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"So much time has elapsed since I read Huntington Sharp's letter in the News Letter that I fear a natural indolence on my part has prevented a timely rebuttal. With a realization that it is far easier to criticize destructively than constructively, and with apologies to Sharp, I must disagree with his scheme.

"The problems caused by a small income are some of the most important which the Association has to face and ones on which it will need the soundest advice of its members and friends, particularly of those well informed about the present economic and financial trends.

"Sharp has been reading too much about the Wisconsin patents and is overenthusiastic as to what can be achieved. The case of the universities, however, differs considerably from that of the Association. In the former there is maintained an equipment for research and the workers are directly responsible to the university. In the case of Telluride men, they are working for other institutions and should they transfer their patent rights to the Association without consulting their employers, the result would be bad feeling at the very least.

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Tel. Fairfield 5760

"The above address [See page 5] will find my body and soul, and in the event of haste the telephone number will facilitate inquiries, but it is not advocated in view of the present rate of exchange.

"Does our good Chancellor as future mayor of Renwick Heights have to wear a large tin-plated gold watch chain of gargantuan dimensions so that they will know who he is when he finds himself lost in Renwick Bird Sanctuary expounding on the housing problem to the feathered residents? They make our English Mayor's life a burden with such regalia.

"And if anyone finds his way over here the phone number might interest him. I shall certainly be interested in news from the old location.

"H. Charles Tomlinson"

Merton College

"In characteristic Telluride fashion I should long ago have given you a 'report of progress' here in my new surroundings. To tell the truth, for these first few weeks I haven't been able to tell whether I was coming or going, as the good old American expression goes. Hinman, in his letter last year, did not exaggerate the difficulties which beset a man from overseas at this ancient seat of learning, difficulties both spiritual and physical, ranging from a feeling of isolation in a foreign country to an intense reluctance to crawling into an icy cold bed at night. Happily I can say, however, that for me this whole gamut of necessary adjustments has been exhausted, and I have either cultivated the Oxford taste for discomfort or else bear all hardships in silence. It sounds quite Spartan, doesn't it?

"As for any progress, that is more doubtful. Scholastically Americans are not supposed to do any work during the first term; so I am busy in the supposedly arduous task of getting settled and acquainted. To those of us who expected a month or so of being completely ignored it came as a complete surprise to find that our fellows (especially freshmen and as scared as ourselves) soon thawed out, after a week or so of sizing us up. Now it has reached the point where one must be continually refusing invitations to tea or for evening coffee simply for lack of time. One can soon see why little work is done during term time, with all these social functions to be performed. In the evening after dinner, even if one can resist the temptation to go to a poor American 'flick,' there are a host of other calls to evade, concerts, plays, lectures, club meetings, and enough related functions to make the Cornell calendar of events look like Gandhi's bill of fare during a period of peaceful starvation.

"Fortunate the man, then, who has discovered that miscellaneous lectures and club meetings can often be dreary affairs. Most of those here, however, are interesting at least once. One is immediately impressed with the broadly cosmopolitan character of

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Hertford College

"Now that the Michaelmas term is getting under way it is perhaps time to announce that the Oxford Branch has made a strong beginning and is looking confidently forward to a highly successful year! Sidgwick, Lowe, and Murray will probably all publish very important books in their respective fields; Sibbett is determined to show these sissy Englishmen how to play rugger and to run the half mile; and Hinman, after a delightful and profitable summer in France, Holland, Belgium, and Spain, continues his labors with 'Hwaet we gardena in geardagum.'

"All seriousness aside, however, we are delighted to learn about the plumbing improvements at the Cornell Branch. Hot water right there in the house whenever you want it! That must be just DANDY!!! And if you don't believe me, just wait until you get a mid-winter letter from Sib!

"The trouble with you boys, of course, is that you don't realize what you've got. Now take the Swiss, for instance... There! I hope that will show you!

"Nevertheless, we are really getting on very happily here. The five of us got together for a long tea a few days ago just to start things going. Then Sib and Keith Murray and I had a meeting of the Oxford Branch

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Champions All

The Variety column of the Cornell Duily Sun gave one of its weekly cigarette awards to the Telluride boys last month for "hitting the line as successfully as they hit the books." The touch football team won fame by defeating all comers in interfraternity competition and thereby added another cup to the permanent collection on the mantle. The gloom which settled over the team after losing its first game was dispelled when the team which had administered the defeat also lost a game. Fired with new enthusiasm, the Telluriders romped over the various fields of Upper Alumni, allowing but three more points to be scored against them in the last eight games.

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Contributions

Editorializing on this subject has been too often run into the ground. Suffice it to say that contributions up until the date on which we had planned publication last month (which will be about the fifteenth each month) were insufficient to warrant the expenditure of the money necessary to print a November issue. The staff will not busy itself with working up tripe, for no other reason than that an issue of the News Letter may appear each month. No contributions, no news, no News Letter.

It is important to keep in mind that the News Letter will be only so valuable to the scattered friends of the Association as they themselves make it. Our sources of news are closely circumscribed, and unless the editors of the News Letter are informed of the goings-on participated in by alumni, members, and others, such information cannot get into the publication. We hope that this request will be taken as a personal one to all who receive the News Letter to let us know what you are doing, and also to let us know interesting facts that you learn about others.

Our own private underground system of communication tells us that Johnny Whittle has been assigned to a new position in the Eastman Kodak Company at Rochester, which in reality amounts to an important promotion. We hope to have the details for you in the next issue of the News Letter.

Anybody wishing copies of the biography of Mr. Nunn may procure them from E. M. Johnson, Telluride Association, Ithaca, N. Y., for \$3.50 a copy post paid.

Otis Whitecotton writes of his activities in a letter to Mr. Biersach: "My work continues to take up a good 18 hours a day, but so far I seem to be able to hold up under it and am enjoying it to the fullest extent. This month [October] I am acting as supervising physician for the Oakland and Berkeley Clinics, two of the seven public health clinics maintained by Alameda County for the indigent sick. I am able to get about five and a half hours' sleep during the afternoon and at times can get a little rest during the early morning hours when the work on the emergency ward has slackened a bit."

Since passing the California State Boards in Medicine in 1933. White-cotton has been connected with the County Hospital of Alameda County at Oakland. He is especially interested in the administrative side of hospital work.

Edmister-Maleev

On August 24 at the University of Chicago Chapel in Chicago. Wayne Clinite Edmister and Miss Margaret Malcev, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vladimir Maleev of Hollywood, Calif., were united in marriage. Mrs. Edmister is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Edmister was graduate guest at the Branch during the school year 1932-33, taking his master's degree in civil engineering. Since that time he has been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company as research chemist. At present he is located in Chicago, his particular work now being on the production of high quality motor fuel by thermal decomposition of and molecular rearrangement of petroleum hydrocarbons.

Cavenaugh-von Siemens

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Asbury Wilson announce the marriage of their daughter, Hertha von Siemens, to Robert La Tourette Cavenaugh on April 4 in New York City.

Gerry-Mathews

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Bowen Mathews, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Stuart Mathews of 49 West 52nd St., New York City, to Elbridge Erly Gerry took place on Sept. 8 in the chapel of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Robert Anthony performed the ceremony.

Puttkamer

In a letter to Chancellor Johnson, Hasso von Puttkamer tells in brief what he has been doing since he left this country in 1933 after spending a year as graduate guest at the Branch.

Since Easter, 1934, Hasso's Studentleben has been drastically changed. After the winter semester, he went into a working camp for several weeks, following that by entry into the Reichswehr, where he has been doing service since. He remarks that even if the life is not so comfortable as at Telluride House, he is "very happy."

Hasso wonders "if the American newspapers still continue to make propaganda against Hitler and Germany," wishes to be remembered "to Professor Burr and anybody else that remembers still a little the 'Flying Dutchman.'"

Tom McFadden enjoins Mayor Johnson: "If you are any kind of mayor, you will be here [in Washington] right after election day to get some federal loans for your constituents of Renwick Heights, to say nothing—i.e. practically nothing—about a post office, and seeds, and a crop reduction bounty."

Noted and Filed

The following publications have been received and added to the Association's historical files:

Notes on the Somatology and Pathology of Ancient Egypt, by Dr. R. Wood Leigh, from the University of California Publications in American Archeology and Ethnology, Vol. 34, No. 1, pp. 1-54, with 7 plates.

Early Experiences in the Power Industry, an address before the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Los Angeles Section, May 8, 1934, by P. N. Nunn.

A Cold-Cathode Amplifier Tube, in Electronics, Oct., 1933, by H. J. Reich and W. M. Hesselberth.

A Combination Sweep Circuit and Periodic Contractor for Studying Circuit and Line Transients with the Cathode-Ray Oscillograph, R. S. I., Jan., 1934, by H. J. Reich and G. S. Marvin.

Robert Collyer Washburn has a short story entitled South American Beauty in the December issue of Pictorial Review.

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DEEP SPRINGS

−E L, G. Z.

The pleasant autumn weather lent a new enthusiasm to student trips this fall, and Deep Springs groups made a series of trips that included excursions by the whole group into the Sierras and to the sulphur mine in Eureka Valley and many trips by smaller groups who went as far as White Mountain. Several of the more energetic climbers made a moonlight scramble to the top of the towering monolith of the Druid. Old Silver, grayer than ever, did his share in transporting Deep Springers about the valley.

Chuck Gilbert and Dick Roberts had a taste of 1934 round-up work at Deep Springs last month. The customary wailing of weaned calves also contributed to the November atmosphere.

The fall entertainment program was highly successful and included a number of unusually good plays given by the Student Body. The annual Halloween party, with a buffet supper of sausages and toasted marshmallows served in the red shed, was brought to an exciting conclusion with a "scavenger hunt."

Miles Fellows, who recently submitted to an operation upon the lower vertebrae of his spine, is expecting to be back with us during the first part of February.

Our guests have helped to make the fall term a successful onc. Dr. Olmsted, son of John Olmsted. for whom the Olmsted Plant in Provo Canyon is named and professor of modern history at U.C.L.A., was the guest of Mr. Nunn. Professor Karr of U.C.L.A., father of Norman Karr, one of our first-year men, addressed the student body and offered criticism on our public speaking during his visit. Dr. Odell, professor of philosophy and religion at Occidental College, members of R. G. Bear's family, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Davy were also visitors at the ranch.

We are entering a request for books, particularly those of current social, political, and economic interest. Use of the California State Library has helped much to alleviate the scarcity of good books in the library, but it has not entirely satisfied our needs.

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"It strikes me that this scheme also smacks of a mode of thought which personifies science as a combination fairy godinother and golden calf. It is the same mode of thought which fills our magazines with pictures of men in white coats with microscopes who say, 'Eat Laxum and be a social success.'

"Very few scientific discoveries have money making possibilities and those that have need skill in selecting

and care in developing. As a scheme for raising income I rather should favor retaining some of our legal lights to take up other people's patent suits. There, at least, the fees might be collected.

"On the other hand, I approve of encouraging the achievement of Telluride men, and I agree with our Chancellor that it would help in making contact with other foundations if we sponsored some enterprises of merit. The Chancellor's Fund should be used for assisting in securing patents and copyrights in cases which in his judgment are of value. In this way it may become of great moral assistance to the Association and possibly also return the financial investment. As a method of making a fortune it is rank speculation and should be regarded as any other game of chance played for high stakes.

"John M. Newell"

Word has been received from Hermann Davidsen who was graduate guest here four years ago, in which he says that he took his Diplom Ingenieur examination in July, 1933, passing with A. A year later, he took his Doctor of Engineering degree with a thesis on Some New Reactions in the Communine Series, also passed with a straight A. Both were taken at the Institute of Technology in Berlin at Charlottenburg. He says: "So you can see that I have not been loafing around, but that I have tried to get up to the Telluride standard."

From Here and There

Jack Burchard is enjoying his work with the Continental Bank of Illinois; well, almost enjoying it. He finds himself with a pretty full schedule, but occasionally gets time to write a letter. He has undergone a thorough six months' regimen of sorting mail, running errands, and filing cards in alphabetical order. Beginning January 1, his work will be filing income tax returns.

Lee Davy, who is working for the Tennessee Eastman Co., at Kingsport, is having no trouble with codes. His work consists in developing new processes or improvements on old processes in the laboratory, supervising semi-works scale operation of the process, and if large scale production is started finally, helping to get that started and running smoothly. He hopes that the process on which he is working at present, and which is in the semi-works stage, will be operating commercially by March 1.

Lee wishes to state categorically that "we don't have a latch string but if we did it would be hanging out."

Prof. Harry Caplan from Madrid, Spain on the 7th of November reports: "Footnotes prosper. Toledo and Segovia next; then the South." His postal to the Chancellor was mailed at the local bull-ring.

A later letter (November 27) to Albert Arent says: "Cordoba, Segina, and Salamanca remain to be visited. Then I plan to return to Paris, and from there proceed to Austria for a stay of several weeks. My work progresses. I have, of the places thus far seen, enjoyed Toledo and Granada most."

The New York Times, in its November 25th issue, under the heading, "Where Youth Hears of a New Social Order," has a sympathetic and understanding account of the educational experiment being conducted in England on the Dartington Hall estate of Mrs. Leonard K. Elmhirst.

Leonard Elmhirst was a guest of the Branch in 1920-'21, while taking work at Cornell.

Edwin S. Jarrett, Sr., has just been named acting head of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, pending the appointment of a new president.

CORNELL BRANCH

-W. B.

Our guests this fall have been fewer than usual. Prof. G. A. Borgese of Smith College stayed at the House on October 23, when he was here to give a lecture on "The Unity of Romanticism." Dr. and Mrs. Werner Jaeger were our guests on December 14 and 15, when he was here to lecture on Demosthenes. Dr. Jaeger is professor of classics at the University of Berlin. Our other guests have been Mr. A. B. Campbell, Mr. R. W. Balderston, Mrs. Elaine Bruneel, Carl Allen, and Rudd Crawford.

Professor Burr left on the 15th for a leisurely trip to California by way of the Gulf Coast and the Mexican border. He will direct work at Deep Springs during January as he did last year.

Horace Peterson expects to go to Deep Springs in February where he will replace Richard Roberts, who will return to the Branch to continue graduate study.

The House has been most fortunate again this year to have had loaned to it two oil paintings by Kenneth Washburn, of the fine arts department. These landscapes, together with Dr. Sutton's painting of a duck hawk, which he has loaned to us, have transformed the appearance of the living room. Dr. Sutton has also done ten wash drawings and ten color plates for a new book by Prof. A. A. Allen, American Bird Biographies. Dr. Sutton's fine work is rapidly gaining for him a reputation as America's foremost bird artist.

On December 5, the Branch enjoyed several reels of motion pictures, including some in color, which Prof. Laurence Pumpelly showed in our living room. He had films taken on his trip to the South Seas last summer, in addition to some of the Grand Canyon.

Charles J. Bruneel took a leading part in the latest production of the Dramatic Club, The Late Christopher Bean, adapted by Sidney Howard. Charlie is also working as assistant to L. C. Boochever, Director of Public Information for the University.

Don Matson and Anderson Pace are practicing with the varsity swimming team. Don will compete in the free-style races; and Andy is trying out for the diving. The Branch has extended an invitation to William C. Layton to live at the House during the second term of this school year. Bill was prevented from returning to Cornell Medical School for his third year by the unfortunate death of his father in an auto accident last summer. He wishes to come to Cornell to work under Dr. Papez in order to make up some of the work he has missed.

In extending this invitation, the Branch recognizes that the resolution of the 1934 Convention does not give the Branch the privilege of inviting Association members. The action has been taken because of the unusual circumstances and with no intention of establishing a precedent. The entire question is referred to the coming Convention in the expectation that the position of the Branch in such circumstances will be made clear.

The Branch has extended an invitation to Christopher Morley, Jr., to live at the House during the second half of the school year. He is a freshman at Cornell, and has had an excellent scholastic record in high school and in his work here.

Miss Mary E. Geib of Altoona, Pa., and James R. Withrow, Jr., have announced their engagement. Miss Geib is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and is a senior in home economics.

Boh Sheridan and Bob Gorrell were Jack Tars of the H.M.S. Pinafore, which was produced by united campus organizations on December 15. Earl Ohlinger played first fiddle in the orchestra.

Bob Sheridan was elected to Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering society.

Orville Sweeting has been elected to Kappa Phi Kappa, national society in education.

Kenneth Turner has been awarded one of the Undergraduate Scholarships offered to incoming freshmen by the University.

Fred Reinhardt attended a conference on extradition of the Harvard Research in International Law which was held in New York City during the Thanksgiving vacation.

Paul Reinhardt is one of 35 college editors who have been invited by William Randolph Hearst to meet with him in Washington during the Christmas holidays. These editors recently sent Mr. Hearst an open letter asking for his opinion on various international problems.

World peace and economic justice have been advanced by Ward Fellows. He organized an intercollegiate peace conference which was held at Cornell on Armistice Day. He has also taken part in a debate on the desirability of the NRA.

TCCC

Chancellor E. M. Johnson has been appointed by Donald Richberg as chairman of the Tompkins County Consumers' Council. Prof. John R. Johnson and Robley C. Williams are also members of the council. Consumers' councils have been organized under the Consumers' Division of the National Emergency Council to act as coordinating agencies to aid the NRA and the AAA in the handling of consumers' problems, particularly as they relate to prices. The TCCC, in addition to arbitrating local consumer price complaints, will carry on a campaign of education in connection with spending the consumer's dollar. Chancellor Johnson has taken to radio speech making to tell housewives how to buy their spinach for tomorrow's dinner, and where to get the apricots with the least amount of arsenic.

Mr. Johnson has also been notified from Washington that he is to be chairman of the Faculty Committee at Cornell for the selection of college students to attend educational work at Washington during February and March under the auspices of the National Institute of Public Affairs. This organization is non-partisan and non-political, financed by a large privately endowed foundation for the purpose of sending to Washington young men of demonstrated interest in politics and government, with the intention of preparing them for leadership in public affairs and general citizenship. One of the interesting parts of the course is practical work in some government office of interest to the student.

T. B. Munroe reports that Major J. B. Sebree, USMC, has left his post at Quantico, and sailed for China on November 23d.

Merton College

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the University. It seems to be a vast forum for lively foreign groups who, though not so large as in some American universities, are nevertheless more important because closer to the diplomatic arena of the world. Clubs for almost every nationality in Europe, together with Chinese, Indians, Africans, and Rhodes Scholars, amounting to several hundred, from America and the Dominions, all form part of this melting pot. But even beyond this cosmopolitanism of nationality one may find groups to suit any artistic or literary interest, or to conform to any shading of political or religious belicf. As an example, there is not only a Liberal Club (dedicated to the party of that name rather than to the broad principles advocated by the Telluride Liberal Club), but there are also Conservative, Labour (Socialist), Fascist, Imperialist. and Communist organizations; and the Union exists to fill in any gaps. Even in the Church of England, which sounds to an American like one solid faith, there are enough degrees of orthodoxy and liberalism to satisfy both Unitarians and Catholics. So one can always find a comfortable niche here; but I suspect that a better p'an is never to settle in one too long.

"As for myself. In spite of Hinman's theories to the contrary (His notion is that the English cat too much in order to keep warm, then have to exercise relentlessly to work off the food; consequently, they get into a vicious circle which he avoids by dressing warmly, eating little, and 'sporting' more moderately), disregarding such cogent logic, I have taken to heart the doctrine of the opposing school, who say that one must get out and exercise in order to keep alive in Oxford. The example of other Americans who have been shipped home in various states of disrepair after several months is also rather impressive. At any rate I am spreading myself in grand fashion over the whole field of sport. Already I have 'fought for dear old Merton' on the rugby field, in the water polo tank, and on the cinder path. Add to these a bit of tennis and considerable squash, and you have a rather full program. In spite of the prevailing idea as to universal participation in sports at Oxford one must use considerable ingenuity to keep active. Crew is the only sport which requires

daily practice (incidentally they take it quite seriously, even to eating at training table), but the teams do not practice more than two or three times a week. There is plenty of time for walks or bicycle rides into the surrounding country.

"Among other items of interest to Telluriders I might mention a delightful one-night visit with the Braggs at Alderly Edge. Mrs. Bragg was away, but I can testify that the remainder of the family bore out our already high opinion of the Bragg household, gained last spring. I spent a finc day in London with Harry Caplan immediately after finding, to my surprise, that he had not already departed for Spain. We saw many a Cornellian there at the British Museum within an hour or so. Harry may return to America via Oxford, or I may encounter him somewhere on the continent during the Christmas vac. Those at the House may also recall Dr. Zimmern, whom I was surprised to find living in Oxford. He is a very popular lecturer on international relations. Finally, I have had a letter from Bob Mansfield who is picking his way up the east coast of Africa. We are trying to angle for a meeting somewhere in Europe, which will be as dramatic as the encounter of Stanley and Livingstone.

"Best wishes, and keep the pipes clean at Two Seventeen.

"Morgan Sibbett"

Hertford College

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Committee — as Philistine Club dinner guests of Murray. Then luncheon with Dr. Sidgwick and then tea with Dr. Lowe — and so it goes with our pleasant little group.

"Since I wrote at some length about the many virtues of Dr. Sidgwick in my last letter, I hope I may be excused for mentioning briefly in this one the name of Dr. Lowe. I know nothing whatever about his widely famed paleographical researches; but in all the essential qualities of real high character I am finding him one of the greatest men I have ever known. It is a true privilege, I feel, to call him a friend.

"With heartiest greetings to all, "Charlton Hinman"

William L. Cone is at present working for the Wyoming Power and Light Co. in the valuation department.