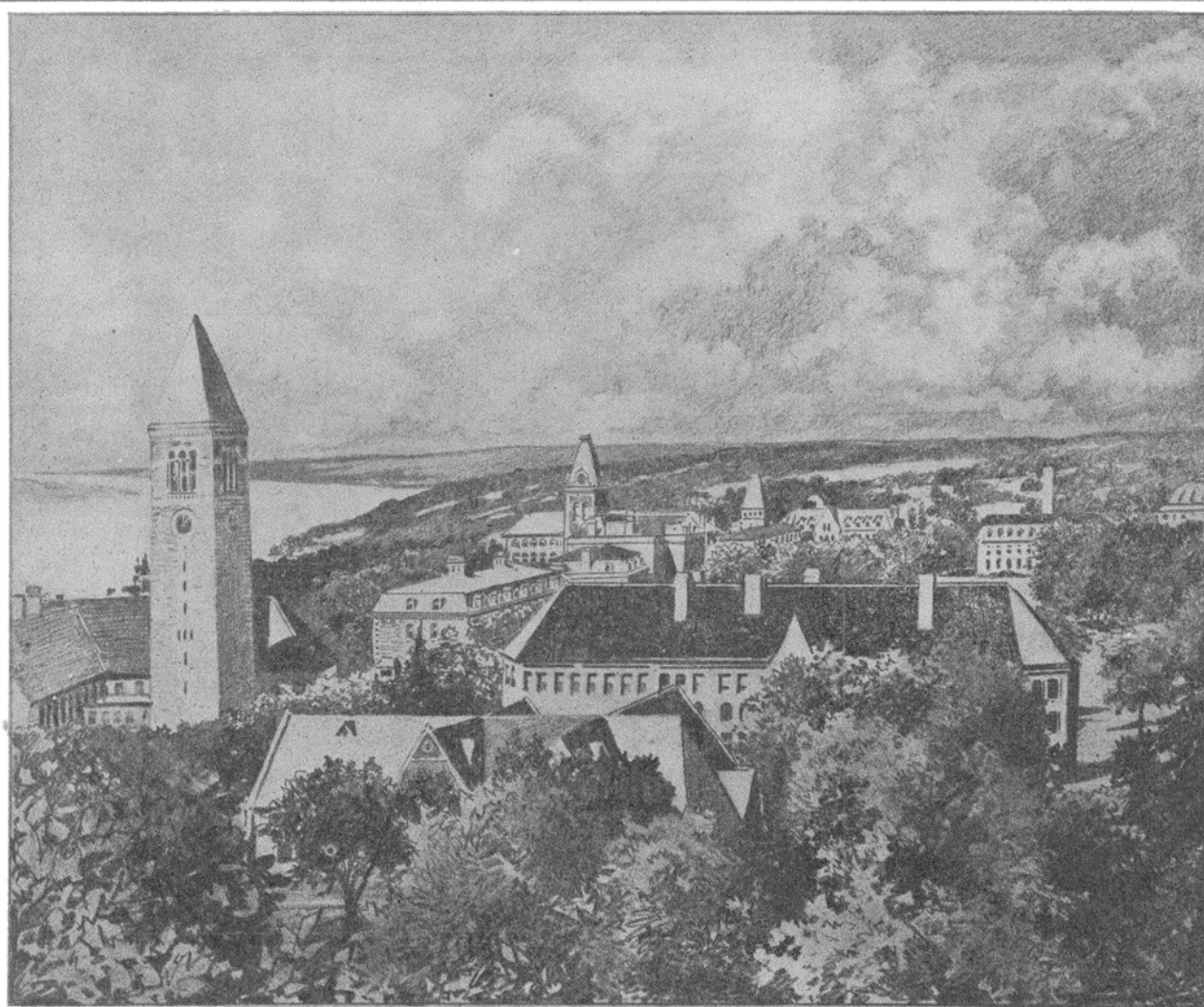


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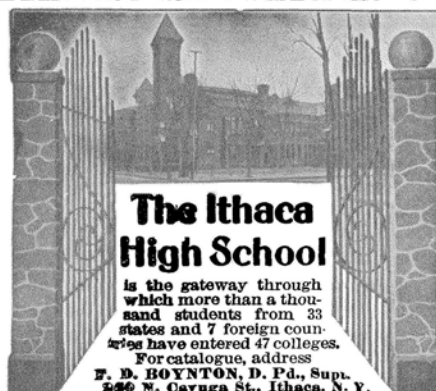
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Report of Trustee John H. Barr.

To the Associate Alumni of Cornell University: The University has suffered irreparable losses by death during the past few weeks. On May 8th, Walter Craig Kerr passed away after the crisis in a serious illness had seemed safely over. A week before his death, at a meeting of the trustees, it was reported that he was then on the road to recovery, but unexpected complications caused him to sink rapidly and brought about the unlooked for end. He had been intimately identified with Cornell University for thirty-five years; four years as a student, three years on the staff of instruction, and for the past twenty years as a trustee. Elected to the board by the alumni in the first instance, he proved so effective that the board itself continued him from the expiration of his second term as alumni trustee to the end of his life. Mr. Kerr was a man possessed of extreme good judgment, with broad sympathies, and many varied interests. Whatever he undertook he entered upon with characteristic vigor, and he was always a leader in any movement for which he enlisted. His wise counsel and mature judgment will be missed in many spheres, but in none more than in the management of Cornell University.

Charles Courter Dickinson, elected to the Board of Trustees by the alumni only a year ago, met an untimely death last month. Owing to a serious accident early last fall, Mr. Dickinson attended but one meeting of the Board to which you elected him so recently.

On June 7th, at Toronto, there departed the spirit of the revered Goldwin Smith, citizen of civilization and devoted friend of Cornell University from its birth. Few men gave more to this institution than Goldwin Smith, who after having

occupied one of the most distinguished posts in one of the most honored of universities came to America to give of his ripe scholarship and broad humanity to the struggling university which Ezra Cornell had just founded on the hilltop overlooking Ithaca. What his impressions were when, coming from venerable Oxford, he first viewed the two bleak piles of stone which then constituted the visible aspects of Cornell University, it is difficult to imagine. Yet he did not falter then and there is evidence of his sublime courage and faith in the new idea. He lived to see his faith more than justified, and remained a loyal friend of Cornell to the end of his days. This institution will ever bear the impress of his scholarship, catholic spirit and love of humanity. It can probably be safely said that no man of our generation has surpassed his record in respect to having been on the right side of so many great public questions.

ADVANCE IN STANDARDS.

The advance in standards of Cornell University has been marked during the last two years by significant strides toward higher scholarship in several of the colleges. The Medical College is now strictly a graduate school; a baccalaureate degree, or its equivalent, being required of all applicants for admission since the year 1908-9. The College of Law will require for admission at least one year of arts work after 1910, and it is expected that the entrance requirements will be still further advanced to two years of such work in the not distant future. It has been proposed to demand one year of arts work for admission to the four year courses in engineering, but it is believed that the time has not yet come to make this positive requirement. How-

ever, five year courses in engineering have already been established which involve an aggregate of one year of arts work in addition to the present requirements for the engineering degree, and students are advised and encouraged to elect one of these longer and more liberal courses.

During the past year a strong course of lectures has been given by experts on subjects relating to public health and sanitation, and the State Commissioner of Health proposed the establishment of a State School of Health at Cornell University. The legislature, at a recent session, passed a bill to establish such a school, but the Governor vetoed this measure a few days since, because of the necessity of reducing the appropriations several millions of dollars to keep within the income of the state. There is good reason to hope that the school will be opened at the University in the near future.

The Graduate School, with its own faculty in charge of all graduate work, was inaugurated at the beginning of the year just drawing to a close. This graduate faculty consists of those professors and assistant professors who are actively engaged in supervision of work of graduate students. It is believed that this change in organization will tend to better efficiency in administration by placing the control in the hands of those professors who are actually conducting the graduate work.

The recently established policy of mailing University publications to all alumni is one of the effective steps taken to keep the alumni in touch with the University. The practice of printing the Report of the University Treasurer as an appendix to the President's report is a wise move in the same direction, which is, no doubt, much appreciated by the alumni. Surely none are more interested in the welfare of the University than its graduates, and there is no reason for withholding from them explicit information

as to the financial status of the institution.

The 1908 edition of the "Ten Year Book" is greatly increased in value by containing the names and records of all who have ever matriculated at the University; not those alone who have received degrees, as in the previous issue. The charter of the University restricts the privilege of voting for trustee representatives to those who have received degrees from it, but no one wishes to extend such distinction and discrimination, for it is recognized that many who left the institution without its diploma are as loyal and as interested as the legalized alumni. The proposed changes in the organization of this association very properly emphasize the fellowship of all former Cornell students.

INFLUENCE OF THE ALUMNI.

The Association of Class Secretaries—organized within the past few years—is doing most excellent work in promoting class reunions and changing the character of Commencement week, making it, as it should be, primarily a season for gathering together those who have gone out from this Campus. The presence of the alumni is inspiring to those of the undergraduates who are in town, and it may not be out of order to remember that your example is not without its influence upon your younger brothers for good or otherwise, as the case may be. It is most positively the desire of those entrusted with control of the University to know the views of the alumni on questions of University policy, and to have those views based upon first hand understanding of the conditions as they exist today. Nothing is so effective in securing alumni co-operation as the frequent return of the alumni to Ithaca. It is desirable that the alumni come back often, look into University affairs thoroughly and then tell what they wish to see done.

THE GROWTH OF CORNELL

Cornell University does not pride itself on mere numerical strength; nevertheless, it is gratifying to note that the system prevailing and the standards maintained at this institution have continued to meet the approval of large numbers of discriminating persons, as attested by

the constant increase in attendance. The registration in itself is not so much a matter of congratulation as is the implied endorsement of Cornell methods, and it is satisfactory to note that, with ever increasing rigidity of entrance and graduation requirements, increasing numbers of earnest young men and women exert themselves to meet these requirements. At the date of issuing the last register there were enrolled 4103 regular students (exclusive of those in summer school and the short winter course in agriculture) of whom 493, or twelve per cent, were college graduates, and 253 were duly registered in the Graduate department. Including students in the summer school and the winter courses in agriculture (for the year 1909), there were enrolled a total of 5356 students. At the 1909 Commencement 761 degrees were conferred, 82 of which were advanced degrees. This is just 350 degrees more than were bestowed at the Commencement of 1899, ten years earlier, and the number of degrees given in 1909 is nearly twenty per cent in excess of the maximum registration (including optional and special students) for any year previous to 1886-7, less than a quarter of a century back. If the quite regular increase in graduations which has prevailed for the past twenty years is maintained for the next decade the number of degrees conferred will, at the expiration of the time, exceed one thousand per year.

Not infrequently a contributing factor in swelling the registration of a university is a relatively low standard for matriculation. It can be stated most positively that the increase in numbers at Cornell University is in no degree whatsoever due to less rigorous requirements either for entrance or graduation than in previous years. Never before has Cornell demanded such persistent and vigorous devotion to study to get into the University, or to remain and be graduated. While the growth in face of these conditions is perhaps a cause for some congratulation, it is not a situation to cause unalloyed satisfaction, and reference is here made to the steady increase in the registration not to

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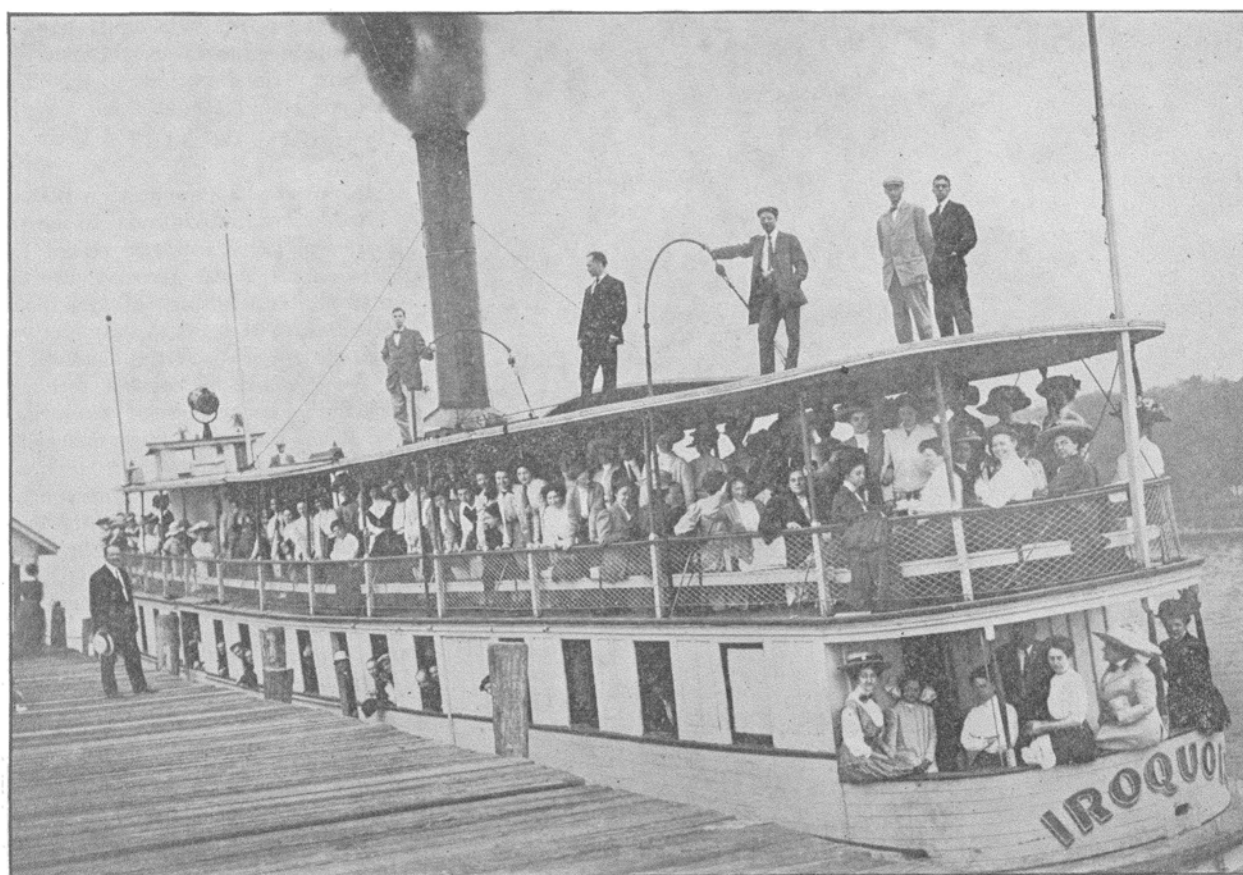
THE CORNELLIAN COUNCIL.

A Good Beginning Made in the Organization of an Alumni Fund—Officers Elected for Next Year—Class Vacancies.

The second annual meeting of the Cornellian Council was held in the auditorium of the College of Agriculture on June 21. It was the first meeting of the Council held since the actual work of soliciting alumni contributions for the general support of the University was begun by the Council through its permanent secretary, Mr. Eads Johnson '99. Mr. Johnson reported that the Council was now fully organized, with an office at 30 Church street, New York. Since he took charge on April 1, some time had necessarily been spent in getting office equipment, etc. Up to June 17 he had been able to give about thirty actual working days to solicitation, and \$4,997 had been subscribed by 291 contributors. The class of 1909 had subscribed the equivalent of \$1,500 per year. The representative of the class of 1910, R. O. Walbridge, reported that the 1910 fund had reached the total of \$31,400, the first \$20,000 of this as paid in to go to the Alumni Field, the remaining amount and all subsequent pledges to go to the Alumni Fund.

Those present at the meeting were Ira A. Place '81, President; W. R. Lazenby '74, C. B. Everson '78, H. D. Schenck '82, Franklin Matthews '83, R. J. Eidlitz '85, E. A. de Lima '86, Junius T. Auerbach '90, Robert T. Mickle '92, Woodford Patterson '95, Henry Schoellkopf '02, Edward Burns, jr., '03, Julian A. Pollak '07, R. O. Walbridge '10, Charles W. Wason '76, Mrs. A. B. Comstock '85, E. S. Shepherd '02, and the Secretary, Eads Johnson '99. Regrets and letters were read from Messrs. H. J. Patten '84, F. O. Affeld '97, H. B. Tibbetts '04, J. L. Senior '01, M. E. Haviland '77, and William J. Youngs '72.

On the report of a nominating committee, duly appointed, consisting of Messrs. Patterson, Schenck and Shepherd, the following officers were elected for one year: President, Ira A. Place '81; vice-president, George W. Bacon '92; additional members of the executive committee, R. J. Eidlitz '85, F. O. Affeld '97 and E. L. Stevens '99. To fill



GEOGRAPHY CLASS STARTING FOR AN EXCURSION ON CAYUGA LAKE.

the term of the member-at-large expiring in 1910, E. S. Shepherd '02 was re-elected. The nominating committee recommended that the other vacancies in the membership at large (caused by the resignations of E. E. Soulé '88 and E. H. Woodruff '88) be not filled until the January meeting, and, on motion, the committee was continued to look up suitable persons to fill the vacancies and to report at the January meeting of the Council.

Attention was called to the fact that two vacancies existed in the representation of Classes '91 and '93, caused by the death of C. C. Dickinson and the resignation of Professor Guido H. Marx.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read and it was, on motion, accepted.

The secretary read the report of Mr. R. H. Treman, secretary of the Cornell Central Club, a body organized to collect funds for an Alumni Hall. Mr. Treman's report showed

a balance of \$7,100.12 on deposit. It was voted that the Council, through its President attend the meeting of the Alumni Association on June 22 for the purpose of recommending on behalf of the Council that this fund be turned over to the Treasurer of the University to be held by him for the purpose for which it was raised and that future solicitations for this fund be taken charge of by the Secretary of the Council.

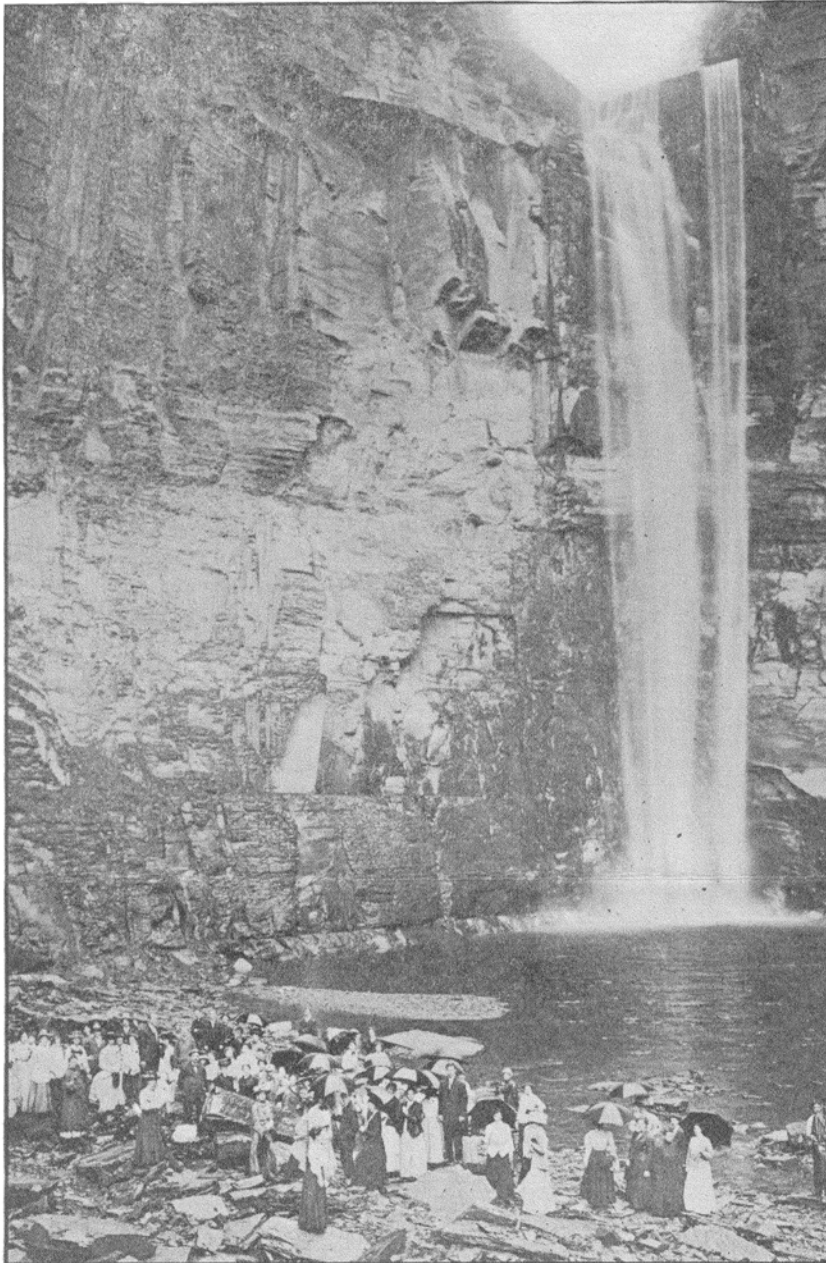
The report of a committee on the revision of by-laws was read by Mr. Burns and was adopted, Section 3, Article III, being amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Vacancies. Vacancies in the class membership shall be filled through its organization by the class entitled to fill such vacancy; vacancies in the membership at large may be filled by the Council at any regular or special meeting. In case any class fails to select a member within six months, the Council shall

fill the vacancy by the selection of a member from that class."

Dr. Schenck reported that the Brooklyn Association had been soliciting funds for the purpose of repairing the walks in the Fall Creek Gorge and a great deal of work had been accomplished. There was still a balance on hand. It was resolved that the Council through its secretary request the Brooklyn Association to turn over to the Council such money as might be unexpended to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the University for the purpose for which it was collected.

Mrs. Comstock reported that the alumnae had for the last sixteen years given a scholarship of \$100 per year, but had collected only \$80 toward such a scholarship this year, owing to the completion of the Council's organization, with which they did not wish to compete. The requisite \$20 was subscribed by a member of the Council present and it was resolved that for future so-



A GEOGRAPHY CLASS AT TAGHANIC FALLS.

licitation for this fund Mrs. Comstock should draw up a letter which might be sent to the alumnae with the Council's letter.

Mr. Auerbach suggested that the Secretary communicate with all Cornell clubs and associations for the purpose of securing for the Alumni Fund any moneys which they might have on hand.

Dr. Schenck asked that the Council give him authority to ask the

Trustees to provide a sufficient sum, not exceeding \$500, for the estimated budget of the Associate Alumni. It was resolved to be the sense of the Council that funds necessary for the Associate Alumni should be granted from the Alumni Fund.

Mr. Lazenby offered a suggestion that the Council enlarge the scope of its work and that its membership be divided into committees for various purposes. Mr. Matthews replied

by suggesting that for the present the members of the Council make it their business to interest Cornellians of their various sections in the Council's work and to get them together when the secretary visited their district.

In answer to a suggestion that the Council designate funds to certain purposes, the President stated that the Council could give no direction as to the expenditure of any money collected, as it was not only the purpose but the duty of the Council and of the Trustees to respect and comply with the wishes of subscribers and to see that all moneys subscribed be applied to whatsoever purposes might be named by the respective subscribers. It was therefore to be distinctly understood that the donor of any amount, large or small, had the right, and this right would be duly recognized, to give to whatsoever purpose he or she might desire.

THE SUMMER SESSION.

962 Students, a Larger Attendance Than Ever Before.

Nine hundred and sixty-two students are registered in the nineteenth Summer Session of the University, which began on July 6 and will end on August 16. This is larger than ever before and represents an increase of about ten per cent over the enrolment of last year. Attendance has increased at about this rate for several years. A majority of the summer students at Cornell are men. There are ninety-one persons in the faculty.

One of the things for which Cornell's summer session is notable is the field work. Every afternoon there are parties in the field, studying biology or geography, and Saturdays are given up wholly to excursions. Students of geography explore the neighborhood of Ithaca pretty thoroughly and may if they choose join the class in excursions to Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls and New York City.

The place of the Fordham College team on next fall's football schedule has not yet been filled. There will probably be only eight games.

ALUMNI FIELD.

Plan of Development Adopted—Work to Be Done This Summer.

A scheme for laying out and equipping the new athletic field has been adopted in the rough by the trustees' committee, according to one of several plans drawn by John V. Van Pelt, the architect of the field. For six months past the committee has been studying the area of 55 acres at its disposal and seeking the best way to utilize it. The western end of the tract having been devoted to a Playground, there remained about thirty acres to be developed.

It has been decided to use ten or twelve acres at the extreme eastern end of the area for a 'Varsity Field, and the remaining eighteen or twenty acres, lying in the middle of the tract, for a Practice Field.

The enclosure to be known as the 'Varsity Field will contain football and baseball grounds, a quarter-mile oval cinder track and a 220-yard straightaway. It will be entered from the east, from the Judd Falls Road. Next the gate will be a curving grandstand, built to hold 10,000 spectators. This stand will look to the west, over the football field and the oval. The baseball diamond and stands will probably occupy the south end of the 'Varsity Field. The training house is to stand on the middle of the line between the 'Varsity Field and the Practice Field, with entrances from both. It will be a long, low building, in harmony with the broad lines of its surroundings, and will contain accommodations for 'varsity and visiting teams.

Work on the field will be in progress when these lines are read. The work planned for this summer and fall includes the top-dressing and smooth grading of the Practice Field, the rough grading of the 'Varsity Field and the construction of the training house. The ten acres which are to be used for the 'Varsity Field have never been graded. They will be brought to a level, probably a few feet higher than the Practice Field. The best soil found there will be used in top dressing the other field.

By the plan adopted, more than forty acres of the University's grant to the Alumni Field Committee will

be unenclosed, open to all students of the University. The playground is theirs now, and the Practice Field of twenty acres will be almost as much theirs, although it will be designed for use by 'varsity teams. These two sections together will greatly assist the work of the University's department of physical training. For a future gymnasium building there is a choice of many good sites along Garden avenue and on Kite Hill.

Succeeds President Angell.

Harry Burns Hutchins, formerly dean of the Cornell Law School, has been elected president of the University of Michigan to succeed Dr. James B. Angell. President Hutchins was born in Lisbon, N. H., on April 8, 1847. He graduated at the University of Michigan in 1871, and was assistant professor of history and rhetoric there from 1872 till 1876. Meanwhile he read law and when he resigned his post as teacher he began the practice of law. In 1884 he was recalled to the University of Michigan as Jay professor of law. He came to Cornell in 1887 as professor of law and in 1891 he succeeded Judge Douglas Boardman as dean of the law school. He again returned to Michigan in 1895 to become dean of the law department there, and while Dr. Angell was minister to Turkey in 1897-98 Professor Hutchins was acting president of the University.

Dr. Wilder's Retirement.

A shock, something like a derangement of the order of the universe, is caused by the announcement that Professor Burt G. Wilder is to retire from active service at Cornell University and become professor emeritus on a pension. Professor Wilder has so long adorned his chair that we had come to think of him as a perpetual fixture, to whom nature had granted "an equal date with Andes and with Ararat."—*New York Tribune.*

Thad W. Riker, last year instructor here in modern European history, but obliged to cease work at mid-year because of illness, has fully recovered his health and becomes next year an instructor in history at the University of Texas.

NEW COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

Landscape Architects Working Out a Plan for Their Location.

The committee on state colleges of the University Board of Trustees held an all-day meeting on Saturday, July 9, to consider matters connected with the state colleges, including the location of the three new buildings provided by the legislature at its last session. On the same day there was a meeting of the executive committee. President Schurman came from his summer home at East Hampton, L. I., to attend these meetings.

It was stated, after the executive committee's meeting, that landscape architects were working on a plan of development for the College of Agriculture, including not only the three new buildings, but all others that might be needed for a dozen years to come. The architect of the Alumni Field is acting in conjunction with them and they are endeavoring to work out a scheme for the harmonious development of the eastern end of the campus.

The executive committee voted a grant to the College of Agriculture of a triangular strip of land taken from the north side of Alumni Field. The strip is about 75 feet wide at its widest part. They voted to give in exchange a similar piece of land adjoining the southeast corner of the field. This was done with the approval of the Alumni Field Committee and the authorities of the College of Agriculture.

Wilford M. Wilson, director of the local weather bureau, has been made honorary professor of meteorology by the faculty of the College of Agriculture. The college takes this action to show its appreciation of the work which he has been doing in meteorology.

The University is building a road from Sage avenue to East avenue, running just north of the Sage College tennis courts. The new road connects with the driveway that passes the Veterinary College and will make a short route for vehicles between the campus entrance and the College of Agriculture.

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IN THIS NUMBER is printed the report rendered by John H. Barr at the close of his term as an alumnus trustee of the University. In the August number we hope to publish the report of his colleague, Dr. Robert T. Morris.

ANY CONTRIBUTOR to the Alumni Fund may designate the purpose to which he wishes his gift devoted. This is a principle which the Cornellian Council has had occasion to state. It might be well, however, to point out what would happen if every contributor took advantage of his right to tie such a string to his annual check. There would result a multitude of small funds for various purposes, few of the funds being large enough to be of use, and some of the purposes being of doubtful

value. There are some things, such, for instance, as the Alumnae Scholarship, in which former students are already interested and to which they will be encouraged to make their donations so that these worthy purposes may be provided for. The efficiency of the Alumni Fund will be increased, however, if the majority of the contributors send in their money without putting on the Trustees of the University any restriction as to its use.

College Athletics are Finding Their Level.

From *Life*.

It was painful, of course, for Yale to be so conclusively drubbed at New London, but it won't hurt her. Yale has had too much success in athletics for her own good. People had come to think first of her athletics and afterwards of her other attributes. This was not true of any other university of her class and it should not ever have been true of Yale. She is too great an institution to be dwarfed by her incidents.

Athletics are going to prosper in the colleges, and the college public will continue to be interested in them and crowd to see games and races. Nevertheless, the other side of the colleges seems to be gaining weight faster nowadays than the athletic side. Courtney has made Cornell the greatest rowing college, yet nobody thinks of rowing as anything more than an incident of life at Cornell. The average Easterner knows little about sports in the big universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California or Chicago, but he is apt to know something about their standing as centres of instruction and what men have been trained in them. In the last fifteen years the colleges have begun to find politics a more useful field to advertise in than athletics. Wisconsin, for example, has advertised extensively in that field, and much to her credit and advantage. The mental activity of graduates is doing more for colleges than it was, the muscular proficiency of undergraduates somewhat less.

Changes are being made in the arrangement of the interior of Morrill Hall. A corridor has been cut through the second story between the middle and north entries.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE JOHN H. BARR

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glorify the institution but to emphasize a serious menace to its future career.

A greatly increased attendance involves corresponding increase in expenditures, if the standard of instruction is to be maintained, and it is well known that the tuition and other fees of each student pay only a fraction of the cost of his instruction. Larger classes mean more equipment and more teachers; the alternative is deterioration and decadence. The numbers we now have are handled only with extreme difficulty, and any materially larger attendance, in the absence of a much larger income, will involve a distinct sacrifice of educational efficiency.

LIMIT REGISTRATION?

The proportion of instructors and assistants to the professors is already high and should be reduced even if no further numerical growth in registration were to be expected or permitted. If the rate of registration is not to be checked the situation will, within a very short time, become exceedingly grave unless the endowment is substantially augmented in the meantime. There are thoughtful friends of the University who frankly say that they do not desire to see it grow greater in point of numbers. But, believing, as we do, in the destiny of Cornell University, that it stands for something distinct and original in the educational system of America, we cannot relish the idea of restricting its beneficial influence. Nevertheless it is far better to limit its radius of action than to expand at a sacrifice of educational penetration.

In fact it would seem that some limitation of registration must be enforced if the revenues are not increased in the very near future. How is such restriction in attendance to be brought about? It would be most unfortunate indeed to further advance the charge for tuition. Such a step would deprive of an education, or drive to other institutions, many of the most desirable students. To adopt this expedient to keep down numbers would completely alter the character of the institution, and not to its advantage either. It is not

our ambition, any more than it was that of the Founder, to have this become an institution where *some* persons can get instruction in *some* subjects. It is true that the other expenses of students, necessary and otherwise, have so advanced as to become more of a tax on their resources than the tuition charges, but such relative decrease in tuition can hardly be considered as a legitimate reason for adding to the total cost of an education, and any addition to the charges for tuition will certainly increase the burden of those students whose financial resources are quite limited. While it may be true that the tuition charges at Cornell are lower than at other larger eastern colleges, it is also true, as the President has recently pointed out, that these charges are higher at Cornell than at other land grant colleges and the fundamental law upon which Cornell University is founded places an explicit obligation to keep these charges as low as practicable.

Advancing the requirements for admission would be only less objectionable, for this indirectly increases the cost of a Cornell degree. Many of the most desirable students could not afford the cost in time and money of preparation for higher entrance requirements. The public high schools are now strained to the elastic limit to meet present demands and the applicant for admission, if compelled to prepare in private schools, which would result in extreme hardship in a great many cases. Aside from this consideration, the present requirements for both entrance and graduation are probably, in most courses, and for the majority of men and women, as advanced as the present conditions demand and warrant. This may not apply to some of the professional courses, but it is believed to be true at least as regards those who come here for a general educational course primarily as a preparation for becoming good and useful citizens. There would seem to be but two other possible means of restricting the attendance, either of which would constitute an educational experiment of considerable seriousness. One is to raise the entrance requirements by about one

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year's work and reduce the length of the University course to three years. This would have the advantage of permitting the income to be devoted to the work of three years, instead of four years as at present. It would, however, practically compel the applicant for admission to prepare in and "enter up" from some other college. Probably he would remain and become an alumnus of that other college, for the loyalty to his institution which becomes inbred in a student during his impressionable first year is usually intense.

The other means of restricting the attendance is to admit only a limited number of applicants, selected on the basis of competitive examinations or otherwise. While it might appear that this would eliminate the least desirable ones, it is by no means certain that the result would be so happy. Some of the strongest of our alumni are among those who came to the University with only indifferent preparation, but with virile minds and the capacity for making the most of opportunity.

THE FINANCE PROBLEM.

None of these methods of restricting the attendance; of reducing the expenditures to the limits of our income, can be considered as a satisfactory solution of the gravest problem now confronting the trustees. The income derived from the investments cannot be expected to increase. In fact the revenue is, thanks to very efficient financial management, now exceptionally high, for the amount of the investments, and the tendency is a decrease in the interest rate.

Cornell University has been a pioneer in sane, practical and effective educational development. It is the model of great and growing universities in the west and middle west; many of which, it must be admitted, are already formidable competitors. The vital issue which the University authorities now face is this: Is Cornell University to retain its prestige in the promotion of that type of education which has for its end and aim not merely the development of thinking machines but the training of good citizens and leaders? The influence and prestige of Cornell University

are not due solely to its efforts in the domain of applied science, for its invigorating spirit has penetrated the purely cultural and humanistic as well as the technical courses. The function of this institution is not alone the higher education of scholars, but leadership in educational activity.

The paramount issue is that of ways and means. There seems to be no way of fulfilling its manifest destiny on the part of this University without securing more means. The much discussed higher cost of living touches higher education as it does other fields of activity. All its friends recognize the need of more money for the University, though perhaps none appreciate it so keenly as those who sit on the Board of Trustees and witness the annual agony of attempting to make a fixed or shrinking income meet the demands of a family which is not only growing, but growing up; a situation which involves the tastes and necessities of adults.

Experts recognize four distinct available sources of endowment for colleges and universities, viz.: Church organizations, individual benefactors, the state and alumni body.

Cornell University has no denominational constituency upon which it can draw. It has so far depended largely upon the philanthropic actions of private benefactors, although the state (thru the land grant and appropriations for special purposes) has contributed to its support.

Alumni assistance in the form of substantial financial support is a more recently discovered source of revenue which has been quite productive in older universities. In the nature of things the Cornell alumni have not been able, heretofore, to contribute largely to the endowment of the university. While the first class was graduated over forty years ago, the numbers of those who have acquired fortunes is small, and of those who can as yet safely divert capital from their business interests is still smaller. There have been conferred by Cornell University a total of 11,236 degrees up to the present time. Almost exactly one half of these degrees have been given out at the last nine commencements and there are only about eighteen

hundred Cornell degrees of over twenty years standing. A considerable number of former students of the University, who never took degrees are as loyal and as much interested in the University as the alumni but, allowing for deaths and disability of all kinds, it is evident that the number now in position to contribute in a large way must necessarily be rather limited. However, this is a condition which is steadily improving.

HOPE OF ALUMNI SUPPORT.

It is just as well to face the facts at this time. The trustees must do it, and it is assumed that the underlying idea in providing alumni representation on the board is to make of the alumni partners in the enterprise, including its responsibilities and obligations.

Notwithstanding the somewhat sombre colors in which the picture has been painted it has a brighter aspect. One of the hopeful signs is the awakened interest and sense of responsibility on the part of the alumni, a budding recognition of the fact that their obligation to the University was not discharged in full upon payment of the graduation fee. This sense of duty has taken tangible form recently as evidenced by the completion of the Alumni Field Fund. The object of this fund appeals directly to a larger number of graduates and former students than does any other want, but there is reason to hope that, this want having been fairly met, the habit of giving to *Alma Mater* may have become fixed, or at least that the seeds of such habit may have been sown. The successful issue of this project is in itself a matter for congratulation; it is of greatest portent as a happy introduction of a system of alumni support to be fostered by the recently completed organization known as the Cornellian Council.

RECENT GIFTS.

You have been informed thru other channels of the aims and intentions of the Cornellian Council. With the support which you should, and no doubt will, give to it, the potentiality of the movement is enormous. The time has come, and none too soon, for well directed and sustained activity on the part of the

alumni in carrying its portion of the burden of the University.

During the past years there have been no private benefactions for the general endowment. There have been some generous gifts, however, which materially help in the work of the University. A very touching bequest is that of the Hasbrouck property at Forest Home, for the benefit of the women students. This is particularly significant because the love of an alumnus led him to bequeath his entire estate to the University to which he owed his education.

A departure from all precedent at Cornell has been the construction on the campus of a residence for selected students by Mr. L. L. Nunn, the head of the Telluride Institute, a corporation which operates extensive power plants and transmission lines in the west. Mr. Nunn has constructed this home for the use of students sent here by his company. The University has contracted no obligations in the matter, tho it has, for the present year only, admitted such students with free tuition. As the President says in his last annual report: "Mr. Nunn's generosity may prove an inspiration to other wealthy men, and the house he is building on the Campus may possibly serve as a model for the type of smaller student halls at Cornell."

The latest gift is a peculiarly timely one,—the much appreciated donation of \$50,000 by Mr. Andrew Carnegie for an addition to the Chemical Laboratory. Many students whose courses require chemistry have, during the last two years, been excluded from the chemical laboratories because of insufficient accommodations. The trustees recognized in this an intolerable situation. At the New York meeting they voted \$40,000 to meet this emergency, not knowing whence the money was to come except from income needed for operating the University, and rightfully belonging to current expense account. Mr. Carnegie has alleviated a most acute situation by his generous contribution of a relief fund. The larger amounts necessary to put the university endowment on a safe basis, if it is to main-

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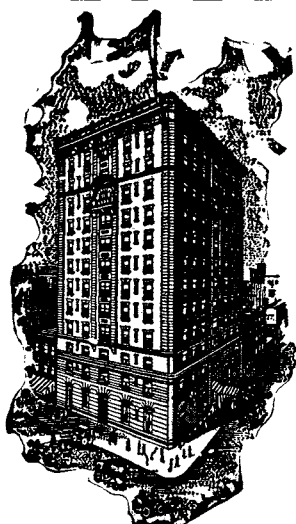
The past year has witnessed some degree of agitation on the part of the alumni in regard to the question of State control of the University. Certain statements in the annual report of President Schurman were apparently misconstrued by a considerable number of the alumni into an expression of policy to convert Cornell University into a State University. It is seldom that the President so expresses himself that anyone can misunderstand him, and he has, since the appearance of the report, by various contributions and addresses before the alumni associations, made his true position quite clear. It is perhaps unnecessary to discuss this matter at length at this late date. It may be said, however, that it is not quite fair to assume that it was ever the intention of the President to take so radical and important a step without the approval of the trustees, the faculty and the alumni body. That is not his customary method of procedure. Any policy emanating from the President and affecting the fundamental character of the institution will be, in the future as in the past, duly laid before the interested public for discussion, and will not be put into force until it is found to be generally acceptable. It may be reassuring, if any of you have a lingering doubt or fear, to assert that the Board of Trustees never contemplated,

and will not consent to a revolutionary change in the organization of the University which will be repugnant to the loyal body of alumni, and the President would be the last to urge such a step. It is hardly necessary to say this much as to the methods of President Schurman, but it is said with his approval and it is known to represent the attitude of members of the Board of Trustees.

STATE CO-PARTNERSHIP.

Inasmuch as this matter of State representation on the Board has been given so much attention during the past year, it may be in order to present certain pertinent facts which must be recognized as facts. First: the land grant is derived from the state, and the State has always had, thru certain of its officers as ex-officio trustees, a representation on the Board. Second: The State has established the State Veterinary College and the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, so far as has appeared, without objection from the alumni. The State appropriates, annually, large sums for the support of these colleges, quite apart from the revenue derived from the land grant, and it has recently committed itself to large additional expenditures for their expansion. These newer generous contributions from the State seemed to fairly entitle it to a representation other than the formal and rather perfunctory connection thru the state officers who are ex-officio trustees. In the legislative session of 1908-9 an amendment to the charter of the University was made which empowered the Governor to appoint five of the trustees. The principle of *State participation* in the control of the University was adopted at that time, and no protest was entertained by the alumni. The very broadest possible interpretation of the President's later utterance cannot be made to suggest more than some possible increase in this measure of participation if, at some future time, it should be warranted.

The State, by two distinct steps, separated by many years of time, has committed itself to the fostering of certain fields of educational work at Cornell University. The passing of the land grant to Cornell University for the promotion of education



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in agriculture, mechanic arts and military science meant, if it meant anything, that the State desired Cornell University to assume and carry on the work for it. That the State does not consider the first step as necessarily the final one in encouraging certain endeavors in behalf of the State is clearly proven by its later acts in establishing and providing funds for the Veterinary and Agricultural Colleges. In the light of what has already been accepted without protest, the Cornell alumni cannot consistently protest if the State should deem its interests to supplement the land grant fund by additional appropriations for putting the mechanic arts and military branches of the University on a basis adequate to meet modern demands. Time proved that agriculture required much more than could be provided from the proceeds of the land grant and the State recognized the advantage to be gained by it by further appropriations for the work Cornell University had undertaken for it. It may possibly, at some time, take a similar view as to the other "land grant objects". It could be argued on logical grounds that it is as much the duty of science to assist the mechanics as the farmers; those who toil in the shops as well as those who till the fields. The State may at some time deem extension work in applied science among factory workmen to its interest, as it has already pronounced such a movement desirable for its rural population. The State might decide to contribute to the further development of the college of mechanic arts or the military department by providing needed buildings or by making appropriations for running expenses, or even making one or both of these divisions State Colleges and it would thus do nothing different in principle than it did in

the cases of the Veterinary and Agricultural Colleges. If the State should do these things could the Cornell alumni, who did not oppose, and even welcomed, the State Veterinary, Forestry, and Agricultural Colleges, object, with good grace, to such additional measure of State co-partnership?

Should the state not have a representation on the governing board somewhat commensurate with its support of the work done by the University? Is it not in the interest of safety to us that the State have a substantial representation; a voice in the management of the funds it contributes? If, in some future campaign, it should be charged that Cornell University has received hundreds of thousands (perhaps millions) of dollars from the State, and that this money has not been effectively used as intended, it will be sufficient answer to point out that the State has had representation on the Board during all these years; duly accredited agents whose particular function it is to see that the money was wisely and properly expended.

A substantial measure of State participation in the control of the University is believed to be not only equitable but wise and fully warranted by existing facts. As already stated, the principle of State participation in control of the University has been established for more than a year and without protest. If it is extended, it will be for good reason and will, it is safe to say, be as acceptable to you as were the steps previously taken with your tacit consent.

As the President has pointed out on several occasions, there are many functions of the University which the State will probably never undertake to sustain, such as research and the more purely humanistic

branches of instruction. This being so, the State can never properly claim absolute control. If it leaves provision for these things to private beneficence or to alumni support the control must at least be shared with these sustaining interests. Not that the control is to be, or should be apportioned on a basis of dollars and cents; but it is right that each class of stockholders be given representation on the Board of Directors. It is not conceivable that the alumni will ever be deprived of such measure of control as they now have thru their representatives on the Board. If the alumni thru the agency of the Cornellian Council, or otherwise, supply in a substantial measure the urgent needs of the University for equipment, buildings and endowment, it is safe to assume that this body will be accorded greater, rather than less, influence in the direction of its affairs.

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THE CORNELLIAN COUNCIL.

To the Classes of '91 and '93.

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'81, Ph. B.—At its recent commencement Harvard University conferred the degree of doctor of science upon Theobald Smith, professor of comparative pathology in the Harvard Medical School. The characterization used by President Lowell in conferring the degree was as follows: "Theobald Smith, discoverer of the cause of Texas fever, who taught men to seek in insects the source of human plagues; he stands among the great benefactors of mankind."

'93, B. S.—E. Vail Stebbins has been admitted to partnership in the brokerage firm of De Coppet & Doremus, 42 Broadway, New York.

'99, A. B.—Herbert B. Lee of Buffalo sailed on the steamship Royal George on July 7 with friends for a short trip in England and Scotland.

'99, Ph. B.—H. H. Gage, for some years principal of the Wells-ville High School, has been chosen assistant superintendent of the Rochester Mechanics Institute.

'03, A. B.—Mary L. Snow has been appointed head of the English department in the high school at Ossining, N. Y.

'03, M. E.—E. C. Welborn has been appointed assistant treasurer of the Allis-Chalmers Company, by which he has been employed for several years. His address is in care of the company at Milwaukee, Wis.

'03, M. E.—First Lieutenant Harry G. Bartlett, United States Marine Corps, has been detailed to Pittsburg, Pa., to take charge of the recruiting station there.

'04, A. B.—Louise E. Watrous, for some time teacher in the Elmira High School, has been appointed professor of mathematics in Elmira College.

'05, M. E.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slater Daggett announce the marriage of their daughter, Ethel Elizabeth, to Paul S. Rattle, on Tuesday, June 19, at Oak Park, Ill. Mr.

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'06, A. B.—Antoinette Greene, who received the degree of doctor of philosophy at the recent commencement, has been appointed associate professor of English in Elmira College.

'06, M. E.—A son was born on Saturday, June 25, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Foote, of Milwaukee, Wis. He has been named Edward Thaddeus Foote, jr. His father, who was 'varity stroke for three years, attributes the clean sweep of the Cornell crews on June 25 to the fact that the boy was born on that day, and has already started him training for the 1932 freshman crew.

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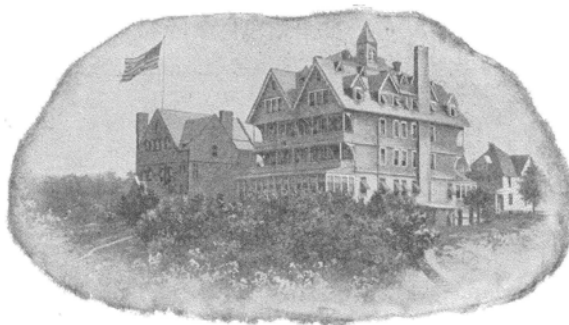
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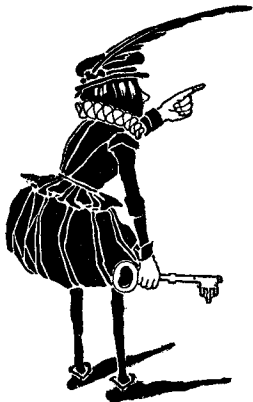
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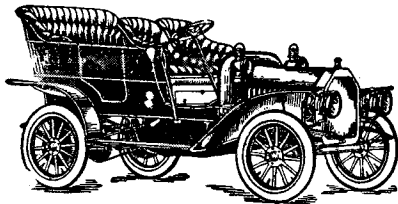
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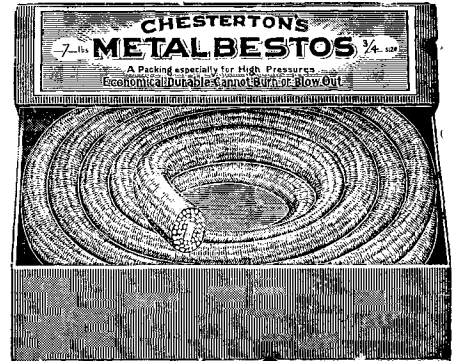
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