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**T**his is Navy Week. It is also reunion week for the three youngest reunion classes. By the time most of our readers see this paragraph the streets of Ithaca will probably be gay with the costumes of the men of 1902, 1907 and 1909. The sedate red coats and hats of the Continuous Reunion Club will also be seen. Graduate attire this week will have to be brilliant if it is to compete with the cacophony of those senior blazers.

Spring Day will divide Saturday with Navy Day. The show will take place on the campus in the morning. Not so much as usual has come out about the plans, but of course most of the colleges and several undergraduate clubs will have shows in tents, each tent with its barker. Every Spring Day committee has a distinctive name for the show of the year, and each tries to have the name witty and appropriate. Sometimes the wit and appropriateness of the name are apparent. One cold, rainy May they had a Spring Day called "Aaka-choo!"

For two or three weeks past the store windows on Aurora and State Streets have displayed cards picturing a small wooly dog, winking one eye and holding in his paws a large bag of bones. The picture of the same dog has been flashed on the screen at the moving picture houses, between "The Cowboy's Courtship" and "Father Too Works Now." The legend under the drawing is "Slip-pup, with a bag of bones, on the Campus, June 1st." The pun and the invitation are both obvious to anybody after a moment of study, the word "bones" referring, of course, to a pocketful of loose change.

Some members of the class of 1901 are said to be planning to return to Ithaca in a body and take part in Spring Day. Their purpose is to emphasize the claim of their class to

being the originator of the institution. The claim has been disputed by the class of 1902. The contention of that class is that all 1901 had was a parade, and that 1902 was the first to have a real circus on the campus. Both classes will be represented here next Saturday.

The Masque will give a Navy Week show at the Lyceum Friday night. Three plays will be presented—"The Boatswain's Mate," by Jacobs and Sargent; "How He Lied to Her Husband," by Bernard Shaw, and "The Workhouse Ward," by Lady Gregory.

The members of the Yale baseball team were disappointed when they got off the train in Ithaca last Saturday morning and found that Spring Day was a week later. Last year the team was here on Spring Day and they had counted on seeing the show again. Mr. Bruce Cortelyou, the assistant manager, at once asked for and obtained a Spring Day date for the Yale-Cornell game in Ithaca next year.

While they were here the Yale players were quartered at the Sigma Chi house. A four-horse drag was provided for their journeyings around town.

President Schurman announces that if Commencement Day is fine the exercises will be held outdoors. The spot selected for the gathering is the natural amphitheatre on the slope west of McGraw Hall. Board seats will be placed around the amphitheatre to accommodate the audience, and the platform will be on the lower level of the slope.

Mr. Thomas Tree, at present in the business office of the University, has been appointed manager of the Sage College boarding department, and will enter upon his duties this summer. The business will be conducted under the same general system as for the past two years. There was some

talk of returning to the former plan of farming out the boarding department but the plan was abandoned because of its disfavor with the women students and graduates of the University.

Last week was a busy one for the members of the Musical Clubs. On Wednesday evening they gave a joint concert with the Harvard Clubs at Cambridge. On Saturday evening a concert was given at the Lyceum for the entertainment of the boys who took part in the interscholastic track meet. The clubs were assisted by the University Orchestra, which brought the total number of musicians on the program up to 200.

A portrait bust of the late Governor Alonzo B. Cornell, eldest son of the Founder, has been given to the University by his widow, Mrs. Esther E. Cornell. The sculptor is Edward Bergé. The bust is to be placed in the University Library and it will be unveiled on Thursday morning, June 13, just before the Commencement exercises.

The Frances Sampson fine arts prize has been awarded to Jesse Sherwood Smith, of Elmira, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences. A second prize was given to Ralph Stanley Fanning, of Riverhead, a senior in the College of Architecture. This prize is awarded "to that student in the University who shows the most intelligent appreciation of the graphic arts and architecture."

There are on exhibition at the College of Architecture the drawings submitted in the recent competition of upper class students in the schools of architecture of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Cornell. They were entered in competition for prizes offered by Mr. Lloyd Warren of New York, and are now being exhibited at the various universities in turn.

## Dedication of Rand Hall

### Speakers Recall the Early Days of Sibley College

Rand Hall, the new Sibley College shop building, given to the University by Mrs. Florence O. R. Lang in memory of her father, Jasper Raymond Rand; her uncle, Addison Crittenden Rand, and her brother, Jasper Raymond Rand, jr., of the class of '97, was formally presented to the University by Mrs. Lang last Thursday morning. Exercises were held in the Sibley Dome.

In presenting the key of Rand Hall to President Schurman Mrs. Lang said: "I first came to Ithaca nineteen years ago and since that time I have spent many summers at Cayuga Lake. I have been familiar with the shops of Sibley College and the work done in them. Had I been a man I should have worked there. It gives me great satisfaction to be able to provide one of the new shops and it is with great pleasure that I present the key of Rand Hall to President Schurman."

Applause which followed the presentation lasted for several minutes and was not stopped until a cheer leader called for three short yells for Mrs. Lang.

"The members of this college have already expressed their appreciation, Mrs. Lang," said President Schurman in accepting the key. "I wish to hand the key over to Director Smith of Sibley College."

Dean Smith expressed his pleasure and thanks and said: "This ceremony has a significance which far exceeds the addition of a single building to Sibley College. It marks the start of a new era. This college had its era of beginning with Professors Morris and Sweet. Then came the era of splendid development under the direction of Dr. Thurston. The last eight years have been used for internal improvement and the perfecting of details. This work is nearly done and we are now entering on the fourth period in the history of Sibley College."

Mr. H. H. Westinghouse, of the University Board of Trustees, delivered an address of which the following is a part:

While the dedication of an impor-

tant edifice to educational purposes is always a cause for congratulation, I regard this particular occasion as possessing special characteristics, bringing with it a measure of importance to those interested in Cornell University that differentiates it in some respects from the average of similar occasions. The dedication of a building devoted to the interests of any well established principle or creed simply marks progress; but the opening of this structure not only marks progress, but is a vindication of principles enunciated within the memory of men still living, on this Campus, and a justification of the plea of the Founder of the University for a system of universal education. It is a monument to the educational spirit of Cornell which Walter Craig Kerr, one of the greatest of her sons, crystallized so finely when he said: "All knowledge is for use." All knowledge is for use and the calling which to-day is ordinary and common may to-morrow be a scientific and honorable profession. And the opening of this beautiful and dignified building in which are to be taught the scientific principles, financial and mechanical, which underlie all manufacturing and engineering, marks as nothing else could the rise of the engineering profession in a brief half century from a crude and humble calling to be one of the most respected professions of to-day.

It is difficult to reflect upon the broader aspects of the affairs of the University without realizing the fullness with which the educational needs of humanity were impressed upon the consciousness of the Founder. We are well nigh amazed at his prophetic vision, which led him to see the vast importance of grouping together in one great educational institution, full opportunities for advanced instruction in all branches of learning. \* \* \*

It is impossible to estimate the far reaching influence which the several component parts of Cornell University have had upon one another in the past, and this influence will without doubt increase with passing years. To many classically educated men of the first faculty, the sight of the early Sibley students crossing the Campus on their way to the shops with their tin dinner buckets must have been a strange and incongruous sight. And no doubt they, as many of us perhaps still do (when we see other forms of educational activity toilsomely lifting themselves up from the mire of empiricism and uncertainty onto the solid ground of scientific knowledge) wondered inwardly or protested openly regarding

the expediency or even desirability of such forms of University activity. Indeed it required an Ezra Cornell to truly appreciate the significance of this small beginning and none but those having sublime faith in the principles involved could have hoped for the success of the experiment when the attitude of the educational world at that time is considered. The idea that the power to *do* things rested on an educational and scientific basis was and for that matter still is, an idea that many men, educators and others, have as yet not fully grasped, and it is little wonder that the early Sibley student was not considered quite up to University par, as indeed today many of us, as before stated, are inclined to under-rate some other forms of educational progress.

To the Sibley students of early days, looking southward to the three grey stone buildings which then alone faced the valley, it must have appeared that a chasm yawned between them and some of the older and more dignified forms of study taught therein. Many of them no doubt looked with impatience on some of these studies which apparently led to no definite results and could not assist them in their practical problems. Echoes of these ideas are still to be found in places where the broader view of human life and purpose has never entered and where utilitarian education has not the modifying influences of contact with learned and far-sighted men.

Yet students and faculty of both these classes have profited wonderfully by their close proximity to each other. Today the most profound classical scholar on the Campus, looking northward, acknowledges his indebtedness to the great scientific professions that have done so much to make life comfortable, and there has come to him a full realization that the world's work requires educated men of many kinds, that the great business of the nations of the present day is *industry* and that art, literature and the finer things for which he stands, can flourish and bloom only when industry prospers and educated men guide our great industrial interests.

And the engineering student, looking southward, sees in such buildings as Goldwin Smith Hall a perpetual reminder that man does not live by bread alone, but that there are many other studies, besides those bringing financial returns, that will bring him rich and enduring rewards not measured in dollars, of whose very existence he may never have known,

but for their representation on his much beloved Campus.

It is to a large extent because of this broad educational environment that graduates of Sibley College are found in such large numbers in teaching positions and wherever important industrial work is being done, and the dedication of the building is an added assurance that the theories on which the University was founded are sound and that the principles for which it stands before the world are to be fully and fittingly maintained.

If it were mistakenly assumed that the purely engineering record of Sibley College, however meritorious in itself, is the measure of its usefulness, and there were excluded from the appraisal the value of social and educational contact of its students with the large body of other students pursuing diversified lines of study and research, then its merit would not be worthily distinguished in any important respect from that due other institutions devoted solely to vocational instruction. Mechanical Engineering deals so specifically with material things and necessarily embraces so much that is definitely expressed, both in quantities and qualities, that its sole pursuit tends to stagnate rather than stimulate imagination. \* \* \*

We may therefore, in general terms, assume that comprehensiveness and co-relation were the broader considerations, basis in character, upon which this Institution was founded and essential to the great end to be achieved. \* \* \*

It would indeed be interesting to know to what an extent the Founder realized the gigantic proportions which engineering science would attain in a half a century. His intimate acquaintance with the beginnings of electrical transmission of energy must have given him some idea of the vastness of the problems waiting to be solved; and it is more than likely that he foresaw in some measure this great growth and perhaps some of the vital social problems which have arisen in connection with our great manufacturing and engineering enterprises, and which are now reacting upon the work of our educational institutions.

The simple methods and processes of our forefathers have passed away forever and with their passing has come the most complex industrial organization, physical and personal, the world has ever seen. To prepare young men to enter this field is no simple matter, and the shop methods in use in the early days of Sibley College no longer suffice. The Sibley dinner bucket has given place to the "Sibley Dog" and progress is the order of the day. Not only must the prospective industrial worker know something of simple shop processes and methods, but he must know something of the complicated financial and manufacturing prin-

ciples on which the industrial structure rests. He must know something of the complex personal relations which these new methods involve and be prepared as never before to take his place in the world of men with a full appreciation of his duties as an engineer and as a citizen and with high ideals of service to humanity.

The perfecting of methods of instruction looking to these ends is now here made possible as never before by the opening of this building, and it is gratifying indeed that the spirit of the old Mechanic Arts Department is to have a new temple where, refreshed and strengthened, it will be able to meet and solve these new and difficult problems reflected from the practical field.

The task of building up this great Engineering College has not been a light one, and the demands upon the funds of the University to supply equipment and room, indispensable to sufficient administration of the College, have been greater than could be met, with due and just regards for other Departments of the University. So it has naturally and regrettably come about that while, spiritually speaking, conditions are eminently sound, the corporeal state is much less satisfactory, particularly when compared with what will be found at some of the other engineering educational institutions. This weakness has been particularly true of the shops and laboratories of the College and it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the fact that, as a result, there has gradually developed a serious situation tending to unfavorably affect the future usefulness and reputation of the Mechanic Arts Department, due chiefly to inadequate housing. That such a tendency should continue would be most deplorable, especially when its direct cause is the excellent service this College has rendered under adverse conditions in creating a demand for more of its product than it can supply and still maintain quality, and quality is to be maintained at any cost. To go on in this direction would amount to penalizing competency.

This regrettable state of affairs, so long a matter of growing solicitude, particularly to those more intimately acquainted with the facts of the situation—is now about to be substantially alleviated, for we are gathered here today to receive from Mrs. Lang and dedicate to the uses of Sibley College, Rand Hall, a splendid and commodious structure that will greatly relieve the congested condition now existing and form an important part of a comprehensive plan which when completed will fully meet all reasonable requirements.

Mr. F. A. Halsey '78, who for many years was associated in business with the brothers Jasper R. and Addison C. Rand, made an address.

He told of the development of the Rand Drill Company and related many incidents to show the qualities of judgment and patience possessed by the brothers. The beginning of his talk was reminiscent. He said:

To a Sibley alumnus of the early days, this occasion is primarily one of reminiscence. My thoughts go back to the time when technical education was a new and untried thing, and not only new and untried, but looked upon with skepticism and even aversion—when the Sibley shop and its students in overalls were subjects of amused interest to academic visitors, whose educational horizon took in nothing beyond a classical education, and of scarcely less amused interest to manufacturers and business men, who could see no value in systematic training for careers similar to their own.

Those of us who formed the early classes in Sibley know better than those of to-day can ever know, the scant sympathy with which this educational movement was received. The graduate of to-day may not always find the door of employment wide open for him, but he is at least spared the supercilious air of superiority with which the proffer of the services of the early graduate was too often rejected. In all the history of technical education, nothing is more strange than this universal skepticism on the part of those who, as it now seems, should have been the first to recognize that there was a vast, unworked educational field, capable of producing such a crop as no other that then lay fallow.

And this side of the picture serves only to throw into stronger relief the other side, where we see the figures of those whom we must now regard as prophets. And first of these is the father of technical education in this country—the author of the land grant bill—Senator Morrill. \* \* \* Of these prophets, Cornell University had three—its Founder, whose largeness of vision is perpetuated in the seal of the University, its first president, who moulded its plan and scope, and the founder of Sibley College, whose name it bears.

No retrospect of this kind can fail to compare the feeble beginnings of this movement with its present noble stature, and the building that we are here to dedicate supplies a gauge of progress which all can see. This is to be a shop building and we have but to compare it with the Sibley shop of the 70's. That early shop was housed in the west room of the first floor of what we must now call the original Sibley building, and I am bound to say that, even in those seemingly narrow quarters, there was no crowding—either of equipment or of students. Small as the quarters were, I distinctly remember that there was room for more than came.



### From the Schiff Fund A Fellowship and a Lectureship to Be Established

At a meeting of the Executive Committee last week it was voted to establish, out of the Jacob H. Schiff fund, a Jacob H. Schiff Fellowship in German, worth \$500 a year, and also to establish a Jacob H. Schiff lectureship (non-resident) for the promotion of studies in German culture. It is expected that this lectureship will be filled in 1912-13 by some distinguished German scholar, who will lecture at the University for one term of the year. President Schurman said he had the matter under consideration, but was not yet in a position to announce an appointment.

Mr. Schiff's gift was announced last January. It consists of a fund of \$100,000 and was given to the University for the promotion of studies in German culture.

### Kemmerer to Go Report that He will Join the Princeton Faculty

It is reported that Edwin Walter Kemmerer, professor of economics and finance, will leave the University at the end of the year to accept a professorship of economics in Princeton. Professor Kemmerer declines to confirm or deny the report at the present time. John R. Turner, who has been an instructor in economics for the last three years, will leave Cornell for Princeton at the end of this year. Dr. Walter E. Lagerquist, also an instructor in economics since 1909, has resigned to become a member of the faculty of Northwestern University. So far as can be learned there is no significance in the departure of all these men at the same time. Mr. Turner may be going to Princeton merely to continue his graduate studies under Professor Kemmerer. He will not say. He has leave of absence for a year. Everything possible has been done to induce Professor Kemmerer to stay.

Professor Kemmerer is a graduate of Wesleyan University, 1899; Ph. D., Cornell, 1903; was assistant to the expert on trusts and industrial combinations for the United States Industrial Commission, 1900-01; instructor in economics and history,

Purdue University, 1901-03; financial adviser to the United States Philippine Commission, with special reference to the establishment of the gold standard in the Philippines, 1903-06; special commissioner of the War Department and the Philippine Government to Egypt, 1906; and since 1906 a member of the Cornell faculty.

### Memorial Volume

As a memorial of Professor Ralph S. Tarr a volume is to be published consisting of essays on physiographic and geographic subjects, the work of men trained by him. A committee has been named to take charge of the preparation and publication of the volume. This committee has asked Frank Carney '95 to edit the collection of essays that will make up the volume. Mr. Carney is professor of geology in Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

### Intercollege Athletics Agriculture Ahead

The College of Agriculture will surely win the intercollege championship this year. The crew race is to be held Saturday but the loss of this event cannot take the banner away from Agriculture. The championship hinged on the outcome of the baseball series. Sibley College and the College of Agriculture were each undefeated until they met last Tuesday afternoon for the deciding game. Sibley secured a lead of several runs at the start and this was held until the end of the sixth inning, when the agriculturists solved the delivery of the engineer pitcher and batted the ball at will. It had been decided to have the game last only six innings. This kept the score down to 6 to 5 in favor of agriculture.

The final standing in the baseball series:

College.	Won	Lost
Agriculture .....	5	0
Sibley .....	4	1
Civil Engineering ..	3	2
Veterinary .....	2	3
Law .....	1	4
Arts and Sciences ..	0	5

With rowing alone yet to be heard from, the score for the year, in points is: Agriculture, 42; Sibley, 35 3-4; Civil Engineering, 30; Arts, 20 1-4; Law, 18 3-4; Veterinary, 17 1-2; Architecture, 9 3-4.

Crews representing four of the colleges will race on Saturday for the rowing championship. They will represent the colleges of Agriculture, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Law. The crews have been strengthened recently by men from the varsity squad and the mile sprint on Navy Day will be close.

### Books

CHESS TALES AND CHESS MISCELLANIES. By Willard Fiske. Longmans, Green & Co., New York. 12mo, pp. 428.

Willard Fiske, the first Librarian of Cornell University, donor of the Icelandic and Dante and Petrarch collections, and giver of a bequest of a half-million dollars to the Library, was an ardent chess player and a student of the history and literature of the game. When he was twenty-five years old, in 1857, the *American Chess Monthly* was founded, which he edited in conjunction with Paul Morphy during its first three years. He was at that time employed in the Astor Library, New York. While he was editor he contributed to the periodical stories, problems, miscellanies and sketches of chess devotees. These have been collected in the present volume, which is edited by his literary executor, Professor Horatio S. White. To most readers, except those with a knowledge of chess, the book would be a mere curiosity, but anyone to whom the elements of the great game are not a mystery will enjoy Professor Fiske's delvings into its history and legend.

STOVER AT YALE. By Owen Johnson. Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York. 12mo, pp. 386; illustrated. Price, \$1.35 net.

Why should a book with that title be reviewed in a Cornell publication? Well, a copy was sent to this office for review, and in their letter the publishers said:

"Johnson's criticisms of American Universities (Chapter XXIII and elsewhere) he regards as applicable in varying degrees to all our colleges."

Probably most readers of the NEWS have followed Dink Stover's career in Lawrenceville and Yale. The Lawrenceville stories were stories simply—tales of boys' fun—with a

little thread of seriousness, just about enough "moral" to commend them to public library committees. But when he took Stover to Yale, Mr. Johnson got himself and his hero thoroughly involved in serious things. As a freshman Dink goes in, as a matter of course, for the college "activities." Later on he makes acquaintances outside his own little set and gets new points of view. He decides that the college's social system is aristocratic when it ought to be democratic, and that their futile "activities" blind men to the true purpose and reward of a university career. He is torn between his instinctive liking for the sort of fellows he has grown up with and his impulsive sympathy for the men who are out of the running for "college honors." He puts himself out of the running, flocks with a band of democrats, declares himself an enemy of the "society system," declines the football captaincy and makes himself generally miserable, only to find in the last chapter that the "system" has not rejected him. He gets an election to the senior society of his boyish longing and his young life is complete.

Mr. Johnson uses various characters in the story to set forth the pro and con of "activities" and the "society system." Evidently fiction was an imperfect vehicle for all he had to say, for he is now contributing to *Collier's Weekly* a series of articles in which he does all the talking himself. His notion is that America is becoming aristocratic and that the universities, instead of serving as a corrective force to keep vital the belief in democracy, have themselves yielded to aristocratic tendencies from without. He excepts from this accusation "our excellent technical schools." How much of his criticism is applicable to Cornell each reader of the book or the articles will decide for himself. Our own notion is that in any American college the snobs are few and negligible, and that undergraduate institutions are adjusting themselves in a democratic way to the strain that has been put upon them by an enormous increase in the number of students. We venture to assert that Cornell, at least, is not less democratic than she was thirty years ago, although the social system here leaves much to be desired. How to make scholarship an

equal competitor with "college honors" is a problem here as elsewhere.

#### FARMING IN THE FAR EAST.

"Farmers of Forty Centuries," the last of the works of Franklin H. King, has just been published by his widow. Mr. King was a special student in science at the University from 1876 to 1878. He died at his home in Madison, Wis., on August 5, 1911. At that time the book was in manuscript. It was sent to Director L. H. Bailey, who prepared it for the publisher and wrote a preface. The book is a popular yet scientific exposition of the agriculture of China, Japan and Korea. In the preface Dean Bailey wrote:

It is the writing of a well-trained observer who went forth not to find diversion or to depict scenery and common wonders, but to study the actual conditions of life of agricultural peoples. We in North America are wont to think that we may instruct all the world in agriculture, because our agricultural wealth is great and our exports to less favored peoples have been heavy; but this wealth is great because our soil is fertile and new, and in large acreage for every person. We have really only begun to farm well. The first condition of farming is to maintain fertility. This condition the oriental peoples have met, and they have solved it in their way. We may never adopt particular methods, but we can profit vastly by their experience. With the increase of personal wants in recent time, the newer countries may never reach such density of population as have Japan and China; but we must nevertheless learn the first lesson in the conservation of natural resources, which are the resources of the land. This is the message that Professor King brought home from the east.

It is a misfortune that Professor King could not have lived to write the concluding "Message of China and Japan to the World." It would have been a careful and forceful summary of his study of eastern conditions. At the moment when the work was going to the printer, he was called suddenly to the endless journey and his travel here was left incomplete. But he bequeathed us a new piece of literature, to add to his standard writings on soils and the application of physics and devices to agriculture. Whatever he touched he illuminated.

Franklin H. King was best known as the leading teacher of agricultural physics in America. He was born in Whitewater, Wis., June 8, 1848. After graduating from the State Normal School in Whitewater, he joined the Wisconsin Geological

Survey. Four years later, in 1876, he entered Cornell University. Here he remained for three years. He was professor of natural sciences at the State Normal School in River Falls, Wis., for ten years, resigning in 1888 to accept the chair of professor of agricultural physics in the University of Wisconsin. His first important book was "The Soil," published in 1895. In this work he set forth for the first time in concise form the importance of the physical content of the soil. While at Wisconsin he also wrote "Principles of Agricultural Irrigation and Farm Drainage" and "Physics of Agriculture." He left Wisconsin in 1901 to become chief of the division of soil management of the United States bureau of soils. This position he resigned in 1904 to travel. Most of the last years of his life were spent in the East.

#### Obituary

##### G. M. Borden '99

Garrick Mallory Borden, an instructor in fine arts at Harvard, died on May 24 at the Stillman Infirmary. The cause of death was blood poisoning, which resulted from an apparently insignificant scratch. Borden graduated with the degree of B. S. at Cornell in 1899 and took the degree of A. M. here in 1902. He had been connected with the department of fine arts at Harvard since 1909. His home was in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

##### Mrs. Charles Mellen Tyler

Mrs. Charles Mellen Tyler died at her home, "The Oaks," last Saturday night. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Tyler was Miss Katherine Stark. She was born in New York City on October 7, 1845. She was married to Professor Tyler in 1892, when she was professor of music in Syracuse University.

#### Alumni Associations

##### Washington, D. C.

The Cornell Alumni Association of Washington, D. C., recently elected the following officers: President, Delbert H. Decker '84, 900 F. Street, N. W.; first vice-president, Lewis P. Clephane '90; second vice-president, Ernest S. Shepherd '02; secretary and treasurer, Robert S. Albee '01, 304 The Cecil.



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The middle western universities are taking stock of their athletics—not, as usual, merely of the strength of their teams, but of their athletic ideals. The Conference is torn, for instance, by the question of “summer baseball.” Eligibility rules are being overhauled. Training methods are under discussion. The whole middle western university community seems to be seeking for first principles in college athletics. Customs which have become undergraduate traditions are now asked to give a reason for their being. An interesting thing about this revolution, to a Cornell observer, is that in more than one big university the slogan “Athletics for all” is raised. They seem to feel in the west that a solution of many of their troubles can be found if only their sports can

be made to serve all the students of a university instead of a selected and already proficient few. They have a feeling that perhaps ideals of sport will be higher and that amateur standards will be easier to maintain if their intercollegiate games are made merely incidental to general undergraduate athletics. In more than one institution a strong party is preaching this new doctrine. At Cornell we have gone a little farther along the new road. And it is significant that while that part of Alumni Field that is to be used by varsity teams is still unfinished, the students are already using the larger part that is to be open to all.

### Letters

#### The New Commencement Date

*Editor of the Cornell Alumni News:*

In connection with your editorial of May 15, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Faculty did not “lead the movement to have Commencement held a week earlier.” Several communications were received from representatives of the junior and senior classes and also from the senior societies stating that it was the unanimous desire of undergraduates that the change should be made. If the “desire on the part of the seniors to get their diplomas a week earlier was exaggerated” I am sure that neither the Faculty nor the Calendar Committee was responsible for such exaggeration.

It was very clearly pointed out by representatives of the students that no inconsiderable expense was caused by remaining in Ithaca for so long a period after all work of instruction was ended. Coupled with this was a desire to have senior week freed from the disturbing element of class reunions. These statements were taken in good faith by the Faculty committee and by the Faculty itself.

There has never been any doubt in the minds of the Calendar Committee that Faculty *convenience* would indicate the later date for Commencement. The change was made in spite of certain inconvenience in order to meet the plainly expressed desire of the undergraduates.

In this question there are more things to be considered than merely

the desire of some of the alumni to have a convenient date for a jollification in Ithaca. In voting for the change of date the Faculty considered the welfare of the undergraduates. The new arrangement should not be condemned before it has had a fair trial.

JOHN S. SHEARER.

*Rockefeller Hall, May 27.*

### Class Reunions 1887

The class of '87 will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on Wednesday evening, June 12. The reunion banquet will be held at the Ithaca Hotel at 7 p. m.

The returns from a circular letter to the class indicate that this will be a larger gathering than at any previous reunion. Remember the date, June 12.

V. A. MOORE, Secretary.

### 1909

The 1909 booth will be on the corner of State and Tioga Streets. Go there at once for your suits and tickets.

The banquet will be at 6:30 Friday night in the Senate. The Spring Day parade starts at 9 a. m., down town. The parade to the field Saturday afternoon starts at 1:30. Be there with your suits on.

R. E. TREMAN, Secretary.

### Social Work

*To Cornellians in Social Work:* All Cornellians, men and women, who are in any form of social work throughout the United States and who are contemplating attending the National Conference of Charities and Correction at Cleveland, June 12 to 19, are requested to send name, address and position to the undersigned prior to June 8. It is desired to arrange for an informal gathering at Cleveland both for social purposes and to arouse interest in social work among Cornell undergraduates.

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The Athletic Council Monday night elected Bouldin Thomas Crews, jr., of St. Louis, assistant manager of track, and Howard Kelly Walter, of Sharpsburg, Pa., assistant manager of baseball. Crews is a member of Beta Theta Pi and Walter of Zeta Psi.



# Athletics

## Rowing

### Double Cornell Victory on the Charles River

After the Cornell varsity eight had led Harvard and Princeton in the race on the Charles River Thursday, and the freshman crew had defeated the Harvard freshmen, the men turned their attention to preparations for the intercollegiate regatta on the Hudson on June 29. With Columbia working hard to take the victory which was snatched from her a year ago, it looks as if the Cornell combination would have a hard fight to win.

When Bowen, who had stroked Cornell winning crews for two years, was obliged to give up training because of illness early in the spring, the crew's outlook seemed dark. A late spring had delayed practice and the illness of several members of the squad further complicated the situation. But the race on the Charles, in which a new record was set for the course, shows that the varsity eight this year is in good condition and that in Distler it has a thoroughly competent stroke oar.

Cornell finished two and a quarter lengths ahead of Harvard in the race last Thursday. The course of one and seven eighths miles was rowed in 9 minutes 26 1-2 seconds. Harvard and Princeton had a close fight for second place, the former crew winning by a third of a boat length. The Cornell freshmen defeated the Harvard freshmen in 9 minutes 59 seconds.

At the start of the varsity race the Cornell crew put the stroke at 38 and immediately jumped ahead. This stroke was held for the first quarter and it gave Cornell a lead which was gradually increased until the finish. It was the drive at the end of the Cornell stroke that won the race. The stroke had been dropped to 34 but the boat went faster than the Harvard shell in which the men were rowing 37. At the quarter Cornell had a third of a length lead. The Cornell stroke went down to 33 and still the boat crept slowly along the side of the Crimson shell. There was power in the pull of the Cor-

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nell oarsmen. In the last mile it was a fight between Harvard and Princeton for second honors. In the last quarter the stroke in the Cornell boat was put up to 37 and Cornell drew rapidly away from Harvard, leaving a length and a quarter of open water between the boats at the finish.

The Cornell freshmen got the best of the Harvard freshmen in the start of their race. At the half way mark Cornell was two-thirds of a boat length ahead. There Harvard pulled up and a real race was started. In the rough water Cornell had trouble but still maintained a third of a length lead. Harvard secured the lead and held it to within 220 yards of the finish, when, by a burst of speed, the Cornell oarsmen pulled away and finished one length ahead.

While the varsity and freshman crews were at Cambridge with John Hoyle, Mr. Courtney remained in Ithaca to look after his varsity four and junior varsity eight. The junior varsity will meet the Pennsylvania junior varsity Saturday. It is not a remarkably fast crew but it is expected to show up well in the Navy Day regatta.

The Cornell crews that rowed at Cambridge were:

First varsity eight—Bow, C. H. Elliott '13; 2, E. S. Bates '13; 3, B. A. Lum '13; 4, W. O. Kruse '12; 5, G. B. Wakeley '12; 6, B. C. Spransv '14; 7, C. B. Ferguson '12; stroke, W. G. Distler '12; coxswain, C. F. Merz '12.

First freshman eight—Bow, E. Ornelas; 2, S. V. Hiscox; 3, E. L. Pollard; 4, L. F. Craver; 5, T. S. Kraft; 6, W. W. Butts; 7, J. E. O'Brien; stroke, W. V. Ellms; coxswain, F. G. Alber.

### Baseball

The baseball season has reached its final stage. A return game with Columbia will be played at Percy Field on Memorial Day, and a series of three games with Pennsylvania will begin on Navy Day, June 1, when the only home game of that series will be played. The two games this week will be the last of the season on Percy Field, except for the alumni game. Beginning with a discouraging southern trip, the team has had a good season, on the whole, and if it can win the Pennsylvania series and the Yale game at New Haven on June 15 it will finish up among the leaders.

### Yale 2, Cornell 1

The loss of the Yale game was a more serious disappointment because it had looked for a moment in the latter half of the ninth inning as if Cornell might tie the score and perhaps win right there. The score was 2 to 1, with one down. Butler singled to left field. O'Connell drove a fly to right field which Reilly misjudged, and the ball rolled clear to the fence. If Butler, on first base, had been a "bonehead," he might have run as soon as the ball was hit and might have reached home safe and tied the score. But he waited until he saw that Reilly had missed the catch, and when he reached third the coacher stopped him there, as was right. The coacher at first base had evidently given O'Connell conflicting instructions, for when Butler turned back after overrunning third, O'Connell was within a few feet of that bag. The ball had been relayed to the catcher and it looked as if O'Connell was lost, but second base had been left uncovered in the play and he got back there safely. As soon as Burdett threw to second, however, Butler started home, but the ball was returned to the plate accurately and he was touched out. That left O'Connell at second with two men out, and the game ended when Kobusch hit an easy grounder to the pitcher.

It had looked bad for Cornell in the first inning. Hightower passed Schofield, and then made a poor throw to first of Gross's bunt, on which Schofield went to third. Then Gross stole second. Reilly and Riddell, however, flied out, and Bennett hit an easy grounder to Bills. Clute opened Cornell's first inning with a scratch single to right. Schirick sacrificed and Butler brought Clute home with a hard drive to center. Butler was caught trying to steal, and O'Connell failed to hit the ball out of the diamond.

With two down in Yale's second inning, Burdett singled, but was caught at second. For Cornell only three men went to bat. Yale's third was unevenful. For Cornell, with two down, Clute singled and stole second, and Schirick was safe on an error at first base, but Butler's best offer was a pop fly.

Reilly opened the fourth with a clean single to left. Riddell was

passed. Bennett sacrificed. Blossom contributed the needed hit and both runners scored. Merritt struck out and Blossom was caught napping off second. Three Cornell men faced Brown.

The fifth and sixth were uneventful innings except for a double play by Blossom following Isett's "Texas leaguer" in the fifth. In the seventh, with two down, Keller singled but died at third when Reilly made a perfect throw to that base of Bills's line drive to right field. Nothing happened in the eighth. In Yale's ninth Reilly went to second when Isett threw the ball into the crowd back of first base, but Isett retrieved the error by catching him at third on Riddell's grounder. Cornell's ninth inning has already been described. The score:

CORNELL.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Clute, 1b .....	4	1	2	12	0	0
Schirick, c .....	3	0	0	6	2	0
Butler, lf .....	4	0	2	1	0	0
O'Connell, cf ..	4	0	1	2	0	0
Halsted, rf .....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Keller, 3b .....	3	0	1	2	3	0
Bills, 2b .....	3	0	1	2	3	0
Isett, ss .....	3	0	1	2	2	1
Hightower, p ..	3	0	0	0	4	1
Kobusch * .....	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ....	31	1	8	27	14	2

YALE.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Schofield, cf ....	3	0	0	1	0	0
Gross, lf .....	3	0	0	0	0	0
Reilly, rf .....	4	1	1	2	2	0
Riddell, 1b .....	3	1	0	12	0	1
Bennett, 2b ....	3	0	0	2	2	0
Blossom, ss ....	3	0	1	1	1	0
Merritt, 3b .....	3	0	1	1	3	0
Burdett, c .....	3	0	1	8	2	0
E. Brown, p ....	3	0	0	0	3	0

Totals .... 28 2 3 27 13 1

\*Batted for Halsted in the ninth.

Yale ..... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—2  
Cornell ... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Two base hit—O'Connell. Sacrifice hits—Gross, Bennett, Schirick. Stolen bases—Gross, Riddell. First base on balls—Off Hightower, 2. First base on errors—Yale, 2; Cornell, 1. Struck out—By Brown, 7; by Hightower, 6. Left on bases—Yale, 3; Cornell, 4. Double play—Blossom to Riddell. Umpires—Hughes and Donohue of Elmira. Time—1 hour 35 minutes.

### Lafayette 2, Cornell 7

"Fin" O'Connor pitched Thursday's game against Lafayette at Percy Field, and "Dixie" Smith was the catcher. The two football players worked well as a battery. O'Connor had never pitched in a varsity game before, although he is a member of

the junior class. He has speed and curves, and on Thursday he had control. The team helped him out of one or two tight places. Some improvement was shown in batting.

CORNELL.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Clute, 1b	5	2	2	7	0	0
Halsted, rf	4	2	1	2	0	0
Butler, lf	2	2	1	1	0	0
O'Connell, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Keller, 3b	4	0	3	2	1	0
Bills, 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0
Smith, c	4	0	0	10	3	0
Isett, ss	4	0	1	2	4	3
O'Connor, p	4	1	1	2	3	0
Totals	34	7	10	27	11	3

LAFAYETTE.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Helfrich, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Fillmore, cf	4	0	1	0	0	1
Dannehower, 1b	4	0	1	8	0	1
Wright, c	3	1	1	11	3	0
Critchlow, 2b	4	1	0	1	0	0
Cederquist, ss	3	0	1	1	0	1
Melan, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Altschuler, rf	2	0	0	1	0	1
Shimer, p	3	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	31	2	6	24	5	4

Lafayette	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	—2
Cornell	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	x—7

Home run—Clute. Three base hit—Bills. Two base hits—Clute, Isett, Wright. Sacrifice fly—O'Connell. Stolen bases—Butler, Keller. First base on balls—Off O'Connor, 1. First base on errors—Lafayette, 3; Cornell, 1. Struck out—By Shimer, 11; by O'Connor, 7. Hit by pitched ball—Wright and Cederquist, by O'Connor; Halsted and Butler (2), by Shimer. Left on bases—Lafayette, 7; Cornell 4. Double plays—Smith to Keller, O'Connor to Clute. Umpire—Donohue. Time—2 hours 10 minutes.

### Track

#### An Injury to Bennett Makes Cornell's Chances Slim

An accident to W. H. Bennett, Cornell's best sprinter, has cast a gloom over the track situation. Before Bennett strained a tendon in a trial race last Thursday afternoon, it was hard enough to figure out where Cornell could get the 25 or more points necessary to win the intercollegiate meet next Saturday, and now it looks impossible. However, an intercollegiate track meet can never be decided before the last event is concluded and there is still a slender chance that the other colleges will split up the points so that Cornell can step in for the championship and possession of the trophy which the team has already won four times.

The smallest number of points that has ever won the championship is 27

1-2, scored by Pennsylvania in 1910. Cornell scored 30 1-2 points on May 27, 1911. Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Michigan and Harvard are all factors in the race this year and the number of points may be reduced, for other colleges expect to cut into the score somewhat. When the Cornell optimist starts to figure he puts Jones down for first place in the mile and half-mile and Berna down for first in the two mile run. This gives 15 points. Then he figures that Putnam may repeat his performance of a year ago and finish second to Jones in the half mile. This makes 18 points. But here even the optimist has to pause, for there is no Stibolt to score six points by taking second in both hurdle races. In fact Cornell will start no one in the high hurdles this year. Whinery and Shelton will start in the low hurdles.

A great deal depends on Bennett's condition. He may be in condition to start in the dashes and the quarter-mile run, but it usually takes three weeks for a man to get into shape after such an accident. Upon him and Cornet and Cozzens will rest Cornell's chances in these three events.

Kanzler, who took third place in the shot-put last year, is recovering from his injury and with Coffey will enter the shot-put. It is doubtful if he can do as well as last year. Fritz cannot probably do as well as d'Autremont did last year in the pole vault, but there are better vaulters in the other colleges this year and it will be more difficult to place. Everingham and Flack will also enter this event.

Finch will run with Jones in the mile. He has been developing rapidly this spring. Snyder will run with Putnam and Jones in the half-mile. It is probable that Berna will be the only Cornell starter in the two-mile race. Munns and Collins will enter the hammer throw and Elsenbast and Hall the broad jump. Cornell has no entry for the high jump.

### Interscholastic Meet

Mercersburg Academy's well balanced track team won the Cornell interscholastic meet at Percy Field Saturday afternoon, scoring 43 points. The team took five first places and six second places. Toledo Central High School was second with 21 points. The other schools ranked as

follows: Lafayette High School, Buffalo, 9; Middletown High School, 8; St. Paul's School (Garden City), 7; Emerson Institute, 7; Washington Central High School, 6; Cleveland Central High School, 6; Powder Point School, 5; Friends' School of Washington, 5; Roselle (N. J.) High School, 5; Schenectady High School, 5; Auburn Academic High School, 4; Masten Park High School, Buffalo, 3; Batavia High School, 3; Dedham High School, 2; Ithaca High School, 2; Olean High School, 1; Binghamton High School, 1.

There were from 20 to 30 starters in each event. Meredith of Mercersburg was the individual star of the afternoon. He won the 440 yard run in 51 1-5 seconds and then won the half mile in 1 minute 57 seconds. Maxfield of Mercersburg scored 8 points, taking first in the hammer throw and second in the shot put.

By winning the meet Mercersburg has possession for one year of the trophy cup given by Cornell alumni of New York. The cup is to be the permanent possession of the school winning it five times. Five of the event cups donated by alumni associations go to Mercersburg. They are the ones from Chicago, Northern New Jersey, New England, Ithaca and Rochester. The Toledo Central High School won the Philadelphia cup for the 100 yard dash. Other cups are now in possession of schools as follows: Milwaukee cup, Lafayette High School of Buffalo; North China cup, Roselle (N. J.) High School; Western New York cup, Washington Central High School; Western Pennsylvania cup, St. Paul's School; Michigan cup, Friends' School, Washington; Northeastern Ohio cup, Emerson Institute; Washington cup, Middletown High School. These cups are to be awarded to the school which shall first win the event three times.

The Cornell lacrosse season was closed Saturday with a victory. Hobart was defeated at Alumni Field by a score of 6 to 3. Hamilton played a good game at goal for Cornell. Harvard has the championship of the northern lacrosse league, with Cornell second and Hobart third.

Professor Vladimir Karapetoff sails for Europe this week.

## Alumni Notes

'80—Dr. William Gerry Morgan, of Washington, D. C., was the host at a large reception given recently in Washington in honor of Dr. Robert T. Morris, of New York City, a member of the University Board of Trustees. Dr. Morgan was assisted in receiving the guests by Dr. H. B. Beale, Dr. S. S. Adams and Dr. A. Camp Stanley.

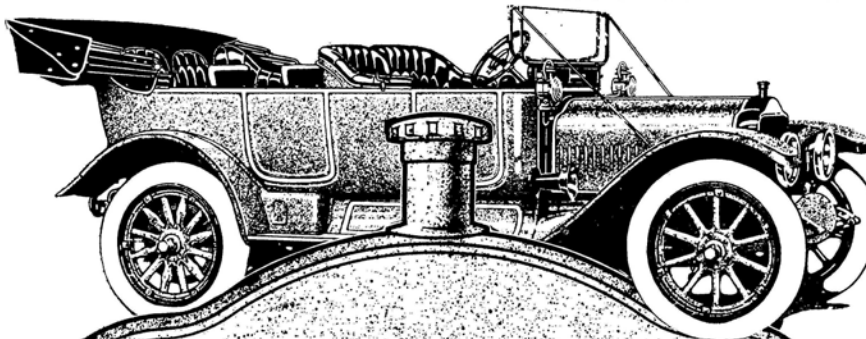
'96, LL. B.—Joseph A. Greene has moved his law office from Coldspring, N. Y., to Ossining, N. Y.

'97, A. B.—Maurice Connolly of Dubuque is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Member of Congress from the Third District of Iowa. The primaries will be held

in June. The present representative from the district is a Republican. Attorney John D. Denison, who had announced that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination, has withdrawn, thus giving an open field to Mr. Connolly. In a statement to the Democrats of the district Mr. Denison says: "Many responsible Democrats believe Mr. Connolly ought, this year, to be given an open field for the nomination and election. He should have a united party support. Maurice Connolly will carry our banner bravely, faithfully and ably."

'00, B. Arch.—F. Ellis Jackson is a member of the firm of Jackson, Robertson & Adams, architects, 702 Union Trust Company Building, Providence, R. I.

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nounce the birth of a son, Thomas  
Van Kirk Douglass, on May 18,  
1912.

'05, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Solomon Netzorg, of Ithaca, Mich.,  
announce the birth of a son, Richard  
Wolfe Netzorg, on May 8, 1912.

'05, A. B.—W. R. Newcomb has  
moved from Buffalo to Syracuse, N.  
Y., where he is with the New York  
Telephone Company.

'07, A. B.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
John Koeller have announced the  
marriage of their daughter, Clara  
Ottilia, to Mr. Frederick Weisen-  
bach, on May 7, at Philadelphia, Pa.  
Mr. and Mrs. Weisenbach will be at  
home after June 15 at 5516 Poplar  
Street, Philadelphia.

'07, M. E.—R. I. Graves, who for  
the past year has been efficiency su-  
pervisor in the locomotive repair  
shops of the Chicago & North Wes-  
tern Railway at Chicago, has been  
promoted to district foreman of the  
Ashland division of the road, with  
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'08, M. E.—H. P. Foster, who re-  
cently completed a special appren-  
ticeship in the locomotive repair shops  
of the Chicago & North Western  
Railway at Chicago, has been pro-  
moted and is now efficiency supervi-  
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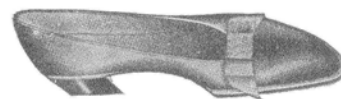
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'09, M. E.—Mrs. C. A. W. Becker, of Seneca Falls, N. Y., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Cora, to Creed W. Fulton. Fulton is with the Goulds Manufacturing Company in Seneca Falls.

'09—Walter Will is the eastern sales manager of the Sill Stove Works of Rochester and is located in Worcester, Mass.

'09, M. E.—Rufus H. Flinn has moved from Pittsburgh to 788 Buckingham Street, Columbus, Ohio.

'10, C. E.—Mr. Henry S. Rippel, of Baltimore, Md., has issued invitations for the marriage of his daughter, Melitta Erna, to John Alfred Stalfort. The wedding ceremony will take place on June 11 at St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore. Stalfort is an engineer with the Rippel Contracting Company of Baltimore.

'10—E. W. Fowler is mechanical engineer with the Stoddard-Dayton Motor Company, at 225 West Fifty-seventh Street, New York City.

'11—S. S. Gould, jr., is in Seneca Falls, N. Y., with the Goulds Manufacturing Company.

### Various Sports

The cricket team defeated the team of the Auburn Cricket Club on Alumni Field Saturday afternoon by a score of 64 to 42. The team has no more games until June 15, when it will take part in the intercollegiate tournament at Philadelphia.

Williams and Cornell tied in tennis matches Saturday morning. Each team won two matches in singles and one in doubles.

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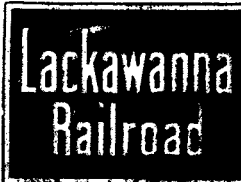
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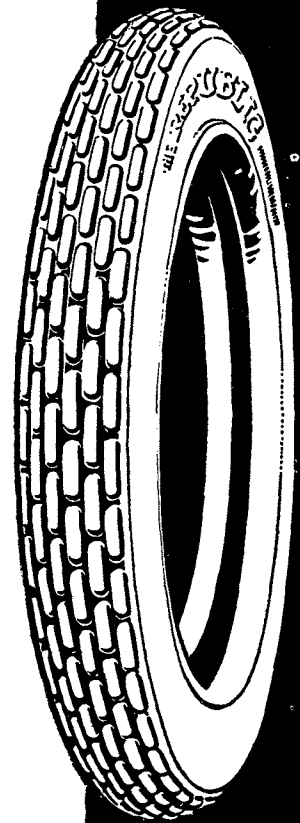
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