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THE BUSINESS OFFICE.

Cornell from a Financial Point of View.

It is safe to say that the average student or alumnus knows less about Cornell's financial history and about the vast amount of business which annually passes through the Treasurer's office than about anything else in connection with the University. Most of us have a vague idea that Cornell's expenses amount to many thousands annually, that she has an income derived partly from the sale of lands situated somewhere in the distant West and partly from interest paid on the endowment funds, and that on the whole she has received a million or two of dollars in gifts from private individuals. Three times a year, moreover, we are reminded in an impressive manner that we are expected to contribute our share toward the payment of general expenses. Beyond this, however, we ordinarily do not go, and it is probable that those who have a really definite idea of the financial condition, present and past, and of the business management of the University could be numbered on the fingers of one's hand. For this reason, it is hoped that the following outline, together with statistics kindly given by the Treasurer, will be of interest.

It is of course generally known that the original endowment of the University came from two sources. Mr. Cornell contributed \$500,000 and his farm of 207 acres, and the state handed over to the University the 990,000 acres of public lands which, in pursuance of the Morrill Act, fell to her share, to be used in providing "colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts." As no state was to be allowed to locate public lands outside its own state lines, and as there was no public land within the limit of New York, the scrip assigned it had to be disposed of in the open market. Many other states were similarly circumstanced. Consequently the market was flooded, and the price of land scrip per acre was rapidly reduced from the government price of \$1.25 to the "insignificant rate of 30 or 40 cents."

Although New York could not, as a state, locate its land scrip, there was nothing to prevent a private citizen from buying it up and disposing of it at his pleasure. This Mr. Cornell perceived, and after making futile efforts to get a number of public-spirited New Yorkers to join him in buying up New York's quota of scrip, locating some in the West, and devoting the profits which might accrue to the newly established University, he decided to do the whole thing single-handed. Consequently he bought for \$309,200 the 532,000 acres which had not been already sold in the open market—thus raising the total received by New York for its scrip to \$603,002. In addition to this, \$85,565 has been realized as a premium on the sale of securities, and at present the University holds a perpetual state bond for \$688,576 for which she receives interest at the rate of five per cent. At the same time, he pledged himself to manage the property solely for the benefit of the University, and in due time to pay over

the profits which might result from such management.

Having bought the 532,000 acres, Mr. Cornell proceeded with great care to locate them in such a way as to bring the largest ultimate returns. Accordingly he chose 5,000 acres of farming land in Kansas, 10,000 acres of similar land in Minnesota, and 517,000 acres of pine timber land in northwestern Wisconsin. This vast area was located not as a single tract but in separate lots of 40 acres each, chosen invariably only after the most careful examination on the spot. In 1874, after eight years of careful management, he turned the property over to the University and was reimbursed for the amount, \$576,953.47, expended by him up to that time. Thus during these few years a sum larger by \$76,000 than Cornell's original endowment had been expended and the outlook, according to the best business men of the time, was becoming more and more discouraging. "The expense account up to 1882, when large sales began, was something like \$60,000 a year, and had amounted in 1882 to a total for location, examination, taxes, and management of \$1,200,000."

The year 1882 marked the beginning of a rapid appreciation in the value of timber, and the University found little difficulty in disposing of its land at a handsome profit. Mr. Sage had, in the preceding year (March, 1881), succeeded by the most strenuous efforts in preventing the sale of 275,000 acres for \$1,250,000. In view of the precarious financial condition of the University, his action seemed little less than madness; but he was fully justified within a year, when the Trustees easily secured instead of the \$4.54 per acre which had been offered, the unprecedented prices of \$2 and \$3 per thousand feet of lumber in the tree.—140,600 acres being sold for a total of \$2,319,246. As President Schurman says, "It seems more than accidental, we may in all reverence describe it as providential, that while in all the States of the Union, only one man—Ezra Cornell of New York—had the prescience to foresee the eventual appreciation of the value of the lands granted by Congress for educational purposes, and at the same time the wisdom to devise the means for husbanding them, in this state also, among his friends, in the person of his successor as Chairman of the Board, there was a man whose training and experience, whose imagination, judgment, and hopeful faith qualified him to realize for the University out of the landed estate more than even the Founder ever dreamed of."

Up to August, 1898, 834,805.39 acres of this land had been sold, at a net profit, after deducting the total expenditures, \$1,603,000, of \$4,123,000. Thus there still remain 155,194.61 acres, valued at something like \$600,000. "Contrasted with this magnificent result," says Alonzo B. Cornell, the son of the Founder, "it is indeed pitiable to record the fact that the neighboring state of Pennsylvania, which had originally nearly the same aggregate donation from the Congressional land grant, realized less than \$500,000 from the sale of her entire interests. Many other states suffered still greater loss comparatively by the

improvident action of their state officials in the management of their respective allotments under the federal grant."

The management of the 155,194.61 acres which remain forms one of the important duties of the Treasurer. The work is admirably systematized, and at a moment's notice the exact character of any specific forty-acre tract can be ascertained and a price, based on the value of the land, and of the timber which it bears, etc., can be set without delay. The Treasurer, indeed, keeps in his office a record giving in the minutest detail the characteristics—relation of land and water, amount and kind of timber, nature of soil, etc.—of every acre which the University possesses. Many sales are made and have been made in the past of timber exclusive of the land on which it stands. To this is due much of the profit which has accrued in recent years. When the



first of such sales was made, it was profitable to cut only fourteen-inch timber; all the rest was left standing. Later it became profitable to cut smaller trees, and thus sales of timber have been made in some instances three times from the same tracts, and, strange to say, the last sales in some cases have brought the largest profits.

Besides the profits thus secured, and the original endowment of \$500,000, the University has at various times received considerable sums—amounting altogether to more than \$3,000,000—in the form of benefactions from private individuals. The principal ones are as follows: Ezra Cornell, \$169,555 (besides the endowment); Henry W. Sage, \$1,173,290; John McGraw, \$140,177; Andrew D. White, \$133,080; Hiram Sibley, \$155,636; Hiram W. Sibley, \$71,500; Goldwin Smith, \$13,118; Mrs. Douglas Boardman and Mrs. George R. Williams, \$25,000; A. S. Barnes, \$45,000; Dean Sage, \$30,000; William H. Sage, \$22,545; Dean Sage and W. H. Sage (together), Infirmary (valued at \$60,000), and Infirmary endowment, \$100,000; Roswell P. Flower, \$5,000; Colonel Oliver H. Payne, about \$1,500,000.

It will be of interest to compare the present condition of Cornell, considered from a material point of view, with the condition in 1881 when the financial outlook was at its dreariest. The table which follows is taken

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BASEBALL.

Cornell 6; Lafayette 0. Medics and Vets.

Lafayette was defeated in baseball at Percy Field Saturday by a score of 6 to 0. The game was well contested from start to finish and was probably the best early-season game ever played by Cornell. Young pitched a strong game, striking out six men and allowing only two hits. His wildness, which resulted in sending seven men to first on balls, was fortunately counteracted by steady support from the rest of the team. In Genger, Cornell has an excellent catcher as his fine work Saturday attested. The absence of "Joe" Bole, who is laid up and could not take his place at third base, was unfortunate, but his position was well filled by Johnson from the outfield. Robertson went in at right field and did excellent work. He also showed unusual ability at the bat by making four hits off Nevins, two of them three-baggers. The stick work of the entire team was excellent, thirteen hits being made on a pitcher who a few days before had allowed Princeton but five. Aside from batting, mention should be made of the excellent team work of the Cornell nine. It seems that Jennings was successful in instilling into the boys the spirit that makes a snappy game. In the two games, at any rate, that Cornell has so far played, this spirit has been conspicuous, and to one who has followed Cornell nines in recent years it would seem that the '99 Varsity team bids fair to carry higher than ever the prestige of Cornell baseball.

In Saturday's game Lafayette was first at bat. Hile went to first on balls. The next three were retired on a hit to second base, a fly to right field, and a grounder to third. For Cornell, Stratton reached first, but the next batter's fly was hauled in by a fielder who sent the ball to first in time to catch Stratton off the bag. Then Cornell waded in. Murtaugh reached first on a safe hit and was brought in on Young's three-bagger. Newton followed with a hit that brought in Young. The side was then retired by Johnson's hit to second.

With the score 2 to 0 in Cornell's favor, Lafayette came to bat in the second inning determined to score if possible. Nevins could not touch Young's curves, however, and gave way at the bat to Hubley. He made a little hit and reached first on Stratton's error. Young then broke and gave the next two men bases on balls. With bases full, Catherall hit to Stratton and the latter, assisted by Murtaugh at first and Dougherty at second, very cleverly caught the runners at those bases, thus retiring the side. After this Lafayette only once had a man as far as third. Cornell's inning brought no score, although Robertson and Stratton made singles.

In the third, Lafayette got two men as far as first before being retired. For Cornell, Young made a safe hit to center field, and Bray in fielding the ball threw wild, allowing him to score.

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from President Schurman's annual report:

	1881	1898
Buildings and grounds . . . \$	689,465.00	\$1,796,372.86
Equipment of departments	253,509.00	1,135,308.12
Invested funds	885,307.84	6,446,818.21
Total prop'y	2,206,974.34	9,378,409.19
Receipts from tuition . . .	14,750.00	121,205.83
Total income	99,166.80	583,050.73
Total expenses	128,751.85	570,586.36
Salaries . . .	93,182.05	286,185.72

From this table it will be seen that at present the property of the University is valued at something over nine millions of dollars exclusive of Western land unsold. Of this amount according to the last report of the Treasurer, \$1,796,372.86 represents the estimated value of the University's real estate, and \$1,135,318.12 the value of the general equipment. The following figures are interesting as giving the estimated values of principal buildings: Morrill Hall, \$70,111; White Hall, \$80,485; McGraw Hall, \$120,000; Sibley College buildings, \$144,935; Sage College and Conservatory, \$210,662; Sage Chapel, \$30,000; Library Building, \$296,020; Franklin Hall, \$104,606; Barnes Hall, \$53,659; Lincoln Hall, \$72,603; Morse Hall, \$78,930; Boardman Hall, \$102,699; Cornell Infirmary, \$60,000; farm buildings, \$10,987; Cascadilla Place, \$37,010; farm and grounds, \$99,218; President's House, \$50,000; Armory and Gymnasium, \$56,902; Memorial Chapel, \$11,547; Agricultural Building, \$40,000. As regards equipment, we find that the estimated value varies from that of the classical department, \$720.00, and that of the Library (including books and all furniture, etc.) \$445,894. Between these extremes are the equipments of the various departments and colleges of the University, some of them being as follows: Mechanical Engineering, \$238,905; Civil Engineering, \$68,702; Anatomical, \$32,881; Physical, \$66,251; Chemical, \$52,505; Agricultural, \$9,873; Conchological, \$29,000; Entomological, \$11,415; Geological, \$6,952; Paleontological, \$2,648; Mineralogical, \$14,482; Agricultural Experiment Station, \$17,934; Architectural, \$12,863; and Agricultural, \$9,873. Aside from these we find that the Gymnasium equipment is valued at \$4,535, furniture at \$10,663, and the Campus reservoir at \$18,650.

The work of the Treasurer in regard to the Western lands has been mentioned. It is obvious that there is much, besides, to occupy his attention and that of his assistants. An eye must constantly be kept on all Cornell investments, taxes must be regularly paid, debts collected, tuition and fees taken in charge, and the almost innumerable disbursements which are necessary for the running of the University made and systematically recorded. Investments must, of course, be constantly looked after, and a constant effort be made to secure as large a rate of interest as possible. "In order to obtain the largest possible income," says Herbert C. Howe, '93, in the *Troy Times*, "the Finance Committee has followed the line of investment of a number of leading insurance companies, namely, municipal bonds in Western and Northwestern states, and farm mortgages in the best districts of southeastern Nebraska, of Iowa, and of northwestern Missouri." In regard to all these matters, the authorities

exercise the utmost care; and efficient agents are employed wherever loans are requested, to secure the necessary information and, in general, to look after the interests of the University. Altogether the University holds at present mortgages on some twelve hundred different farms and also nearly \$4,000,000 worth of municipal bonds and stocks. The rate of interest secured on these investments varies from four per cent. (on \$200,000) to nine per cent. (on \$800); the average rate for the \$6,200,399 invested being 5.825 per cent.

The total income varies more or less from year to year. For the current year it is estimated that a total of something like \$590,000 will be received from all sources. Of this amount, only \$121,000, according to the estimate, will be contributed as tuition, dues, etc., by students. Last year the total income from August, 1897, to August, 1898, amounted to \$555,277. Of this sum, \$270,258 came from the Endowment Fund, \$34,428 from the College Land Scrip Fund, \$17,610 from the Sage Library Fund, \$16,729 from the Fayerweather Fund, \$11,740 from the Sage School of Philosophy Fund, \$6,793 from Cascadilla, \$1,135 from Gymnasium lockers, \$7,999 from Mechanical Shop fees, \$7,999 from Chemical Laboratory dues, \$2,635 from graduation fees, diplomas, etc., \$121,205 from tuition, \$5,957 from the Agricultural Department, \$23,000 from the Congressional Industrial Fund, \$13,742 from the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the rest from various laboratory dues, scholarship funds, etc.

Turning to expenditures, we find that during the University year August, 1897—August, 1898, the total expenses amounted to \$570,586. Several of the principal items are as follows: salaries, \$260,685; Hydraulic Laboratory, \$43,564; H. W. Sage Memorial, \$12,530; scholarships and fellowships, \$23,298; Library, \$37,786; Mechanical, \$7,980; Law Library, \$2,606; fuel, \$9,114; electric light and power labor, \$4,434; care of buildings, \$5,955; Architectural, \$2,989; Agricultural Experiment Station, \$14,213; advertising and lectures, \$1,285; Agricultural, \$7,868; Botanical, \$2,586; Civil Engineering, \$2,441; Dean Sage Sermon Fund, \$2,350; heating labor, \$2,235; *Philosophical Review*, \$1,908; premium and discount, \$16,089; repairs, \$6,083; Student Loan Fund, \$2,536; and *Register*, \$3,060. Among other entries there is one for the "Ten Year Book," of \$440; one for music, of \$1,000, one for Library fan power, of 64 cents; and one for bell-ringing, of \$160.

The whole work involved in the management of Cornell's business interests is done by the Treasurer, E. L. Williams, who has served since 1879, and his five assistants. C. D. Bostwick, '92, acts as general assistant; C. B. Mandeville, '77, attends to the collection of fees, etc., from the students; Horace Mack assists in the management of Western lands; and Thomas Tree keeps the general books and assists Mr. Mandeville. Smith Robertson has charge of the land office at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. In addition to these there are, of course, a number of other persons employed either temporarily or permanently to look after the details of business management. At the end of each University year, the Treasurer presents a detailed report to the Board of Trustees, a committee from which, the Auditing Committee, consisting of H.

B. Lord, M. Van Cleef, and R. B. Williams, examines all the figures and officially attests their correctness.

Ex-President White on an Alumni Paper.

It gives us great pleasure to publish the following letter recently received from ex-President Andrew D. White in regard to the establishment of THE ALUMNI NEWS:

BERLIN, Germany.

April 8, 1899.

To the Editor of THE ALUMNI NEWS:

Referring to your letter of March 20th, I am very glad to hear that you propose to issue a new weekly devoted to the interests of the alumni of Cornell, and informing them as to the progress of affairs at the University in which they are especially interested.

I very gladly subscribe to it, and expect to derive much pleasure from it. Every week I receive a similar journal published at Yale, and it is one of those which I always open first; but of course yours will now take precedence.

I trust that you will give us good summaries of current University news, somewhat after the manner perhaps of the Yale weekly above referred to; that is, notices of alumni, showing where they are and what they are doing; accounts of lectures and other matters going on at the University; statements as to new arrangements for the betterment of instruction; programmes of musical recitals at the Chapel; with possibly now and then a photogravure of some of the newer buildings or newer views opened by improvements, etc.

For such a paper there ought to be a large demand among our alumni, who have now become a very important body, doing good work throughout the whole country. I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

ANDREW D. WHITE.

Sage Chapel Organ Recitals.

At the second of the series of organ recitals which is being given on Thursday afternoons in Sage Chapel by Mr. George M. Chadwick of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, the following program was rendered:

Rheinberger: Organ Sonata, op. 65. Guilmant: a, Pastorale from Organ Sonata, op. 42; b, Grand Chorus in A major.

Händel: a, "And the Children of Israel Sighed," from "Israel in Egypt"; b, "Thus rolling surges rise," from "Solomon."

Lachner: March from the first Orchestral Suite.

At the vesper service on Sunday afternoon, three numbers were rendered by the Glee Club: an anthem, "Remember now thy Creator," by Howard N. Dow; Mendelssohn's "As the Hart Pants," for soprano solo and male chorus; and Howell Mason's "Nearer My God To Thee."

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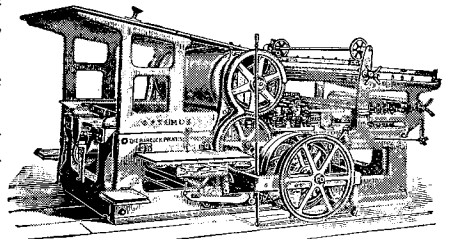
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One purpose of THE ALUMNI NEWS is to keep Cornell men informed about one another. Every Cornell man, therefore, is invited to contribute to this column news concerning himself or any other student, and every contributor should remember that in sending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

'70. W. W. Allen is general manager of the Pueblo (Colorado) Smelting and Refining Company.

'71. Joel W. Shackelford has just been appointed by Governor Thomas of Colorado, president of the Board of Public Works of Denver. This is a very important appointment. Among other work under this board's control is a large amount of sewer work and paving as well as a large viaduct which is under construction. This board will also have charge of the construction of a magnificent auditorium, bonds to the extent of \$400,000 having been voted on April 4th.

'77. W. J. Sherman has been appointed consulting engineer of the Ohio Centennial and Northwestern Exposition which is to be held at Toledo in 1902.

'78. W. H. Tucker was recently appointed postmaster at Toledo, Ohio.

'78. Arthur E. Beardsley is a professor in the State Normal School in Greeley, Colorado.

'78. Miss Mabel Mead is teaching in the high school in Greeley, Colorado.

'80. Dr. William Trelease is one of the most important contributors to "The Cyclopedia of American Horticulture."

'82 non-grad. George Beebe, Jr., is with the Chicago *Tribune*.

'87 non-grad. Alfred S. Procter is president and manager of the Denver Tent and Awning Company, which recently removed its headquarters to No. 1640 Arapahoe Street, Denver.

'87. Charles Simeon Cobb is president of the National Bank of Dennison, Dennison, Texas.

'89. B. R. Wakeman is surgeon to the Erie Railroad Company at Hornellsville, N. Y.

'89. Charles L. Cornell is assistant manager of the Niles Tool Works, Hamilton, Ohio.

'90. Robert J. Day, formerly of Huntington, Indiana, has located at Canor Station, Florida. After graduation Mr. Day entered upon a journalistic career by purchasing and editing the Huntington *Daily Democrat*, of which he made a fair success, until compelled by ill health to seek a change of climate.

'91. L. M. McLaren is practicing engineering in Scranton. He was in town Saturday.

'91. Harrison L. Stidham has been employed since his graduation chiefly as a sanitary engineer connected with the department of street cleaning, in New York City, at one time being assistant general superintendent under the late Colonel George E. Waring, Jr. At present he is general superintendent of the Tubular Dispatch Co., New York. He has published articles on "The Department of Street Cleaning—As It Was and Is," and "The Problem of Snow Removal."

'92. W. D. Young is electrical engineer for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, with headquarters at Baltimore.

'93. Spencer L. Adams is practicing law with the firm of Dent & Whitman, 115 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

'93. George Lyon Baldwin, a captain in the 203d New York Volunteers, has just been mustered out of service.

'93. Herbert G. Geer, M. E., for six years assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the Department of Electrical Engineering of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he went at once upon graduating, is enjoying a lucrative practice as consulting electrical engineer and steam expert in Maryland and Virginia. Mr. Geer now has under his supervision many installations, the largest being the Maryland State Penitentiary, Posner's new department (the largest of the kind south of Philadelphia), and the Willoughby Beach Hotel southeast of Old Point Comfort in Virginia. These alone aggregate over \$150,000 in value of machinery, etc., installed according to his specifications and plans, during the past ten months. The thoroughness of Mr. Geer's training in Sibley College is one of the key notes of his success. Mr. Geer married one of Baltimore's fair daughters about a year ago, and they reside at 532 East Twenty-second Street, where they have had the pleasure of entertaining several Cornellians in true Maryland style.

'93. Emery M. Wilson is head of the department of American history in the Washington High Schools.

'93. F. A. Bassette is at the head of the publishing firm of the F. A. Bassette Co., publishers, Springfield, Mass.

'96. C. C. Sickles has been appointed surveying engineer of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

'96. Charles E. Barry is designing engineer with the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

'96. Clarence W. Gail, of East Aurora, is travelling for Beals & Company, of Buffalo.

'96. Mr. and Mrs. A. Welling Wyckoff, of Bethlehem, Pa., became the proud parents of a daughter on April 17.

'96 Law. Royal A. Gunnison has law offices in the Masonic Temple, Binghamton, N. Y.

'96. John R. Bowen is with the Griffin Wheel Works, Chicago.

'97. The engagement has been announced of Justin A. Seubert, of Syracuse, to Miss Marie Ragula Saul, of the same city.

'97. Austin John McMahon, late second lieutenant in the 203rd N. Y. V., is with McLennon, Waters, & Baldwin, attorneys at law, Syracuse, New York.

'97. Oliver Shiras is with the New York Telephone Company at 15 Dey Street, New York City.

'98. J. D. McGuire is with the Metropolitan Traction Company, New York City.

'98. Stephen Edward Rose is treasurer of the Barker, Rose, & Clinton Company, hardware dealers in Elmira.

Cornell Obituaries.

EDMUND JUDSON MOFFAT, '79.

Concerning the late Edmund Judson Moffat, Alfred S. Procter, '87 non-grad., under date of April 16th, writes to THE ALUMNI NEWS as follows:

"I have read with interest the ref-

erences in your issue of 12th inst., to the death of E. J. Moffat, '79. Your article states that he died in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, while it was at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver, Colorado, that his death took place. Since Mr. Moffat's coming to Denver, the writer has been intimately acquainted with him. He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Cornell Association and a regular attendant at our banquets. On the occasion of our last banquet Mr. Moffat was the very first man to accept the invitation to attend. The very next morning after the invitations were sent out he came in and planked down his money for his plate. He was, as usual, full of enthusiasm, and spoke of several Cornell men who were not at the time on our list, but whom he was surely 'going to get.' But he never attended this banquet. He was taken down with the illness that proved his last, only three or four days before our dinner. On the day before, he wrote me a note from the hospital, saying that he was laid up and could not possibly attend. His uncle, D. H. Moffat, was in New York City during his illness; and immediately upon his death his remains were forwarded to Albany, N. Y., for burial. He was one of the most genial and kindly-hearted men that I have known and all the members of our Cornell Association here were deeply affected by his death. His end was quick consumption."

GEORGE COX PARMETER, '88.

Mr. Procter has also this to say concerning a late member of the class of '88, who died in Denver on December 10:

"Consumption carried off another Cornell man here in December whose death you noted, George C. Parmeter, '88. Mr. Parmeter came here three or four years ago already afflicted with the dread disease and too far gone for its cure. He left a lucrative position in the architectural life of Philadelphia and after reaching Denver did what work his health would permit in his profession here. Among other creditable work in this city he designed and erected a very perfectly conceived residence for H. C. Charpiot, '86."

HARLOW HUXLEY LOOMIS, '94 LAW.

The Clinton *Courier* of April 19th has the following concerning a member of the class of '94, College of Law:

"Harlow H. Loomis, of the class of '87, Hamilton College, while temporarily insane caused by locomotor ataxia, ended his life with a pair of shears in New York, April 6. He graduated from the Cornell University Law School in 1894, and had been in active practice on Wall Street, New York City, until his death. He leaves a widow and four small children."

EDWIN PROCTOR ROBINS, '95 GRAD.

The first death at the Infirmary, which has this year proved such an inestimable boon to Cornell students, was that of Edwin Proctor Robins, who died on Wednesday, April 19th, from appendicitis. Mr. Robins was born twenty-five years ago at Central Bedeque, Prince Edward Island. In 1895, he received the degree of A. B. from Dalhousie College, Halifax, N. S. and, after a year's graduate work, the degree of A. M. In the fall of 1896, he came to Cornell and entered the graduate department as a student of philosophy. This year he held a fellowship, and expected to graduate with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in June.

Mr. Robins made many warm friends here both among the members of the Faculty and among the students. There was a childlike straightforwardness about his nature and a gentle kindness which won for him the respect and affection of his fellows in an unusual degree. He was modest, genial, and companionable, and was interested in everything which could promote the welfare of the University. By his death the Philosophical and the Canadian Clubs are left without a president, and the Graduate Club loses one of its most prominent members.

By his professors Mr. Robins was regarded as an unusually strong student, and a man of quite exceptional promise. He published last fall an important article in the *Philosophical Review* which excited much interest among philosophical scholars. He had also taken part in a number of important investigations in the psychological laboratory. It is hoped that arrangements can be made for the publication of his thesis, which he had practically completed, as a memorial of his life and work.

As Professor Tyler said in the beautiful memorial service which was held in the Chapel Sunday afternoon: "Such a man does not live in vain; his memory remains with us, and his influence remains through time and eternity; he has made the University better by having been a member of it."

CHARLES E. COOKE, '97.

On March 8, Charles E. Cooke died at the Albany Hospital, whither he had gone to be operated on for appendicitis. His physical condition, greatly impaired by continued sickness, undoubtedly conducted to the fatal result.

While in college, Mr. Cooke made an enviable reputation as a bright and thorough student. He held both state and University scholarships and at the end of his course was honored with election to Phi Beta Kappa. He also received special mention in mathematics.

After graduation, he was sick in the Ithaca Hospital for nearly a year. From there he went to Bellevue Hospital in New York City, but seemed unable to regain his health, the loss of which was probably the result of overwork. He stayed at Bellevue almost continuously until he went to the Albany Hospital, where he died.

His home was at Freehold, N. Y., where his parents and sister survive him.

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PROPOSED AMALGAMATIONS.

Several communications have already appeared in the *Sun* and *Era*, and to-day we give space to two in THE NEWS, concerning the proposal to cut down the number of papers at Cornell by combining two of the number. Opinion seems to be divided between combining the *Era* and THE NEWS as an alumni sheet, on the one hand, and uniting the *Era* and the *Magazine* as a literary publication, on the other. The sentiment of most seems to be that in some way the name "Era" ought to be kept, since it is the name of the one paper which has existed at Cornell continuously since the foundation of the University.

With this feeling we are in hearty sympathy. As to the method of solving the problem which seems to us freest from objections, we have already expressed ourselves—in the first issue; and we have seen nothing in the discussion waged since then which would lead us to change our views. One or two additional considerations may here be pointed out.

The first is that if we consider for the moment the proposition to combine the *Era* and THE NEWS, every candid alumnus would, we believe, concede that from the point of view of *practical utility* alone, the name "Cornell Alumni News" is more accurately descriptive than the name "Alumni Era," or "Cornell Era." It tells just what the alumni paper is or aims to be, namely, the instrument for providing the alumni with news about the alumni and about the University.

This, however, is, as was said before, quite apart from the question of sentiment; and we confess that we do not feel like leaving this altogether out of consideration. Let us see, now, what the *Era* has stood for during the greater part of its career. Has it not been, more than anything else, an undergraduate literary and news weekly? It is confessedly only within a few years that the *Era* has made a consistent effort to cater to the alumni needs; and we venture to be-

lieve that most of the alumni remember the *Era* rather as printing news and the literary efforts of undergraduates, and would not be sorry to know that the *Era* had returned to its former province, now that the alumni field is to be filled by a special alumni publication.

What, now, does the *Magazine* stand for? It was started, doubtless, for the laudable purpose of offering to the more mature undergraduates and to the alumni a medium of publication for their more pretentious efforts, and also of preserving the occasional addresses of our professors on topics of general University interest. But how many alumni or professors have contributed to the *Magazine* in recent years? Who write for it but undergraduates? In short, is there still felt to be a real need for a publication such as the founders of the *Magazine* contemplated? We profoundly wish there were, but we do not believe there is.

By combining, then, the *Era* and the *Magazine* under the name of the former, a name which is three times as old as that of the present monthly, the desire of many to retain the name "Era" would be satisfied; and the amalgamated sheet could be issued either bi-weekly or monthly, as seemed best.

We urge the alumni not to accept these views, however, without considering the question carefully; and our columns are open for such a consideration. We would call attention to the editorial in the *Era* for April 22, as a carefully written statement of the position of the present *Era* editors themselves.

We had to strain our consciences a trifle to give space to the contribution from "An Alumnus"; but so unique a solution seemed too good for the basket. Can "An Alumnus" guarantee the conjugal happiness of the pair he would unite?

THE BASEBALL SITUATION.

We doubt if in the whole history of Cornell baseball, there was ever such a crisis as that which occurred last week. As a result of employing a professional coach and taking a Southern trip, the management found itself at the very beginning of the regular season, burdened with a seven hundred dollar debt. The Athletic Council wisely decided that this season should not be a repetition of last, and that, if the students desire a baseball team, they must give it adequate support, financial and otherwise. The mass meeting, it is true, was marked by a very poor attendance; but, in pursuance of the plan adopted by the management, some twelve hundred tickets were sold for last Saturday's benefit game, and we are told that, as a result, three-fourths of the debt has already been wiped out. This is gratifying, and every-

thing at present goes to show that the support will be such as to make the season financially a success. It would indeed be disgraceful if, through lack of interest, the team should be allowed, as it was last year, to play its games before empty stands and to end the season under a load of indebtedness. So much for the financial aspect of the situation. A word should be said about the qualities of this year's team from a purely baseball point of view. We think we are safe in saying that the men are at present playing in finer form than has any team so early in the season for many years. Indeed we doubt if, on the whole, a prettier game than last Saturday's was ever played on Percy Field. The team seems to have all elements of success: determination, energy, unity, and skill. The outlook, then, is of the brightest both as regards the wiping out of all indebtedness and the winning of games, and there seems no reason why we may not confidently expect to have the most successful baseball season in the history of Cornell.

COMMUNICATIONS.

THE ALUMNI NEWS cordially offers to Cornellians the use of its columns for the frank discussion of Cornell matters, but assumes no responsibility for any opinions here expressed.

To the Editor of THE ALUMNI NEWS:

I read in the Cornell *Daily Sun* that the council of editors of Cornell publications has resolved that at the end of the year it will be wise to consolidate the Cornell *Era* and the Cornell ALUMNI NEWS under the name "Cornell Era." I think I may say that such a plan is foredoomed to failure from the outset, and in this opinion I feel most graduates will agree with me.

The Cornell *Era*, venerable and excellent in many ways, does not appeal to the graduate as the paper he needs to keep him in touch with the University. It might have become, by proper editing, the alumni paper of the University, but it has not been and cannot be and no paper of that name will attract alumni attention sufficiently to make a successful alumni newspaper.

The Cornell ALUMNI NEWS appeals to every alumnus and alumna or should so appeal, for it is distinctively for the alumni, without literary features which are valueless in a paper of its kind, but full of University and graduate news.

There are nearly 5,000 alumni of Cornell University, and they have never been kept in proper touch with the University, partly because fraternity affiliations were stronger than University ties, partly because the alumnus has never had any inducement offered him to return for Commencement, or to any University celebration.

If the Cornell ALUMNI NEWS finds itself unable to get a firm foothold in the first month of its existence, it is no wonder; but if the proper energy be shown, it cannot be many months before the paper will be the recognized graduate organ, and it will be a success in every way. If it is merged in the Cornell *Era*, it will immediately lose its identity, and drop out of sight

and become of little use to the alumni or to the University.

If Cornell is overloaded with papers, and it ought not to be even with its present number, the logical thing to do is for the Cornell *Magazine* and Cornell *Era* to join forces, as the Cornell *Era*, making the *Era* strongly literary and newsy, while the Cornell *Daily Sun* will, of course, cover the strict newspaper field, as it has done so faithfully and well in the past.

Let us not undo the work so well begun in behalf of the University and the alumni by killing the Cornell ALUMNI NEWS before it has had a fair chance to grow.

Yours for Cornell,

LOUIE ERVILLE WARE, '92.

Worcester, Mass., April 17, 1899.

ANOTHER SOLUTION.

To the Editor of THE ALUMNI NEWS:

As an alumnus of Cornell I have been much interested in the advent of THE ALUMNI NEWS into the ranks of Cornell journalism. It seems to me that the paper fills a long felt want in Cornell life. I have watched carefully the discussion which has been printed in our college papers regarding the proposed amalgamation of THE NEWS and the *Era*. I should like to offer another solution to the "paper problem," which, so far as the writer is aware, has not yet been publicly mentioned. It is that the *Era* should seek a union with the *Widow*. Many considerations urge such an action. In the first place the *Era* has long since passed its majority, and has arrived at that maturity of years when it should realize that it is not good to be alone. I suspect, too, that it has been making a little money now and then, which it has conscientiously laid away for just such an emergency. As far as the *Widow* is concerned, she is young and blooming, and, we are assured, would make an excellent housekeeper. The *Widow* needs just such a protector, and, I doubt not, would hasten to fall upon the *Era*'s manly bosom, bury her head confidently on his shoulder, and be at rest.

If the groom be bashful and should need aid, the *Sun*, we all know, would gladly act as best man. The *Magazine* could act as maid of honor, and the blushing bride would be given away by THE NEWS.

The writer of this does not pose as professional match-maker; but he cannot refrain from suggesting that the wedding should take place in June. The time might be set at Class Day, when beneath the sturdy oaks the Senior president would solemnly perform the ceremony. The Historian would declaim upon the past, and the Prophet dilate upon the happiness to come.

AN ALUMNUS.

Oratorical Committee of Fifteen.

At a meeting of the Debate Council held Friday afternoon, the following men were chosen to constitute a committee of fifteen to arrange for a meeting of the Central Oratorical League, which is to be held in the Armory Friday evening, May 19: T. L. Bailey, G. A. Everett, J. H. Gould, L. F. Hammer, R. S. Haynes, C. T. Horton, H. B. Lee, J. B. Nolan, W. C. Richardson, E. L. Stevens, H. H. Tuller, C. C. Whinery, J. H. Wynne, '98, C. V. P. Young, and W. M. Zink.

The Hon. Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha *Bee*, on Monday began a course of five lectures on "Journalism" before the students of the University.

BASEBALL.

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In the fourth, Yon of Lafayette reached first, but Catherall retired the side by striking out before he could get around the diamond. For Cornell, Robertson, the first man up, made a three-bagger. Miller followed with a fly that allowed him on Bray's muff to get to second and Robertson to score.

In the fifth, Lafayette was retired in one, two, three order. Cornell scored two runs in this inning, the last made during the game. Murtaugh led off with a single; Young and Newton were retired; and then Johnson made a two-bagger and Robertson a three-base hit that brought in "Murt" and Johnson.

The rest of the game consisted of snappy playing on both sides, although it is but fair to say that the Cornell boys made the better showing. In the sixth inning when Lafayette was at bat, occurred the best play of the game. Chalmers had made a two-base hit. Nevins was at bat and knocked a long foul back of first base. Murtaugh by hard running caught this on his glove and then by a pretty throw to third caught Chalmers, thus making a very clever double.

The summary follows:

CORNELL.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Stratton, s. s.	5	0	3	0	4	1
Genger, c.	5	0	0	5	0	0
Murtaugh, 1 b.	4	2	2	13	2	0
Young, p.	4	2	2	0	4	0
Newton, 1. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson, 3 b.	4	1	1	2	1	1
Robertson, r. f.	4	1	4	2	0	0
Dougherty, 2 b.	4	0	0	4	4	0
Miller, c. f.	4	0	1	1	1	0
Totals	38	6	13	27	16	2
LAFAYETTE.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hile, 2 b.	2	0	0	0	4	0
Lauer, 1 b.	2	0	0	9	2	0
Bray, c. f.	4	0	1	2	0	1
Chalmers, 1. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Nevins, p.	4	0	0	1	3	1
Hubley, 3 b.	4	0	0	3	1	1
Yon, r. f.	3	0	0	2	0	1
Currier, s. s.	2	0	0	2	3	0
Catherall, c.	2	0	0	5	1	0
Totals	27	0	2	24	14	4

Score by innings:

Cornell,	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	x-6
Lafayette,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

Summary—Earned runs, Cornell, 4; two-base hit, Johnson; three-base hits, Young, Robertson, 2; wild pitches, Young, 1; bases on balls, off Young, 7; hit by pitched ball, Young, 1; struck out, by Young, 6; by Nevins, 2; left on bases, Cornell, 8; Lafayette, 5; double plays, Stratton, to Dougherty, to Murtaugh; Murtaugh to Young, to Johnson; Catherall to Lauer; time of game, one hour and 35 minutes; umpire, Mr. Hoagland, of Auburn; attendance, 900.

A game of baseball was played Saturday morning on Percy Field between teams from the Medical and Veterinary Colleges. The medical students won by a score of 28 to 7.

The Football Schedule.

The schedule of football games for the season of 1899 has just been issued. In the plans which it sets forth, several changes in Cornell's football policy are evident. The Williams game, which has long been played at Buffalo, has been transferred to Ithaca. A game with Columbia, to be played in New York, has been instituted, also a game with the University of Chicago at Chicago. Both these represent departures from schedules of previous years. The Chicago game, in fact, will mark the opening of athletic relations between Cornell and that university. Another new game is that with Lehigh, with whom Cornell has not played football since 1894. The Princeton

game is to be played this year at Percy Field, and the Pennsylvania game on Thanksgiving Day at Philadelphia will as usual close the season. The dates and schedule in full are as follows:

September 23, Colgate, at Ithaca.
September 27, Syracuse, at Ithaca.
September 30, Hamilton, at Ithaca,
October 7, Williams, at Ithaca.
October 14, University of Chicago, at Chicago.
October 21, Lehigh, at Ithaca.
October 28, Princeton, at Ithaca.
November 7, Columbia, in New York.
November, 11, Lafayette, at Ithaca.
November 18, Oberlin, at Ithaca.
November 30, Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

The Lacrosse Team.

That Cornell is very strong at lacrosse this year was manifested Saturday in the game with Hobart, when Cornell won by a score of 11 to 0. Unusual interest has been manifested in this game at Cornell this year. The Lacrosse Club has received new additions to its membership so that the number now reaches nearly forty; new experienced players have been added in Miller, who comes from Swarthmore's team; Ferguson, from the College of the City of New York; and Magoffin and Taylor, from Canada; and finally a good Cornell spirit of "win or die trying" has marked the practice, which has been conducted under the direction of Instructor Oliver Shantz, '93, of the University. Cornell's victory over Hobart in the first game of the season was therefore not unmerited. The Cornell team in that game was composed as follows: Goal, Briner; point, Taylor; cover-point, McKinley (captain); first defence, Drake; second defence, Miller; third defence, Tappan; center, Mowrey; third attack, Powell; second attack, Dodge; first attack, Smith; out-home, Berry; in-home, Ferguson. Cornell made five goals in the first half and six in the second, while Hobart only once or twice approached Cornell's goal.

On Saturday of this week Hobart plays a return game at Ithaca. Other games scheduled are as follows:

May 6, Rochester University, at Ithaca.
May 9, Columbia, in New York.
May 11, Crescent Athletic Club, in New York.
May 12, Stevens Institute, at Hoboken.
May 13, Staten Island Athletic Club, Staten Island.
May 15, Harvard, in Cambridge or New York.
May 26 or 27, Toronto, at Ithaca.
May, 30, Hobart, place undecided.

Track News.

Manager Haines of the Track Association is anticipating a successful issue to the new venture of an open annual handicap meet at Percy Field which is to be held on Saturday, May 6. Entries are coming in very satisfactorily, but as they will be received up to Friday of this week, no statement of their amount is obtainable. The meet will include thirteen events, open to all secondary schools and to colleges of New York State. Cornell will enter men in all these events.

On Monday were held the trial heats to select the relay team which will represent Cornell at the Pennsylvania games on Saturday. The men chosen and their time for the quarter

were as follows: Hastings, 52 2-5 seconds; Alexander, 53 2-5 seconds; Kennedy, 53 3-5 seconds; Bassett, 53 4-5 seconds. This team is matched to run against Columbia, Pennsylvania State, Lehigh, and Lafayette.

About ten men, among them Hansen, Offut, Kelsey, Vasbinder, Coates, Pike, Pettit, Davall, and Ludwig, are training in the bicycle squad at Percy Field. A bicycle meet with Columbia is scheduled for May 13 in New York, and Cornell will also enter bicycle men in the Intercollegiate later in the season.

A New Course on India.

Professor H. Morse Stephens will give a new two-hour course next year on "India and the Dependencies of the British Crown."

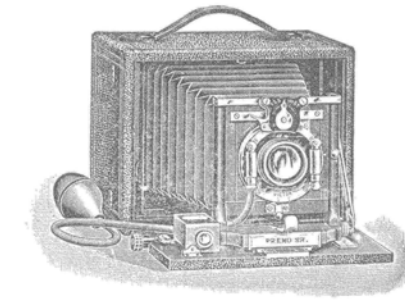
Professor Corson.

The Troy Times of April 22 includes a supplement devoted entirely to the life of Professor Hiram Corson. The frontispiece is the picture of him which many pronounce is the best that has yet been produced.

"Seventy-Nine's" Reunion.

The twentieth reunion of the class of '79 will be held in Ithaca, in June. Inquiries are being made among the men of the class as to plans. The officers of the class are asked to communicate with THE NEWS relative to the celebration.

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CREW MATTERS.

The 'Varsity and Freshman Improving.

The past week has been marked by steady improvement among the crews. The two 'Varsities are rowing in practically the same order as a week ago. Their practice has been regular and the faults in individual and crew form are slowly being eradicated. The practice has been carried on during the past week on the lower part of the Inlet, the crews running out to the lighthouse and back on their trial spins. From now on, the work will be transferred, when weather permits, to the open waters of the lake, where straight-away courses of any desired length can be had. The launch "Corneli" has been put in commission and with it Coach Courtney will be able to follow the crews and direct the work from close at hand.

The first and second 'Varsities have continued their quarter-mile "scraps" during the past week. Up to Saturday night, thirteen of these little brushes had been held and every one had been won by the first boat, though often by very narrow margins. On Monday, three "scraps" were held, and of these the first boat took the first, the second was a tie, and the third was won by the second boat. The crew of the latter, which is made up of last year's freshman oarsmen, has shown decided improvement in form during the past week. The first boat, too, is not losing any ground, but is steadily improving. In addition to these crews, a four-oared crew is out every day in the gig, looking to the preparation of the combination to enter the Cornell-Pennsylvania four-oared race in the Poughkeepsie regatta.

The 'Varsity crews are now rowing as follows: first boat—bow, Fay; two, Halloway; three, Hanmer; four, King; five, Perkins; six, Beardslee; seven, Dalzell; stroke, Robbins; coxswain, Fisher; second crew—bow, Taylor; two, Vanderhoef; three, Hulse; four, Tryon; five, Will; six, Lyon; seven, Hartley; stroke, English; coxswain, Pate; four-oared crew—bow, Ayres; two, Wag-

ner, three, Smallwood (Thomas); stroke, Coit.

The Freshmen during the past few days have responded well to the attention which Mr. Courtney has given them and they are now rowing noticeably better than a week or ten days ago. Two eights are out each day stroked by Walker and Flowers respectively. The boats, since the latter part of last week, have been steered by Freshman coxswains, who have had the usual experience of collisions and the like. These, beyond the breaking of a few oars, have not resulted seriously and it seems that the young steersmen will in time learn their part successfully. The work of the Freshmen has improved, as we have said, in the past week. Particularly is this noticeable in the first boat. A week ago they were daily having the little "scraps" with the second crew. Toward the end of the week, however, Courtney re-rigged the first crew's shell and it has since been giving a better account of itself. One or two members of the first boat are still having difficulty and catch crabs occasionally, but aside from this the crew is showing much better form.

The Freshman crews are now composed about as follows: first boat—bow, Toohill; two, Chase; three, Kelly; four, Powley; five, Emmons; six, Francis; seven, Beyer; stroke, Walker; coxswain, Long (Price); second boat—bow, McLeary; two, Kirkpatrick; three, Petty; four, Randall; five, Burrows; six, Teagle; seven, Nichols; stroke, Flowers; coxswain, Price (Hinkley).

On Thursday evening, Courtney selected the following 'Varsity men to go to the training table at Connely's for dinner each day: Fay, Hartley, English, Rice, Lyon, King, Tryon, Taylor, Perkins, Hulse, Vanderhoef, Beardslee, Robbins, Dalzell, and Fisher. Mr. Courtney states that he expects "Freddie" Briggs here the last of this week to assist in the coaching. Briggs's experience as stroke on the 'Varsity of last year and preceding years will make him a valuable assistant in the coaching.

'98. Parton Swift is in the law office of Judge H. J. Swift, Cuba, N. Y.

The '86 Memorial Stage.

The Department of Oratory has announced the appointment of the following twelve speakers to the '86 Memorial stage:

Clarence Bartlett Etsler, Law, Gowanda.

James Henry Gould, Arts, Seneca Falls.

Clayton Ivy Halsey, Philosophy, West Groton.

Lee Franklin Hanmer, Philosophy, Bradford.

Frank Howard Hausner, Law, Farmington.

Miss Lydia B. Jones, Arts, Plattsburg.

Sidney S. Lowenthal, Arts, Rochester.

William Osgood Morgan, Science, Pittsfield, Mass.

James Bennett Nolan, Science, Reading, Pa.

Lewis Stanton Palen, Arts, Monticello.

Charles Burlingame Smallwood, Arts, Warsaw.

Jesse Henry Wilson, Jr., Arts, Washington, D. C.

A Cornell Club in Philadelphia.

The members of the Cornell Association of Philadelphia at the annual meeting of the Association held on Saturday evening, April 15, discussed the advisability of establishing a Cornell Club and securing rooms to be used as headquarters by Cornell men residing in the vicinity of Philadelphia or by those visiting in the city. A large amount of interest was manifested in the project and a committee was appointed to enroll names and to arrange for starting such a club.

The following officers of the Association were elected for the coming year: President, Arthur Falkenau, '78; vice presidents, J. L. Knapp, '80 non-grad., and William Twining, '90; recording secretary, H. V. Wille, '92; corresponding secretary, S. R. Davis, '96; treasurer, R. T. Mickle, '92; executive committee, R. McCarthy, '96, J. W. Tierney, '96 Special, Professor F. S. Edmonds, '95 Grad., and H. V. Register, '92.

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