shown by its early provisional constitution, and still more fully by the revised constitution as adopted by the first formal Convention of chapters in



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1893. The first two sections of the revised constitution are:

"The name of this organization shall be the Society of the Sigma Xi; its motto *Σπουδῶν Συνῶν*, Companions in Zealous Research.

The object of this Society shall be to encourage original investigation in science, pure and applied: by meeting for the discussion of scientific subjects; by the publication of such scientific matter as may be deemed desirable; by establishing fraternal relations among investigators in the scientific centres; and by granting the privilege of membership to such students as have, during their college course, given special promise of future achievement."

For the promotion of these designs a regular scientific meeting is held each term at which papers are presented by professors from the departments in turn; and in the Spring term extra meetings are held for the election and initiation of new members, and to acquaint them with the aims and ideals of the Society, the president of the chapter making an address for this purpose.

It may be mentioned here that the chapter officers are members of the faculty, and that the first set (elected in 1887) were Professors Williams, VanVleck, Marx, Wing, and A. W. Smith. The presidency of the Cornell chapter is tenable for one year, and has been held in succession since 1888 by Professors Caldwell, Nichols, Comstock, Osborne, Dudley-Crandall, Nichols, Dennis, Church, Merritt, Durand, Ryan, Titchener.

The most difficult part of the work of the chapter is that relating to the choice of fit persons for the honor of membership. In electing new members from the Seniors and resident graduates the principal stress is laid on the promise of ability to conduct original research (some degree of actual achievement being required in the case of graduates), but general scholarship is partly taken into account. Nominations may be made by any active member; but in practice all nominations come from those members that belong to the instructing corps of each department, acting as a unit after careful conference; and the chapter (or committee) in making final selection places chief reliance on the testimony of the professors under whom the nominees have done their principal work. There is provision for electing non-resident alumni, not less than five years after graduation, on the basis of work done since that event; and also for electing members from the instructing staff, of whom the active chapter is chiefly composed.

At first the maximum number of Seniors to be elected in one year was fixed at fifteen; but when the classes became larger the revised constitution placed the maximum at one-fifth of the senior class in scientific and technical courses including those students in Arts who elect sufficient science. This limit has, however, seldom been approached, as the chapter prefers to err on the conservative side.

The same conservative tendency is seen in the Society's attitude in the founding of new chapters. It has always been thought best that the overtures should come from the institution that desires a charter, and that its scientific faculty should make a united request. It is then the duty of the Council to scrutinize the facilities of the institution for the advancement and encouragement of original research in the various branches of science, and the qualifications of its

scientific faculty to accomplish these ends. As the strict rules that guide the Council have been put in print for the information of those interested, it rarely happens that a formal petition is received from any institution that falls below the prescribed standard.

It was chiefly to regulate the policy of extension that the Council was established by the second Convention (1895). It is composed of the general officers of the Society, and of representatives from the various chapters, Professors Osborne and Nichols serving successively as chairman.

The following are the locations of the existing chapters with the dates of foundation:

Cornell (1886); Rensselaer (1887); Union College (1887); University of Kansas (1890); Yale (1895); University of Minnesota (1896); University of Nebraska (1897); State University of Ohio (1898); University of Pennsylvania (1899); Brown University (1900).

The application of another State University has recently been approved by the Council, and now goes before the individual chapters.

Four biennial Conventions of chapters have been held, of which the first was presided over by Professor Nichols, the second by Professor C. C. Brown (Union), and the other two by Professor H. S. Williams (Yale.)

This sketch may fitly close with a quotation from Mr. Williams' presidential address delivered at the third Convention (1897):

"In extending the Society we should realize the importance of holding up this educational position of science for recognition and honor. The practical side of science is felt and appreciated more in the institutions of the West where progress and activity are more vigorous; the value of a broad and liberal education is more deeply appreciated in the East where competition is closer and where the machinery of society and custom is more rigid and exacting. Our ideal for science is broader than either of these. We would exalt the scientific study of things by giving it a place of honor among the humanities of a liberal culture, and we would give new vigor to scholastic study infusing into it the live practical problems of modern science."

PENNSYLVANIA WINS IN BASE-BALL.

Cornell Defeated--Score 6-4.

In the return game with Pennsylvania Saturday, the Philadelphia team won out from Cornell as handily as did our team at Philadelphia the week before. A good nine inning game was played and to its close both teams played strong ball. Cornell showed poor form at critical times, however, and lost the game largely on errors and inability to find Layton's curves at critical moments. Lyon pitched for Cornell and deserves much commendation for the way in which he handled the ball. Had he received steady support, it seems probable that Cornell would have won.

In the first inning the visitors secured one run on an error by Patterson. In the second, errors by Howland and Robertson and an overthrow to second by Green let in three runs. Pennsylvania secured two more runs in the fourth and sixth innings by an

overthrow by Brown to first, but failed to score after that.

After the second inning Cornell played a steadier game and secured four runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Costello succeeded in getting a three base hit in the eighth inning, but failure to hit prevented his scoring.

An unpleasant feature of the game was the interference of Jones, Pennsylvania's first baseman, with Brown, the result of which was serious enough to cause Brown's retirement from the game. Full score:

CORNELL	R	H	P.O.	A.	E.
Newton, I. f.	1	1	3	0	0
Lyon, p.	1	2	0	4	0
Robertson, I. b.	0	0	13	0	1
Brown, s. s.	1	2	1	7	2
Sanders, r. f.	1	1	0	0	0
Howland, 2 b.	0	3	3	2	2
Costello, 3 b.	0	1	0	0	0
Patterson, c. f.	0	0	1	0	1
Chase, c. f.	0	0	2	0	0
Green, c.	0	2	4	1	1
Totals	4	12	27	14	7
U. OF PA.	R	H	P.O.	A.	E.
Collier, 2 b.	0	3	0	4	0
Huston, c. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Shape, s. s.	1	0	0	4	2
Flavell, c.	0	2	10	0	2
Jones, I. b.	0	0	13	0	0
Cawthrop, r. f.	0	1	0	1	1
Brown, 3 b.	1	0	2	1	0
White, I. f.	3	2	2	1	0
Layton, p.	1	0	0	2	0
Totals	6	8	27	13	5

By inning					
Cornell	0	0	0	0	2
Pennsylvania	1	3	0	1	0

Summary—Earned runs, none; two base hits, Lyon and Brown, Pa.; three base hits, Costello; first base on errors, Cornell, 2; Pennsylvania, 4; first base on balls, off Layton, 2; struck out, by Lyon, 4; by Layton, 9; passed balls, Flavell, 2; Green, 1; stolen bases, Howland, 2; Robertson and Brown; Collier, 2; Layton and Huston; sacrifice hits, Newton and Layton; left on bases, Cornell, 11; Pennsylvania, 8; time of game, 1:50; umpire, Hoagland, of Auburn.

1900-1901 Sun Board.

The following men have been elected editors of the *Daily Sun* for next year, as the result of the competition beginning last September and closing with the issue of April 30 last. From 1901, James O'Malley, Buffalo; H. A. Sayer, Newburg; J. S. Gay, Seneca Falls; G. D. Crofts, Buffalo; from 1902, L. G. Price, Hudson; W. K. Eckert, Reading, Pa.; Ralph Ware, Chicago, Ill.; from 1903, E. B. Nell, Rochester; J. W. Robb, Jackson, Mich.

The 1900-1901 board, thus composed, met Friday and effected organization by the election of the following officers: James O'Malley, '01, editor-in-chief; J. S. Gay, '01, business manager, E. B. Nell, '03, clerk.

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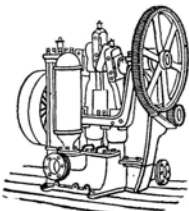
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One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending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

COMMENCEMENT REUNIONS.

Those Who are Looking After the Reunions for this June.

- '70. S. D. Halliday.
- '75. E. L. Nichols.
- '80. Wm. A. Finch.
- '85. Anna Botsford Comstock.
E. H. Bostwick.
Geo. D. Atkinson.
- '90. A. B. Trowbridge.
Edith A. Ellis.
P. A. Fish.
- '95. Wm. F. Atkinson.

Address any inquiries regarding reunions to any of the above at Ithaca. The detailed announcements calling these reunions were published in the NEWS of April 18. A copy of this number of the NEWS will be sent to any one upon application to the editor.

'72, M. S. David Starr Jordan's pen is ever busy. He contributes an article on "The Outlook for the College Woman" to *Harper's Bazar* of May 5; and in *The Independent* of May 3 writes on "Drugs and Character."

'74, '77, '95, '97, '99. Visitors to the University in the last fortnight include R. H. Wiles, '74, of Chicago; Charles S. Francis, '77, of Troy, N. Y.; Thomas McNeil, '95, of Pittsburgh; Ezra Cornell Blair, '97, of New York; Harold H. Hill, '97, of Cleveland, and Norman J. Gould, '99, of Seneca Falls, N. Y.

'75, B.S. Professor Nichols has been asked to deliver the Commencement address before the Sigma Xi Society at the University of Kansas, on June 2. The address is one of the regular events of the Commencement week at Kansas.

'79, B.C.E., '90, C.E. E. E. Haskell is a civil engineer in the United State Engineer office, Jones Building, Detroit.

'79, A.B. Seward A. Simons, of Buffalo, has been appointed by State Comptroller Morgan a State Transfer Tax Commissioner.

Ex-'79. George T. Baker is one of the delegates-at-large to the National Democratic Convention at Kansas City in July.

'80, B.S. Lee James Vance, of New York, has been appointed by Commissioner-General Peck a member of the international jury at the Paris Exposition. Mr. Vance, the publisher of *The American Wine Press* and a recognized authority and expert in his line, will represent the United States on the jury in the class covering beverages of all kinds.

'82, B.C.E., '91, M.C.E. On May 1 was announced the appointment as assistant in the New York Corporation Counsel's office at \$5,000 a year, of John Casson Wait, formerly an instructor and lecturer in Harvard University. Mr. Wait is a civil engineer and lawyer and the author of several text books on contract and

engineering law. He is appointed an assistant counsel to prepare contracts for New York city and supervise that department of the city's law business.

'85, B.S. Burton E. Bennett, of Seattle, Wash., who, for many years as United States district attorney in Alaska, became an authority on the laws and conditions of that territory, expects to return in a few weeks to Alaska to practice his profession there during the summer.

'87, '91, and '00. The partial programs of the July 1900 meeting of the National Educational Association, to be held at Charleston, S. C., show that several Cornellians will be heard from. Professor James E. Russell, '86, is president of the department of normal schools. In the child study department Miss Margaret Schallenger, '00 Grad., at present fellow in philosophy, will read "A Criticism of Herbart's Psychology as a Basis for Pedagogy," and Professor Earl Barnes, '91, now of London, will also read a paper.

'88, M.E. Professor G. W. Bissell, in charge of the department of mechanical engineering at the Iowa State University, has been favored with an appropriation of \$100,000 by the legislature of the state for the construction of a new building.

'88, B.S. in Agr. Gerow D. Brill has been detailed by the United States Department of Agriculture to make in China a collection of seeds, plants, and implements peculiar to that country.

'90, A.B. The triangular fight in the Nineteenth Senate District, New York, for the nomination for Senator to succeed John Ford, '90, has been complicated by the authoritative statement that Senator Ford was opposed to the nomination of Mr. Fallows, and under certain circumstances, might become an independent candidate at the fall election. It was Mr. Ford's intention to drop out of practice for a year and put his personal affairs in shape so that they would not suffer if the Republicans should nominate him for Mayor of New York City in 1901.

'90, B.S. in Arch. Professor Trowbridge, of the College of Architecture, Cornell, lectured before the Art Club of Bath, N. Y., on May 11, on "Greek and Roman Architecture."

'90, Ph.B. Henry M. Eaton has left Erie, Pa. His new address is care "Enquirer," Philadelphia.

'92, M.S. Frank William Rane is proprietor of the Rural Science Teachers and Employment Agency, Durham, N. H.

'92, A.B., '94, M.E. Lewis Keith Malvern is with the Elgin Watch Company at Elgin, Ill.

'94, A.M. The latest address of Willis Andrew Dunn is 736 Fifth Avenue, Helena, Mont.

'94, A.B. Earl W. Mayo has an illustrated article on "New York's Underground Railway" in the monthly magazine number of the *Outlook* for May 5.

'94, E.E. William L. Colt is manager of the Ball and Pedal Factory of the American Bicycle Company, at Cleveland, O.

'95, M.E. John H. Godfrey is the Hawaiian Islands, at Makaweli, Kanai.

'96, LL. B. In publishing a letter concerning conditions in the Philippines from Captain Edward Davis, Twenty-third U. S. Volunteers, now stationed at Cabogao, province of Ilocos, Luzon, P. I., the *Owego*

Times (April 26, 1900) prints the following sketch of the writer: "Captain Davis is an old Cornell man, well and favorably known to many in this village. At the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he gave up an extensive law practice at Chicago and went to the front as second lieutenant in the First Illinois volunteers. Lieutenant Davis's company was exposed to the fire of the Spaniards for three days, during the battle of Santiago. At the close of the war, Lieutenant Davis, promoted to the first lieutenant, returned to Chicago with only a few of his comrades, the remainder having been killed or having died of fever. Among the dead were the captain and first lieutenant of his company. When the call for volunteers for the Philippines came, Lieutenant Davis went to Washington where he obtained a captain's commission. He was assigned to the brave Twenty-third U. S. Volunteers, and his command has been brought before the public eye several times since. It was captain Davis's battalion which rescued Lieutenant Gilmore and his party, and which was instrumental in the captures of the insurgent General Tino, and Aguinaldo's wife and son."

'96, LL.B. Owen D. Richardson is an attorney in San Jose, Cal.

'96, E.E. William S. Austin is with Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, at Covington, Va.

'96, LL.B. James H. Vickery has an article in the May number of the *Popular Science Monthly* on "International Law and the Peace Conference."

'96. On Thursday, May 10, 1900, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, occurred the wedding of Hugh Charles Troy, '96, son of John Troy, of Ithaca, to Miss Mary W. Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Wall, also of Ithaca. Though no invitations or cards were issued, a large number of friends gathered at the ceremony. The ushers were Frank Wall, brother of the bride, Peter Troy, a brother of the groom, P. F. McAllister, '92, and B. F. McCormick. John Troy, also a brother of the groom, was the best man. Miss Nellie Wall was the bridesmaid. After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. The couple left for Buffalo and points westward. On their return their residence will be 133 Hazen Street, Ithaca.

'97, C. E. John Hayes is connected with the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Phillipsburg, N. J.

'98, Ph. B. Reprinted from *The Conservative Review* of March 1900, "The Tales of Terror," a thesis submitted to the Columbian University in part satisfaction of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts, has just been published by Christobel Forsythe Fiske.

'98, B. S. Alfred Henry Thiessen is a candidate for the degree of Master of Science, at the Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

'98, A. B. Clinton K. DeGroat has been studying in the Buffalo Law School and reading law in the offices of Moot, Sprague, Brownell & Marcy, Buffalo, N. Y. for the last two years. He intends to take the Bar examinations this June.

'99, M.E. John C. Brocksmitth is in the Dynamo Department of the Western Electric Company in Chicago.

'99, Special. Frederick M. Nellis is spending a few weeks at Taughanock Falls, N. Y.

'98, C.E. Charles B. Hobart has been for some time in Mexico. He is at present stationed at the Avino Mines, San Gabriel, Durango.

'99, B.S. Wandell B. Secor has an appointment for 1900-1901 in the New Jersey State Normal School, at Trenton, N. J.

'99, C.E. Frank L. Getman has resigned his position as assistant engineer to the Public Improvement Commission of Cohoes, N. Y., to accept one as special agent to the State Board of Tax Commissioners, of New York.

'99, B.S.A. Daniel B. Clark is assistant to the superintendent of Agriculture and Live Stock at the Pan-American Exposition, in Buffalo.

Obituary.

MRS. MORTON ABIEL BOWEN, '79, B.S.

Mrs. Morton Abiel Bowen, of Medina, N. Y., died suddenly on May 1, at Southern Pines, North Carolina. She had an attack of pneumonia a year ago from which she never fully recovered. In the autumn she spent some months in the Adirondacks and in February last, accompanied by her husband and young daughter, she went to North Carolina where she hoped to have her health restored. On May 1, she suffered an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs and passed away in a few moments.

Her maiden name was Hattie Lucina Green. She was the daughter of Newton Green, of Byron, N. Y., an active politician of Genesee County. While attending the University, she was a member of the Irving Literary Society, and took high rank in German and mathematics. After her graduation she taught in the Medina High School for two years, when she was married to M. A. Bowen, son of Judge Bowen of that place, and present editor and proprietor of the Medina Advertiser. She was a bright and noble character.

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ALUMNI TRUSTEE ELECTIONS.

This week we present our alumni readers, according to promise, with the second of the candidates for the alumni trusteeships. Mr. Howard's name has often appeared in our columns, but we believe the bird's-eye view of his activities here presented will be found useful to alumni voters. For our part we believe that half the value of alumni trustee elections lies in the opportunity and indeed necessity it presents of making the alumni know one another better. And this would be still truer if the candidacies were more numerous. This year there are three good nominees to fill two places. This demands thought and the weighing both of the qualifications of individuals and of the needs of the University. When, on the other hand, only as many are nominated as there are places to fill all this value is subtracted from the alumni trusteeships. We are glad that there are three candidates this year. We trust that for the good of the University and in the interests of the alumni there may be a half dozen nominated in 1901.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT CLUB.

The movement to form a University Boat Club has already been commented upon in these columns. The promoters of the idea have been at work for some time, but it was not until last Monday night that an organization was at length perfected. The news that such a club has been formed will, it is believed, be received with much satisfaction by students and alumni generally. There are many men in the University who cannot, or do not care to, come out as candidates for the freshman or University crews, but who nevertheless are desirous of rowing for the pleasure and exercise that they can get out of it. There are other men who come out for the freshman or University crews, whose

services Mr. Courtney has to dispense with before the end of the rowing season, not always because he has no further use for them, but often because the exigencies of the occasion make it necessary for him to confine his attention to the other candidates. Our coach has always wished that the men whom he has been compelled to reject for the time being might in some way or other be afforded an opportunity of continuing their rowing. He has realized that some of these men might subsequently develop into good oarsmen who could be used to advantage in future University crews. In the past these men have been compelled to discontinue their rowing because, outside of the Navy, there was no rowing organization which they could join. The Boat Club will fill this want, and will, if successful, be a valuable feeder for the Navy.

But the scope of rowing at Cornell cannot be broadened in the two directions indicated unless the rowing facilities are immediately greatly increased. The Boat Club will be unable to make use of the present Navy boat house, for that has for some time past been entirely inadequate for the Navy itself. The Navy is sorely in need of a new boat house, or at least of additions to the present boat house. Something must be done, and done immediately, to afford Mr. Courtney adequate accommodations, if we are to expect him to maintain Cornell's standing upon the water. With the present cramped quarters for the Navy, our coach is so greatly handicapped that it is impossible for him to do his best work. It is greatly to be hoped that the alumni will see their way clear to giving the Navy an entirely new boat house. This would enable the Athletic Association to turn over the present boat house to the boat club that has just been formed, and with the adequate accommodations which the rowing interests would then have there would undoubtedly be a great boom in rowing at Ithaca. Irrespective of the boat club the Navy ought to have a new boat house at once; but with the advent of the boat club, if this club is to fulfil its mission, this need becomes an absolute necessity. Our alumni are asked to give the matter their most careful consideration.

THE COMMITTEE OF ALL CLASSES.

The committee of all classes suggested by President Schurman in his last "ten-minute talk," was promptly formed and is now actively at work. The problem of getting hold of Freshmen and teaching them the Cornell traditions has been earnestly considered by the committee, and recommendations in the matter will be made public shortly. The committee has also given considerable attention to the honor system, which, it is felt, is getting a little rusty. There are

many students whose indignation at dishonorable conduct in examinations is waxing warm, and it only remains for the student committee to organize this growing public opinion to make short work of all cribbing. One thing is certain. The faculty will not revert to the old system of keeping proctors in the examination rooms. Every student on handing in his paper gives his word of honor that he has used no unfair means of raising his marks. It is for the students to justify the presupposition that their word of honor is as good as a gambler's. The whole matter is very simple, for while no proctor can watch closely enough to prevent cribbing, a single student with backbone enough to get on his feet and "make a kick" when he sees a fellow student begin to crib can settle the whole difficulty. We have a good deal of faith in the moral courage of Cornell students, and await the result with serene confidence—and considerable patience.

Lecture on the Orient.

A large audience enjoyed a lecture on "Agricultural Conditions in the Orient," delivered at the Dairy Building on Tuesday evening of last week before the Agricultural Association by the Rev. Ezra T. Sanford, ex-'87, of Port Jervis, who recently spent considerable time in Egypt and Palestine, and whose remarks showed that he had put his power of keen observation to good account during his visit.

Mr. Sanford appeared on the platform in the characteristic costume of the Orient, and prefaced his lecture by an explanation of his garments and the various kinds of clothing worn in the Oriental countries. He then went on to describe the people of the valleys of the Nile and the Jordan, their occupations, the land and its products. About eighty lantern slides were used in illustration of these topics.

The people of these two valleys, the lecturer said, are still plowing with the crooked sticks, and are doing the rest of their farming with the same crude implements, of which we read in the Bible. Yet such is the natural fertility of the soil that in fair seasons good crops are obtained. It is well to note, however, that English and American implements are gradually being introduced, and the people are slowly awakening to the possibilities of their land.

The subject of irrigation, one naturally of interest to all agriculturists, received a large part of the speaker's attention. A large amount of land which has long been unproductive, he said, has lately been made very fertile by means of irrigation. A number of views were thrown on the screen to show the extremely primitive methods of irrigating which are still in common use.

Mr. Sanford also spoke briefly on the Pyramids, the mosques, the electric railway from Cairo to the Pyramids, and other matters of general interest and knowledge, yet as the title indicates, the lecture was mainly an explanation of the agricultural condition of Egypt and the Holy Land.

The Senior class has adopted a class tankard. It is in pewter and is decorated with the University seal.

'86 Memorial Prize Contest.

Present indications point to a most excellent contest on the '86 Memorial Stage this year. Judging from the preparatory work of the twelve speakers chosen for the occasion, Professor Lee expects the contest to be the most interesting and exciting that has occurred since the establishment of the prize. This is due almost entirely to the fact that this year the course in public speaking, and hence competition for positions on the stage, has been open to sophomores as well as to juniors. As a consequence nearly double the usual number of capable speakers were available from which to make the choice.

The work of selecting suitable declamations has been finished, lots have been drawn to determine the order of speaking, and the men are now busy putting their selections into form for presentation. The contest will be held in the Armory, May 25.

Princeton Concert.

On Friday evening the Cornell Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs will give a concert in the Lyceum in honor of the Princeton and Cornell baseball teams the members of which will occupy the boxes at the concert. Cornell's annual baseball game with Princeton at Ithaca is the most important home athletic event this spring and will be attended by many old grads. and other out-of-town people. This large visiting delegation will help to increase the attendance at the concert, it is expected.

Messrs. Nolan, Hausner, Reynolds and McCrea, the intercollegiate debate team will be banqueted Thursday night at the New Ithaca, under the auspices of the Debate Union.

The 1902 Cornellian election took place Tuesday, May 8. There were 20 nominees and from them five were chosen by the following vote: L. G. Price, 135; J. M. Francis, 119; Miss E. D. Huestis, 96; C. M. Vail, 91; A. F. Brinckerhoff and G. Goldmark were tied for fifth place 88. The remaining members of the board, chosen by competition, are as follows: J. R. Patterson, business manager; H. L. Leupp, literary editor; J. A. Smith and T. B. Everman, artistic editors.

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THE WEEK WITH THE CREWS.

'Varsity's Work Slightly Unsatisfactory--Discipline of the Second 'Varsity--Freshmen Doing Splendidly.

The week's crew practice has been somewhat unsatisfactory, despite the fact that work on the Lake was possible four days out of six. The most important event of the week has been the transfer of the freshman eight to training table in place of the second 'Varsity. Not only was this transfer made, but the greater number of the second 'Varsity candidates were taken from the eights and put either in the four-oars or the barges. During the latter part of the week the three crews at practice have been the 'Varsity, the freshman and the scrubs, the latter containing five or six freshmen. The third 'Varsity discontinued practice as an eight early in the week. Coach Courtney's severe discipline of the second 'Varsity squad, with whose work throughout the term he has been much dissatisfied, seems to indicate more than a possibility of his sending an eight composed in part or wholly of freshmen to race at Philadelphia on May 30.

In Monday's practice, the four eights were given a mile-and-a-half race. This was practically between the 'Varsity and the freshmen, the latter winning by a slight margin. Flowers' crew was two lengths, and English's three lengths behind the freshmen. Captain Dalzell, being slightly ill, was absent on Monday and the following day, and his seat at No. 7 in the 'Varsity was occupied by Kuschke, '03.

On Tuesday, Coach Courtney took to the Lake only the 'Varsity and the freshmen. These two crews, on account of severe rain, were given merely a steady row three miles up the west shore and back, with no racing.

On Wednesday and Thursday hard wind confined all the boats to the Inlet. On Friday and Saturday, the three eights, the 'Varsity, the freshmen and the scrubs were sent to the Lake. On the former day they went to Crowbar, and on the return distance of four miles, the 'Varsity was directed to row against time, and was paced by the other two eights for the first half of the distance. The 'Varsity's work was somewhat poor. On Saturday the shells again made the run to Crowbar, but were not urged to make speed, Coach Courtney devoting his attention to coaching individual form. On Saturday, Francis was absent and his position at No. 6 in the 'Varsity was occupied creditably by B. Smith, '03.

Early in the week, two four-oars began practice and have since made fair progress. Their steersmen, however, have not yet entirely gotten control of the shells, especially over the difficult course on the Inlet, and all the trials at racing made thus far have been unsuccessful. Both shells have had more than one narrow escape from collision, although no injury has resulted. Flowers' crew has thus far shown greater speed.

The orders have been, for the most part, as follows:

First 'Varsity—Stroke, Robbins; 7, Dalzell captain; 6, Francis; 5, Smallwood; 4, Beardslee; 3, Petty; 2, Vanderhoef; bow, Hartley; coxswain, Magoffin. Second 'Varsity—Stroke, B. Smith; 7, Hazelwood; 6, Powley; 5, Rhodes; 4, VanAlstyne; 3, Finucane; 2, Purcell; bow, Tinan; coxswain, Long. Freshmen—Stroke,

Merrill; 7, Kuschke; 6, Benedict; 5, Hutton; 4, Frenzel; 3, Osborne; 2, Ballinger; bow, Longyear; coxswain, J. Smith. Four-oared—Stroke, Flowers; 3, Beyer; 2, Burrows; bow, and steersman, Brinckerhoef; four-oar—stroke, Kugler; 3, Toohill; 2, Zimmer; bow and steersman, Taylor.

TROPHY ROOM.

Athletic Trophies on Exhibition --A Room Opened at Barnes Hall.

Arrangements have at last been made whereby the students and alumni of the University may at any time while on the Campus have the pleasure of seeing the banners, cups and other trophies won by Cornell in her athletic victories. One of the small rooms on the first floor of Barnes Hall has been fitted out as a Trophy Room, and there will remain the mementoes of success, on general exhibition, until a resting place is permanently provided for them in the Alumni Hall.

A case with a glass front has been placed along the west wall of the new Trophy Room, and in this have been placed the banners which for years have been stored away in the Gymnasium. The banners are draped against the back of the case in such a manner that the wording upon them, or enough to make their import intelligible, may easily be read. The central group is composed of the four banners won at Saratoga by the 'Varsity and Freshman crews in 1875 and 1876. Below them are the banners won by the four-oared crews of 1880 and 1883, and that of the Harvard-Cornell freshman race at Lake Owasco in 1878. On either side are arranged a number of other banners among them being those of the four and eight-oared races at Philadelphia in 1888 and 1889 respectively, the New York State baseball banner of 1885, the banners won at the University of Pennsylvania relay races in 1895, 1897 and 1898, and that of the Syracuse-Cornell track meet in 1897. At the two extremities of the case are the 'Varsity and Freshman banners of the Poughkeepsie races of 1896. Other objects of interest in the case are a '72 class cane, one of the first class canes in the University, a photograph of the '96 'Varsity crew, Captain Witherbee's practice football and the balls used in the Columbia and Princeton games last fall.

On the east wall are the three banners won at Poughkeepsie in 1897, representing the 'Varsity and Freshman races with Columbia and Pennsylvania, and the 'Varsity race with Harvard and Yale. There is also on this side of the room the handsome case presented by the 1902 Cotillion Committee. This contains a number of cups and other trophies won in various track meets, the cups for the annual handball tournaments presented by Henry R. Ickelheimer, '88, the Sprague and Gluck Challenge Cups presented to the navy in the days of the boat clubs, and the Worcester Telegram Cup. About the walls are hung photographs of 'Varsity and class teams, among them the victorious New London eight of '91. Other interesting exhibits are the original subscription list for the boat and outfit of the first Cornell Boat Club, and one of the badges worn in Ithaca in celebration of the crew successes of '76.

The exhibit is not by any means complete, only those trophies being

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TRACK NEWS.

Second Team Wins at Elmira—Prospects for Intercollegiate.

On Saturday, the 12th, the second track team, composed principally of freshmen, held an interesting contest with Elmira Free Academy at that place. The majority of points was easily captured by Cornell, the score standing and the showing made by most of our men promises some strong reinforcements for next year's 'Varsity.

In the 100, 220, and quarter mile runs, every place was won by Cornell. Sommer and Langston doing the best work. Smith of Elmira easily captured the half. He expects to come to Cornell next year, as does also Briggs, who made a good showing in the pole vault. This event was, however, won by Frederick of Cornell, who likewise took first in the high jump. Carroll, another freshman, who has been vaulting well, unfortunately sprained his ankle at the first trial. The mile and two mile were won by Morrison and Judd, the latter finishing with a lead of 100 yards. The best all-around showing for Elmira was made by a brother of "Tommy" Fennell, '96, who won the broad jump and the two weight events. For the past week the work of the regular 'Varsity has been light, owing to a rest after the Syracuse meet. On Saturday some good trials were run at the field in the short runs and hurdles. Joseph, whose usual distance is 100 yards, ran the 220 for the first time, beating out Taylor by a slight margin in very good time.

According to present indications a much larger team than usual will be sent to the intercollegiate this year and Cornell's score is certain of a decided increase. The record of these candidates will decide the men who are to go to Paris. To make the sending of such a team worth the expense, their work must compare favorably with that of the other teams, or the project will have to be abandoned.

The coming contest with Princeton is at present of the first importance. Both Trainer Moakley and Captain Deming feel confident of making the Tigers work hard for a victory. Captain Deming, in speaking of this meet, recently said: "I think we have a good show for win-

ning against Princeton. Of course, we do not expect an easy time and if we can win by the smallest margin, both Trainer Moakley and myself will be more than satisfied. We will be in condition to make the best showing of the season in Elmira."

TROPHY ROOM.

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brought to the room which could be secured immediately by those in charge of the work. A number of banners, particularly those won in baseball, are in the hands of private parties. Steps will be taken soon to secure these and add them to the general collection. The photographs of individual athletes now on exhibition in the hallway of the Gymnasium will remain there. The Athletic Council, however, desires a collection of photographs of teams and crews to be placed in the Trophy Room and has appropriated a considerable sum of money for the purpose. The negatives in the hands of the various Ithaca photographers will soon be inspected, and prints made of all desirable ones.

Along with the work of receiving trophies and arranging them to the best advantage, a serious problem has come up. Some of the trophies most precious to all Cornellians, such as the crew banners of '75 and '76, are fast going to decay. They were used for some years as decorations for the dances in the Armory. On these occasions souvenir hunters among the visitors used them without mercy. Since then the process of decay has hastened their disintegration. It is now proposed to preserve the banners in their present condition by shellacing each one between two large plates of glass, where they may remain safe but may easily be seen. For certain of the trophies, some such means of protection will certainly have to be arranged.

The exhibit at the Trophy Room, incomplete as it is, is a most interesting sight. Never before in the history of the University has such a collection of trophies been brought together where all might see them. It is hoped at present that arrangements can be made formally to open the trophy room with an indoor campus meeting on the evening of May 30th. Returning alumni will certainly find an inspection of the new trophy room one of the most pleasant features of a visit to the Campus.

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