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A REGULAR meeting of the Administration Committee of the Board of Trustees was held at President Schurman's office on Saturday, February 9. Those present were Chairman Van Cleef, President Schurman, Trustees Williams, R. H. Treman, C. E. Treman, Edwards, and Wilson, Comptroller Williams, and Faculty representatives Kimball, Willcox, and Comstock.

THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED mainly to routine business. Assistants were appointed for the second term as follows: A. W. Bull, A. C. Wintringham, E. J. Hasselbeck, and J. C. Leppart, in chemistry; August Schmidt, E. C. Rice, W. E. Richmond, E. J. Rutan, W. Littlewood, in physics; J. C. Hunter and Mrs. N. F. MacDonald, in zoology; F. W. Hankins, in heat power engineering; E. A. Valade, in experimental engineering; Anthony J. Brown, in physiology, and E. S. Stone, in diagnosis at the Veterinary College; C. G. Blair, W. W. Janes, and W. E. Michel, in military science and tactics. Davies K. Banks and H. B. Reyes were appointed instructors in machine design.

PROFESSORS John Bentley, jr., Samuel N. Spring, and B. A. Chandler have resumed their work in the Department of Forestry. During the first term Professors Bentley and Spring gave courses in forestry at Yale University; and Professor Chandler was making an investigation of the hard woods of the Adirondack region.

TWENTY-ONE PROMOTIONS in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps are published in late orders by the Commandant. These include, besides non-commissioned officers and lieutenants, Charlton G. Blair of Buffalo, Warham W. Janes of Charlotte, N. Y., and Walter E. Michel of Riverton, N. J., to be cadet captains; and Randall James Le Boeuf, jr., of Albany, to be cadet major.

THE ALUMNI PLEDGE CAMPAIGN of the class of 1918 will begin on February 15 and continue through the month. Following the example of its predecessors, this year's committee will endeavor to secure not large amounts but a moderate subscription from every member of the class; each member is asked to pledge

himself to give five dollars a year, the first payment falling due on March 1, 1919. This plan requires extraordinary efforts, since many seniors have left the University. All of these, however, no less than those still in residence, will be asked to contribute. The work is under the direction of H. W. Roden, of Dallas, Texas, chairman of the committee, and Miss Clara Howard, of the Cornellian Council.

THE SECOND CONVOCATION HOUR will be at noon on Saturday next. The speaker is the Honorable Julius Kahn, Republican Representative from California, who will speak in Bailey Hall, on the subject "Some American Problems."

INTERCOLLEGIATE championship rifle matches under the auspices of the National Rifle Association will be held during the present month. The Cornell Rifle Club, affiliated with the national association, will take part in these annual tests of marksmanship. The University team will be chosen by competition open to all undergraduates in good standing; even freshmen may compete. The matches will be held in the new Armory range under the direction of Col. Barton as judge. A bronze trophy and bronze medals are awarded to the team making the highest score. Cornell is one of a dozen colleges belonging to the association.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB will present three short plays on Friday and repeat them on Saturday, in Goldwin Smith C. The plays are "Neighbors" by Zona Gale, "In the Hospital" by P. H. Dickinson, and "The Groove" by George Middleton.

A COMMUNITY WOODYARD, so-called, is now in operation in Ithaca. The project was suggested some time ago by the College of Agriculture; the actual organization, made more necessary by the shortage of coal, is the result of cooperation between Professor D. S. Kimball, Federal Fuel Administrator for Tompkins County, the Department of Forestry, and the County Farm Bureau. The purpose is to bring together the producer and the consumer of wood. The consumer places his order with a central committee, which in turn gives notice to a farmer who has wood for sale. The price is fixed. The farmer getting the order delivers the

wood and receives payment in cash. This simple plan works well if the central committee has information about the sources of supply among farmers. The Ithaca committee has the services of the agent of the Farm Bureau. Thus far the work has gone forward satisfactorily.

THE ITHACA FIRE WHISTLE will be used in case of emergency to call out Company D of the New York State Guard. The signal is five blasts five seconds long and five seconds apart; then after an interval of half a minute the signal is repeated; whereupon the company will assemble in uniform at the Armory. Captain Nagel has issued a standing order assigning certain squads to specific sections of the city, some being held in reserve at the Armory. The arrangement has the approval of Mayor Davis and Fire Chief Reilly.

THE WOMEN'S VOCATIONAL CONFERENCE will hold its third meeting in Barnes Hall on Monday. Dr. Kristine Mann '13 M.D. will speak on "Medical and Non-medical Vocations for Women." Dr. Mann has been investigating health conditions in New York department stores for the past four years. The lecture is open to the public.

LECTURES FOR THE WEEK are "The Physical Geography of the Region about Ithaca," illustrated, by Professor O. D. von Engeln, before the Agassiz Club, "Botanical Observations in the Okefinokee Swamp" by Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, before the Arts Botanical Club, "Greek Architecture" by Professor E. P. Andrews, in the Illustrated Popular Lecture Course, and "Militarism and Sea-Power" by Professor George L. Burr, in the course on the History of Civilization.

THE *Cornell Era* announces the election of F. H. Swezey '20 of Ripley, Dale Bumstead, jr., '21 of Oak Park, Ill., and F. C. Lane '21 of Cambridge, Mass., to the editorial board.

THE UNIVERSITY CLUB held a musicale on Monday. The program consisted of solos and trios by Mrs. Mabelle N. Williams, violinist, Professor Vladimir Karapetoff, cellist, and Mrs. Helen V. Switzer, pianist.

The Cornell Bureau in Paris Fifty-one Additional Cornell Men Have Registered Since December 1

The Cornell Bureau in the American University Union in Europe has got under way in good shape. A lounge space has been devoted to the use of Cornell men and is labeled "The Cornell Campus Cozy Corner." The Cornell bulletin board and periodicals are placed there, as well as the visitors' register of the Bureau. Cornell's "Roll of Honor" will be posted there when the time comes, and there is a nucleus of a library, which is growing. Ridgeway Bishop '16 has presented the Bureau with a large Cornell pennant, which was greatly needed and rather difficult to obtain in France. Song books and similar material are being shipped.

Alphonse D. Weil '86, who thus describes the present facilities of the Cornell Bureau, has sent a list of those registered from December 1 to January 5. The registration previous to December 1 was given in the ALUMNI NEWS of January 10. Fifty-one names have been added, a total of 101. One name in the earlier list, W. E. Garin, which could not be identified, proves to be that of W. E. Gavin '11. The name of S. B. Viet, which appeared in the earlier list, without numerals, is that of an "adopted son" in the Paris Cornell Club. The list of the registration since December 1 follows:

Acker, E. R. '17
Andrews, R. H. '11
Braunworth, P. L. '06
Chase, A. P. '18
Clark, R. R. '12
Cole, H. I. '14
Crane, W. B. '18
Ebersole, Newman '10
Edmonds, Franklin S. '95
Farnsworth, T. H. '18
Farquhar, R. V. '18
Foster, F. V. '15
Gates, E. H. '17, Lieut.
Gavin, W. E. '13
Hill, W. D. '15
Howland, H. S. '84
Hutton, W. H. H., jr., '91, Lt.-Col.
Jablous, Benjamin '08
Judson, Paul '09
Kluge, E. J. '13, 2d Lt.
Knibloe, Laurence '07, 1st Lt.
Kolpien, K. H. '15
Lamont, W. J. '16
Lampert, J. G. B. '13
Levy, M. S. '09
Livermore, N. B. '95, Capt.
Macnamara, G. A. '20
Maynard, L. A. '15

Morton, E. E. '11
Neff, Lewis K., jr., '12
Oliphant, D. C. '11, 1st Lt.
Parker, A. G. '14
Place, H. G. '17
Purchas, A. E., 2d, '15
Reed, A. B. '95
Robinson, L. H. '13
Rogers, C. R. '05
Rosenberg, Abram '13
Schauf, W. A. '16
Somervell, W. M. '92, Major
Spafford, J. H. '17
Stevens, W. H. '12
Summers, R. E. J. '14, 1st Lt.
Vickers, J. H. '17
Vosbury, E. D. '14
Waddington, J. deP. '13, Lieut.
Wallower, H. H. '17
Webb, W. L. '84, Major
Wieland, A. E. '00
Wood, F. E. '15, 1st Lt.
Woodman, DeGraaf '17
Woodruff, J. F. '17

THE WAR RESEARCH BOARD

A War Research Board has been established at the University by the Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the Faculty of the Graduate School for the purpose of co-ordinating under one central head all Government emergency work. The action was taken at a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Saturday and President Schurman was authorized to appoint the three members who will compose the board.

The University has been frequently asked since the beginning of the war by various Governmental departments to conduct some particular investigation and it is for the purpose of receiving and taking care of these requests that the Research Board has been created.

The idea originated with Professor F. K. Richtmyer of the Physics Department, who realized the possible benefits from such an organization after a visit to Washington several weeks ago. Cornell is ideally equipped and fitted to conduct research work, it is pointed out, and under the control of a central board, the Government will be offered more efficient use of these facilities.

So far, the Physics and Chemistry Departments, Sibley College, and frequently the Mathematics Department have been called upon to do a large amount of special work, but under the new board, these tasks may be augmented.

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN will address the Cornell Club of Syracuse at a dinner to be given on February 28.

MILITARY NOTES

At the Camp Wadsworth Schools

Cornell men occupy high positions in two of the important schools recently established at Camp Wadsworth, S. C., by Major General O'Ryan for the benefit of the 27th Division, National Guard. Major Jesse Scott Button '96 is senior instructor in the Officers' Training School organized on January 5. Lieutenant Colonel John B. Tuck '93 is commandant of the Division School of the Line organized on January 4, with forty-five officers, many of them British and French, making up the corps of instructors. The work includes instruction in grenades, bayonet, musketry, trench warfare, field fortification, camouflage, transportation, and gas defense.

Anderson '08 Captain Ordnance

R. P. Anderson '08 AB., '12 Ph.D., assistant professor in the Chemistry Department of the University, and associated with the United Natural Gas Company at Oil City, Pa., during the present academic year, on leave of absence, has received a captaincy in the Ordnance Department as an expert in gas analysis and the chemistry of gases.

Richards '17 Camp Athletic Officer

Lieutenant Alma W. Richards '17, formerly a member of the Cornell and Olympic track teams, has been appointed regimental athletic officer at Camp Fremont, Cal. He has arranged an inter-regimental track meet at Stanford, and meets with the University of California and Stanford, to be held during February and March.

Cornell Men Promoted

Samuel H. McLeary '04 M.E. was promoted on December 29 from Captain, Coast Artillery to Major, Coast Artillery, National Army, not yet assigned.

Andrew W. Newberry '05 A.B. was promoted on December 11 from First Lieutenant to Captain, Engineers Reserve Corps, not yet assigned.

Maj. Udall, '01 Leaves University

Dr. D. H. Udall '01 D.V.M., Professor of Medicine and Superintendent of the Ambulatory Clinic in the Veterinary College, is about to leave for Camp Oglethorpe, Ga. Udall received the commission of major in the Veterinary Corps of the National Army last October. The heavy teaching schedule due to the exceptionally large class in medicine this year rendered his services of greater value as a teacher than they seemed to

be in the Army at that time; but the demands for veterinarians of experience in the care of public animals has now become so acute that he has accepted the call to enter the service at this time.

Udall is exceptionally well prepared for army veterinary service. After graduation from the University of Vermont, he took the course in the New York State Veterinary College, from which he graduated in 1901. For two years thereafter he was engaged in private practice in Vermont. He then accepted a post as teacher of surgery in the College of Veterinary Medicine of the Ohio State University. When Dr. Law retired in 1908 Dr. Udall was appointed acting professor of veterinary medicine here. Later he spent some time in studying at Berne, Budapest, and Hanover with the great teachers of veterinary medicine in Europe. In 1914 he was made professor of veterinary medicine and superintendent of the ambulatory clinic, which position he now holds.

During the past four years Dr. Udall has been called on several occasions in consultation in connection with epizootic diseases among horses purchased by the Allied armies. Last spring he made a careful study of the large remount depot at Lathrop, Mo., maintained at that time by the British Government. Udall is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the State Veterinary Medical Society and editor and publisher of *The Cornell Veterinarian*. He served in the Spanish-American War.

Sanborne '16 in Accident

Lieutenant Paul F. Sanborne '16 had recently a narrow escape from serious injury on the aviation field at Lake Charles, La. According to reports received by friends in Ithaca, just as Sanborne was preparing for flight, another airplane came to a landing behind him and crashed into his machine with such force that both planes were virtually demolished. Sanborne, however, was not hurt at all and the other aviator only slightly.

On the Tuscania

Four Cornell men are known to have sailed on the liner *Tuscania*, torpedoed in Irish waters. A search of the lists of the missing indicates that they are among the survivors. The four men are Captain John R. Haswell '09, Lieutenant Charles H. Reader '15, Edward W. Borst '16, and John W. Blackman, jr., '17.

A. C. Trego '13 a Captain

Albert C. Trego '13 ME has recently been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Ordnance Department, N. A., and assigned to the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass.

Goldsmith Ably Presented

Women Give Exceptional Performance of "She Stoops to Conquer"

Goldsmith's well known comedy, in five acts, "She Stoops to Conquer," was excellently and beautifully presented by the Cornell Women's Dramatic Club on Friday at the Lyceum.

The club has been giving public performances for but two years, their first production of the kind being Barrie's "Quality Street." For many years previous the club's productions had been open only to the women and a few invited male members of the Faculty, owing to objections to their appearing in male attire. That this objection is without real foundation in a first class production seems to be established in the present one.

If it were necessary to award first place for excellence to any one member of the cast, the task would be most difficult. The players were well selected for their roles and the entire performance was exceedingly well balanced. Perhaps the role of Hardcastle as played by Miss Dorothy F. Levy '21 was the most skillfully done of all. Miss Dagmar A. Schmidt '18, daughter of Professor Nathaniel Schmidt, as Miss Hardcastle, and Miss Rodney Mason '21 as Tony Lumpkin, received perhaps the major shares of applause. The other principal parts, however, were no less well played. Miss Inez D. Ross '20 as Mrs. Hardcastle, Miss Katherine M. Rodger '18 and Miss Katherine Coville '18 as Young Marlowe and Hastings, Miss Mildred M. Wicker '19 as Sir Charles Marlowe, and Miss Ethel R. Harrison '20 as Miss Neville took the other principal parts, with Miss Alice L. Smith '20 as Diggory, Miss Marie Clark '19 as the maid, and Miss Mildred A. Youmans '18 as the landlady. Minor parts, such as those of servants, were played by Miss Louise C. Bentley '18, Miss Fern Lowry '18, Miss Francis E. W. Searles '18, Miss Carol G. Strong '20, Miss Sophie M. von Deylen '21, Miss Jeanette Warner '19, and Miss Bertha Whitelaw '21.

Twenty good-looking ushers in the costume of the period (1773) handled the seating of the audience. The

audience comfortably filled the Lyceum, although the theatre was by no means crowded. Little publicity had been given to the play, in spite of its long preparation, and the size of the audience was largely dependent on a ticket sale competition. The coach was Miss Marita Oelkers '19, assisted by Professor Martin W. Sampson. The stage manager was Miss Gladys K. Bleiman '19. The general manager was Miss Dagmar A. Schmidt '18.

The costuming was excellently worked out, and in this respect the play was quite the equal of any similar professional performance. The costumes of the actors as well as of the ushers were by Van Horn & Son of Philadelphia. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Red Cross fund.

SUMMER SESSION STAFF

The members of the Faculty who will conduct the summer terms for seniors in Sibley and the College of Civil Engineering have been selected and approved by the Trustees. Twenty professors and instructors are included in the staff for Sibley while four will have charge of the C. E. work for the graduating class. The summer term will begin May 27.

A feature of the M. E. program is the provision made for the return of Professors G. R. McDermott and C. D. Albert, both of whom are at present in Washington engaged in war work as members of the United Shipping Board. They would take charge of the courses in naval architecture and marine engineering. In all probability, both men will be able to return to the University for the third term; but it will not be definitely known whether or not they can get away from Washington until later.

The rest of the staff for Sibley, with five places yet to be filled, follows: Assistant Professor Robertson Matthews, power engineering; Professor V. Karapetoff, Assistant Professor J. F. Putnam, Instructors R. F. Chamberlain, M. C. Hughes, and R. B. Stewart, electrical engineering; Assistant Professor M. A. Lee, machine design; Professor H. Diederichs, Assistant Professor V. R. Gage, and Instructor L. L. Richardson, experimental engineering; Assistant Professor W. C. Ballard, radio courses.

The following will instruct the C. E. seniors: Professors F. A. Barnes, F. J. Seery, and C. H. Berry and Instructor L. C. Urquhart. Professor Berry will divide his time between the two colleges.

Reclamation of Rejected Men Professor Sheldon of the Medical College Active—The Work and Method

Although the New York Volunteer Physical Reclamation Committee has been in existence only a short time, it is already doing a useful work. It is interested primarily in getting into the service men who have been rejected by the Army or Navy for being underweight and under-developed.

The work owes much to the enthusiasm of Professor William H. Sheldon, of the Cornell Medical College in New York. Last April Dr. Sheldon first interested a physical instructor, Mr. Arthur McGovern, in the idea of building up men rejected for physical defects, and Mr. McGovern agreed to hold classes in physical drill three mornings a week at the Cornell Medical Clinic. Several men entered the classes and also took up hygiene; but so few could get away from their work for regular exercise that after two months the classes were discontinued. In the fall, however, encouraged by Dr. W. Gilman Thompson and Dr. Lewis Connor, Dr. Sheldon revived the scheme. The Cutler School gymnasium was offered free for the use of classes. The cooperation of Captain Adams, of Dr. Alfred and his staff at the Navy Recruiting Office at 34 East 23d St., and of Dr. Arnold, the medical officer in charge of the Marine Recruiting Office in 23d St. was secured. Largely through the efforts of Mr. Elwin W. Poor, there is now a small but efficient organization for handling the business of the committee. Since the formation of the committee on November 16 classes have been held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening at eight o'clock. The facilities of the Cutler School have been outgrown and the work is now done at the Cornell Medical College, where extra shower baths have been installed at considerable expense.

On entering the class every man is examined and advised as to diet and hygiene. The men are then divided into squads of twelve and put through a physical drill for twenty minutes, which is followed by a shower, a rub, and a lunch of crackers and milk. On alternate days the men are encouraged to take the exercises at home, but to take no other exercise save a short walk during which they are to practice deep breathing.

As a result, it is rare for a man to gain less than two pounds a week. Several men now in the service gained each from eight to twelve pounds in three to

five weeks, and one man in his first week gained ten pounds. Of the 116 men who have attended the classes, 28 have dropped out for various reasons, 64 are still in attendance, and 24 have gained the requisite weight and are now in the Army or Navy. Several others, too, have joined other branches of the service. The general effect on the men has been most excellent.

Dr. Sheldon is convinced that the experiment is successful and that others should start similar classes in other places. He points out, however, that merely throwing open gymnasiums is not enough. Too much work, undirected by competent instructors, is worse than none at all. Moreover, advice on hygiene and diet is absolutely essential.

Such work is needed not only in war time but in times of peace as well. More important than all, it helps to spread through the community correct ideas of how to live.

Reed '98 on Speaking Tour Praises Cornell Bureau in Paris—Advises Undergraduates to Finish their Courses

Daniel A. Reed '98, late associate coach in football, in response to an invitation by President Schurman, has promised to make an address at the University in late March or early April. Reed is now in the West speaking for the Federal Food Administration, his trip so planned as to preclude an earlier visit to Ithaca. In his letter to Dr. Schurman he mentions his meeting with Cornellians in France and gives some timely advice to men in college.

"It may interest you to know that I visited the Cornell Bureau in Paris, where I found it doing most effective work. At the American front and in many parts of France I met Cornell men, all of whom were doing their bit with the energy and spirit that are characteristic of our institution. One of the first men to greet me was Col. Joe Beacham. Just before leaving Paris I was told that he had just been promoted to the general staff.

"It must be a source of gratification to you to see the patriotism of Cornell students in a great national crisis.

"I asked many officers what advice they would give to students and in every instance they pointed out the importance of young men devoting themselves diligently to thorough preparation before enlisting. The boy who is really patriotic and anxious to serve his country to the very best of his ability must not neglect his studies, especially if he wishes to

enter any branch of the military service requiring technical training. No young man can hope to obtain recognition for real leadership in the Army unless he has sufficient spirit to sacrifice pleasure for work while attending the university."

LUSK '02 CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

Clayton Riley Lusk '02 of Cortland has announced his candidacy for the State Senate at next fall's election. Lusk is a Republican. The district which he hopes to represent is a new district comprising the counties of Broome, Cortland, and Chenango. No resident of Cortland County has sat in the Senate since 1861.

Mr. Lusk was born in Lisle, N. Y., December 21, 1872. After attending school at Union and the Lisle Academy, he taught at Chenango Forks, entered Cornell in 1899, and was graduated with the degree of LL.B. in 1902. Beginning at once the practice of law, he was for a time associated with Rowland L. Davis '97, now a justice of the Supreme Court. Mr. Lusk has served two terms as city judge of Cortland, and is well known in the fraternal circles of that city.

PROFESSOR RILEY RESIGNS

Professor William A. Riley (Ph.D. '03), since 1912 professor of insect morphology and parasitology in the College of Agriculture, was on January 18 elected professor of parasitology and chief of the division of economic zoology in the University of Minnesota, and will take up his duties there at the beginning of the next academic year.

Professor Riley came to Cornell in 1898 as a graduate student from De Pauw University, where he received the degree of B.S. in 1897. In 1899 he became an assistant in entomology; he was promoted to an instructorship in 1901 and to an assistant professorship in 1906.

He is the joint author (with Professor O. A. Johannsen) of a "Handbook of Medical Entomology," published in 1915 by the Comstock Publishing Company, of Ithaca, and has also published numerous articles and reviews.

He is a member of Delta Upsilon, Gamma Alpha, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi.

FARMERS' WEEK is this week from Monday to Saturday. Many special features are planned relating to conditions produced by the war.

THE SAGE CHAPEL PREACHER for the morning and evening services on Sunday will be the Reverend Hugh Black, D.D., of the Union Theological Seminary.

Comment on the Amendment Change in Associate Alumni By-laws is Welcomed by Students of the Situation

Letters approving the amendment to the by-laws of the General Alumni Association, which was published in the ALUMNI NEWS last week, seem to indicate that the change is a welcome one to those who have "fought and bled" for the organization in its long career, as well as an obvious one.

President Schurman writes:

The General Alumni Association must have financial means, surely, for the effective performance of its functions. The plan of finance now proposed impresses me as likely to be both practicable and equitable. It seems to me to be a proper co-ordination of the General Association's widening usefulness with the growing strength of the local groups of Cornell men and women.

The new plan has the merit of directness. The Association will ask its own members to support it themselves to the extent of its deserts and not to compel it longer to beg for a modicum of the Alumni Fund, which they maintain for another purpose.

I rejoice in the work you are doing in the Associate Alumni, and beg to assure you of my desire always to co-operate with you in any way in my power. All are of one family, and all have in view the advancement of the highest efficiency of the University.

Very cordially yours,

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN.

R. H. Treman '78 of the University Board of Trustees writes:

I have received a copy of the proposed amendments to the Alumni Association by-laws and they seem to me admirably planned. The importance of having proper and admirable support given to the Alumni Association must be apparent to all and this plan, it would seem, provides the necessary machinery for supplying the financial support without imposing any burden. I trust it may be received favorably by the alumni and adopted at the next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. TREMAN.

J. Du Pratt White '90, who drafted the amendment and who is a member of the Board of Trustees, comments on the plan as follows:

The plan adopted by the Associate Alumni Finance Committee for financing the Associate Alumni by an assessment levied on each of the constituent clubs based upon the respective member-

ships of those clubs, seems to me to be the best that could be devised. Not only does the plan distribute the burden, which really will be slight, among the various constituent clubs in the most equitable way by providing for a per capita basis, but the plan also gives to each club the opportunity to do its share toward financing the Association, with the knowledge that every other club is doing its share. There can be no difference of opinion as to the necessity of putting the Associate Alumni in a position where it may carry on its activities in a dignified and proper way without embarrassment as to finances and without the humiliation of special solicitation for funds. I feel confident that a fair trial of the plan will result in enthusiastic support.

Very sincerely,

J. DU PRATT WHITE.

W. W. Macon '98 is treasurer of the Associate Alumni. It is this officer who will be called on for most of the work of collecting the assessments from the clubs. Macon is nevertheless in favor of the proposition as his letter shows:

I have lively hopes the plan will prevail. To obtain funds from the Cornellian Council, while rightful in pushing alumni activities, violates in a measure the spirit of the donations of the Cornellian Council and is always likely to furnish a sum inadequate even for mere routine matters. Counting on one third of the alumni as tied to local associations, a per capita assessment of no more than fifteen cents would give \$1500 or two and one half times the sum under which the Associate Alumni has tried to keep going.

Very truly yours,

W. W. MACON.

Henry R. Ickleheimer '88 of the Board of Trustees writes briefly:

I am entirely in accord with the proposed amendment.

Yours very truly,

HENRY R. ICKLEHEIMER.

LOCK OPERATORS NEEDED

The New York State Civil Service Commission, Albany, N. Y., announces an examination, to be held February 23, for Lock Operators. Candidates must be at least 23 years of age and must have had at least 3 years' experience in erecting and operating electrical machinery, or in substations or power plants. \$900-\$1800. Apply to the above address for the application forms for "Lock Operator, Department of Public Works."

The New England Club

Boston Cornellians Begin Campaign to Make the Men in France Comfortable

The Cornell Club of New England has sent out a notice of the All College Rally which will be held on Saturday, the proceeds of which go to the American University Union in Europe. A poster accompanies the notice asking for funds for the Cornell Bureau. The poster reads: "Cornell men in France need our help. Send your ten dollars now and boost them over the top. Your bit will go to the support of the Cornell Branch of the American University Union in Paris and will provide there a Cornell home for Cornell men." Another sheet reprints Professor Sampson's appeal in the ALUMNI NEWS of January 31, with the following letter:

Cornell Is Calling You

CORNELL MEN:

Read the above reprint of Professor Sampson's appeal in behalf of the Cornell Bureau of the American University Union.

We are making an appeal to you in order that this club may do its share as the New England unit of the Cornell Clubs back of this movement.

This contribution will provide a Cornell home for Cornell men where, in their brief respites from the front line grind, they can get the sound enjoyment of good fellowship, rest, food and sleep.

Suppose it were you covered with mud and dirt, dead tired with the work and grind of running up supplies, keeping up the roads, fighting time, dirt, vermin, cold, hunger and the Huns, under continuous shell fire for days, how you would enjoy cleaning up for a real dinner with a bunch of the boys and a good smoke before an open fire like the one at home.

Send yours to our secretary, C. W. Fulton, 58 Pearl Street, Boston. Our minimum goal is \$500.00 but we can beat this if you will do your bit.

LINTON HART,

GEORGE ROCKWELL,

For the Cornell Club of New England.

Do Your Bit—Now!

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of the American Mathematical Society at Columbia University, Professor William B. Fite '92 of Columbia read a paper "Concerning the Zeros of the Solutions of Certain Differential Equations," and Professor W. B. Carver of Cornell discussed "The Conditions for the Failure of the Clifford Chain." Professor Virgil Snyder was re-elected a member of the Committee on Publication.



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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION

Many of the comforts and personal services that the Cornell Bureau in Paris provides for Cornell men who are serving their country, in France, are the result of the efforts of A. D. Weil '86 and his co-workers, who are donating their time and money to this work. These headquarters must continue to grow through the efforts and generosity of these individuals until the appeal made by Professor Sampson in the ALUMNI NEWS of January 31 bears fruit. Each person's share is not large. A check for a dollar, five dollars, or whatever one cares to give, sent to the Treasurer of Cornell University and marked for the Union, will help put the project on a more equitable basis.

"CORNELLIAN" SET COMPLETED

In the NEWS of January 3, we mentioned four volumes needed to complete the office reference set of *The Cornellian*. Through the kindness of the Kappa Alpha Society, The Cornell Annuals, Incorporated, and D. F. Hoy '91, the set is now complete. Mrs. G. R. Chamberlain '92 has supplied four missing numbers of THE CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS, Volume IV, needed to enable us to deposit a set in the Cornell University Library.

GETTING INTO THE GAME

A large display advertisement in *The Cornell Daily Sun* for February 8, entitled "A Message to 1920 and 1921," furnishes food for thought. In it *The Sun* pleads with the underclassmen to "get into the game"; for "the truth is that the failure of many of Cornell's activities is imminent unless the underclassmen come to the rescue." "War," the writer goes on to say, "has created a strangely apathetic atmosphere on the Campus. The man with nothing to do in his spare time finds himself always wondering and pondering over war and war problems." He is therefore advised to get rid of his gloom by jumping into some healthful extra-curricular activity. Undoubtedly, for those who need it this is good advice. Instead of moping—or boozing,—have a hobby and ride it, out of hours. There is nothing better for a man, and we believe the alumni will be unanimous in endorsing this view.

The Morris chair loafer is rightly condemned. As a rule he is doing himself no good and he is certainly doing very little for anybody else. When a student engages in an "activity," the chances are that he is not going to rust out, and that he is going to have some useful experiences.

But there are one or two other sides to the matter. It is quite probable that undergraduates have less spare time than before our entry into the war. The increasing seriousness of the struggle is leaving its impression upon both student and professor. More attention is being devoted to the main business of the University. Some of the side-shows are bound to suffer in consequence. This may be unfortunate, but it can not be helped.

Moreover, insofar as the students neglect the "activities" because of a real desire to understand the war in all its phases, and to study the tremendous world-tragedy which is now playing, there is probably gain as well as loss; the gain may be the greater of the two.

At the same time *The Sun* should not be discouraged. Some of Cornell's activities may possibly fail—if only for a time; but the law of survival of the fittest is bound to work here as elsewhere, and the worthiest of our activities—those which are most worth while—will doubtless continue to find their devotees and champions.

OBITUARY

Dr. H. B. Besemer '89

Dr. Howard Burhanse Besemer, one of the foremost surgeons in the State of New York, died at his home in Ithaca in the night of February 7. Death



came quietly during sleep. Besemer had been called during the afternoon to perform a difficult operation and had retired at ten o'clock. He had complained of indigestion for several days, and as there was no indication of apoplexy, it is thought that death was due to pressure on the heart.

Dr. Besemer was the son of Dr. Martin and Emma Wolcott Besemer and was born at Dryden, N. Y., October 19, 1869. He entered Cornell from the Ithaca High School in 1885 and received the degree of Ph.B. in 1889, before he was 20. He graduated with the degree of M.D. from the Medical College of New York University in 1891, and from the Cleveland Homeopathic Medical College in 1892. He was associated with the distinguished surgeon, Robert T. Morris '80, recently a University Trustee, in the practice of surgery, and through this connection obtained experience in many intricate surgical cases. In 1895 he associated

himself with his father, who specialized in homeopathic medicine, while "Dr. Burr" continued to specialize in surgery until the time of his death, except during several trips abroad to continue his studies.

Dr. Burr Besemer was widely known as a skillful surgeon, a rapid operator with an immense capacity for hard work. Although his loss would be a heavy one to the community at any time, it is a calamity at the present time, when surgeons and physicians are leaving Ithaca almost weekly for military service. Besemer was highly thought of not only because of his prominence in his profession but because of his unusual and interesting personality. His loss is mourned not alone by the well-to-do townspeople and the University; he had a large practice among the laboring people of the city, from many of whom he never expected and never received any compensation whatever—except their esteem.

One of his hobbies was his belief in the principles of Socialism. He was candidate for Mayor on the Socialist ticket in 1916 and for alderman in 1917; but in the latter campaign, declaring that the party did not represent Socialism as he saw it, he resigned from the Socialist party.

In 1910 Besemer married Miss Ida M. Burling of Ithaca, who survives him with two small daughters, Mary and Jane. He was a member of the Town and Gown and Rotary Clubs, numerous medical and surgical societies, Ithaca Lodge No. 636, B.P.O.E., and the Delta Chi Fraternity.

Edward McKim Hagar, M.M.E. '94

Edward McKim Hagar, who was a graduate student in electrical engineering in 1893-4 and received his M.M.E. degree in 1894, died of pneumonia at his home in New York City on January 19. Hagar was born in Salem, Massachusetts, on June 21, 1873. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1893 with the degree of S.B. in M.E. He had resided for many years in Chicago, where he was president of the Universal Portland Cement Company. Since the declaration of war he had become president of the Wright-Martin Airplane Company of New Brunswick, N. J. He was a member of many clubs, including the University Club of Chicago, the Cornell University Association of Chicago, the Union League Club, and technical societies. His fraternity was Phi Kappa Psi.

Fraternities During the War Serious Problems Because of Reduced Membership—Alumni Help Out

Fifty chapters of fraternities in the University have contributed one-half of their active membership of last spring to the Army and Navy. In the year 1916-17 these chapters had 1,743 members, and 878 of those men are now in the military service. The average chapter membership a year ago was thirty-four, and the average contribution of active members to the service is seventeen.

These figures were obtained by the Secretary of the University for President Schurman by means of a questionnaire sent to about sixty organizations at the beginning of the present semester. Fifty chapters answered the questions fully enough to afford a basis for tabulation.

Of the 1,743 men in active fraternity membership in 1916-17, only 646, an average of thirteen to the chapter, returned to the University last fall. New members to the number of 370 were admitted in the first term of the present year. Of these, the seniors number thirteen, the juniors thirty, the sophomores seventy-three, and the freshmen 254. However, 117 active members withdrew from the University in the course of the first term, so that the total membership of the fifty chapters when the present term opened was only 899, an average of eighteen.

Many Vacant Rooms

The reduction of membership has left many rooms in chapter houses vacant. The fifty chapters last year could provide rooms for 1,148 members, an average of twenty-three. The greatest number rooming in the houses this year was 730, an average of fourteen. In five instances the house was either closed or rented by the chapter to a society of women students.

Average Room Rent

The average rental paid last year by a fraternity man for his room in a chapter house was \$132.31 for the year. Only nine of the forty-five chapters reporting themselves housed this year have raised the rate of room rental, and the average increase is slight.

Boarding Problem Serious

Ten of the fifty chapters have closed their dining rooms this year on account of the reduction in their membership and the increased cost of staples. Thirty-six of the other forty have raised the price of board. The average fraternity man boarding in the chapter house now pays \$6.85 a week for board, an increase of

eighty-five cents or about fourteen per cent over last year's rate. The lowest current price reported is five dollars and the highest is eight dollars a week.

General Finances

Of fifty chapters giving information about their finances, thirty-four own the land they occupy, four own houses on leasehold from the University, and twelve rent houses or did so last year. The aggregate value, as estimated by them, of the real estate owned by the thirty-eight fraternities occupying their own houses is \$1,461,400 under normal conditions. The assessed valuation of the same properties is \$770,700. The rule in Ithaca is to assess real estate at seventy per cent of its estimated value. The assessor's estimate of the value of the thirty-eight fraternity properties therefore would appear to be about \$1,100,000 under normal conditions.

Against these properties there are outstanding mortgages aggregating \$552,700, and bonds, in addition, aggregating \$198,000. In some instances these bonds are held by alumni of the chapter. The equity of thirty-four chapters in their property, that is, the price paid for the real estate less the amount of liens, aggregates \$581,000.

Receive Aid from Alumni

Twenty-two chapters report that their alumni are helping them to meet fixed charges, such as rent or interest, taxes, insurance, etc. In eleven of these twenty-two the help takes the form of annual contributions of which pledges were given before graduation. In other chapters the alumni have assessed themselves or individuals are making voluntary gifts to help meet the emergency. In seven chapters alumni are helping not only to carry fixed charges but also to meet current chapter expenses. The estimates of the alumni contribution to chapter income range from five to seventy per cent. The average is about ten per cent.

Not a single chapter reports that it is receiving help from the general fraternity, and only six report that offers of such help have been made.

CHICAGO LUNCHEON

At a regular weekly luncheon of the Cornell University Association of Chicago on February 7, Ensign Edwin E. Sheridan '11, U.S.N., who has recently graduated from Annapolis, addressed the association. He brought with him Lieutenant John Gates, U.S.N., who related experiences during his six months in the war zone chasing submarines.

ATHLETICS

Basketball

The Pennsylvania basketball team defeated Cornell Tuesday night by the score of 21 to 18, thereby gaining a commanding lead in the race for the championship of the Intercollegiate League. Pennsylvania now has four victories to her credit and has so far escaped defeat in the League race. The game, which was played before a crowd that taxed the seating capacity of the Armory, was cleanly fought and for the most part was interesting, though after the first five minutes there was no question of Penn's superiority. Cornell did not exhibit the dash and fire manifested in earlier contests; the men seemed unable to solve the Pennsylvania method of attack—at times the Cornellians seemed bewildered, unable to get their bearings. With Cornell slightly below form, and Pennsylvania giving a fine exhibition of consistent smooth team play, the outcome was inevitable. Pennsylvania won on her merits, and if she maintains her present form her chances for capturing the intercollegiate championship may be considered excellent.

Only in the first five minutes of play did Cornell give evidence of winning form. After a slow start, Tripp caged the first basket of the game, and duplicated the feat a short time later. After Peck dropped in the first basket for Pennsylvania, Allen scored for Cornell, followed by another basket thrown by Tripp, giving Cornell an 8 to 2 lead. At this point Cornell wilted and the Quakers began a drive which netted them a total of 13 points in the first half to Cornell's 8. Stannard got three baskets and Martin two, one of the latter being a spectacular throw from beyond the middle of the floor.

Opening the second half Penn again forced the issue. The Cornell five seemed unable to stop the Quakers, or to break through their defense. The visiting team scored four more baskets, running up a 13 point lead before the period was half over. Finally Tripp managed to break away and cage a basket, and a few minutes before the end of the game Kendall caged two more. These three baskets and two foul goals by Stewart completed Cornell's scoring. Pennsylvania was obviously playing safe in the last part of the game, a policy that was amply justified by the final outcome. The Penn players were the more accurate in basket shooting. Cornell lost a num-

ber of easy shots from directly under the basket. Penn's passing and dribbling were more skillful than Cornell's. Stewart, though scoring but one basket, played a fine game for Cornell, while Allen's guarding for the most part was effective. Stannard, Sweeney, and Martin were the principal factors in Penn's victory.

The summary:

Pennsylvania 21	Cornell 18
Stannard.....L. F.....	Stewart
Sweeney.....R. F.....	Tripp
Davis.....C.....	Karr
Martin.....L. G.....	Allen
Peck.....R. G.....	Kendall
Goals—Penn: Stannard 3, Sweeney 2, Martin 2, Peck 2, Davis; Cornell: Tripp 4, Kendall 2, Allen, Stewart. Fouls—Penn: Sweeney, one out of three; Cornell: Stewart, two out of six. Time of halves, twenty minutes. Referee, Tom Thorpe of Columbia; umpire, W. C. Hickok, Ithaca Y. M. C. A.	

Track Athletics

Interest in track athletics is growing as the weather continues moderate. The last board track meet saw the largest attendance of the season so far, and it was noticed that among the men who took part were a number not hitherto identified with track activities.

One of the immediate tasks confronting Jack Moakley is to develop a two mile relay team for the match arranged with Pennsylvania at the Johns Hopkins games in Baltimore on February 23. There are few half milers among the track candidates this year, Fortier being one of the few available men who have been trained for this distance. Mr. Moakley is trying out Dresser, the distance runner, for this team, and he is also making use of Mayer, a sophomore quarter miler. From a field of some half dozen others he will select the fourth man.

While the schedule of the track team has not yet been ratified, it is well understood that Cornell will be represented in the Pennsylvania Relay Carnival in late April. An effort will be made to send to this meet a four mile relay team, and probably a one mile relay team, besides individual entries.

One hundred and fifty men attended the annual track rally held last Thursday night in the Home Economics Building. They listened to addresses by Professor E. P. Andrews, track advisor on the Athletic Council, by Jack Moakley, and by undergraduates interested in the sport. Coach Moakley said that he thought that material was available to make a good showing in track athletics this year, a showing that would keep Cornell in the front in this branch of

sport. "I don't care so much what sort of a team we put on the field this year, but I do want the old spirit," is the way Mr. Moakley summed up.

Cups for winners in the series of freshman cross country runs were awarded to W. F. Morton, J. D. Adams, and W. S. Wadsworth. Morton was the individual winner for the entire series. The Lung Mow trophy, given to the man showing the greatest improvement in cross country running for the year, was awarded to R. D. Spear. This cup, it may be recalled, is the gift of Cornell alumni in China.

Baseball Delayed

Candidates for the baseball team will not begin practice in Bacon cage until after Washington's Birthday. The weekly baseball lectures and studies in the theory of the game are being continued by Dr. Sharpe. Upwards of 50 men have signed the register, thereby signifying that they will become candidates for the team. The management has not yet announced a schedule.

Lacrosse Prospects

A lacrosse team is to be developed this spring, though its season will necessarily be short, and not as many games as usual can be scheduled. Practice began this week in Bacon Practice Hall, where the men will meet evenings twice a week until the weather permits them to transfer their activities out of doors. So far no coach has been selected for this year's team, though Talbot Hunter, who has had much success in handling lacrosse teams here in the past, may be able to give some assistance in training and developing the men. Hunter is now living in Ithaca. Meanwhile G. A. Spiegelberg '18, acting captain of the team, will direct the preliminary training. Only three of the twelve men who played on the team last year are available.

Information reaching the management is that the Intercollegiate League will be formed as usual this year, though perhaps with fewer members than heretofore. Harvard, Stevens Institute, Hobart, and Yale usually develop lacrosse teams.

THE *Widow* announces the election of the following to its board: J. M. Hogan '19, Taylorville, Illinois, assistant business manager; N. T. Newton '19, Brooklyn, art staff; H. B. Cushman '21, East Aurora, C. L. Farnsworth '21, Huntington, and W. C. Murray '21, Dunkirk, editorial staff.

The Summer Term in Sibley Professor Kimball Addresses Students' Parents Explaining the Innovation

The ALUMNI NEWS for January 17 contained the announcement of the summer term of Sibley College. Acting Dean Dexter S. Kimball, under date of February 1, writes to the parents or guardians of students in Mechanical Engineering explaining the purpose of the extra term. The letter follows:

Sibley College of Mechanical Engineering will offer a summer term for Seniors beginning May 27, 1918, and closing September 14, 1918. There will be a short intermission between the closing of the coming spring term and the opening of the new summer term and one between the close of the summer term and the fall term next September. Adequate breathing periods will be provided during the summer. By this means the incoming Senior class will graduate in February 1918, about five months ahead of the normal time.

The reasons for this innovation are as follows: Both the Government and the industries are making great efforts to secure technically trained men. But they are looking, for the most part, for men who have completed their studies, since a partial technical education is not sufficient preparation for real, effective service. Last spring a number of our upperclassmen, under the excitement due to the declaration of war, left college and entered Governmental or industrial service. A number of these men returned last fall very poorly prepared to continue their work with their classes, and a number of them had left so early in the spring that they could not continue and thereby lost a year because of the sequence of courses of study in the College. We are now in constant receipt of letters from others making inquiry how and when they can return and complete their work. This is the universal experience with men who quit college in their senior year. It is generally conceded that it is a great misfortune for a man to fail to secure his degree.

The draft law has made any undue excitement unnecessary, and recent developments have made it clear that it is the duty of engineering students to finish out their courses. President Wilson, Secretary Baker, and other leading Government officers have all accented the desirability of such a procedure. Ex-President Taft, speaking last month before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, said: "The engineer students

and the medical students should be required to go on and complete their preparation as engineers and physicians so that they may become engineers and doctors." The War Department has made two notable modifications of the draft law whereby emergency students who are drafted may claim preferred classification or whereby those who show special aptitude for engineering may join the reserve corps and be detailed to finish their college work.

On the other hand the element of time is vital both for private industries and for military activities, and it would seem that the least the engineering colleges and engineering students can do is to accelerate the processes of education. In Sibley College the senior courses will be modified with these factors in view so that this summer term and the succeeding fall term will give Seniors an opportunity to prepare themselves either for Governmental service or for the industries, and get into the field at the earliest moment and still obtain their degrees.

It is strongly urged, therefore, that all members of the Junior class make an effort to attend this session, particularly as the work of the first senior term will not be repeated next fall.

DEATH OF THE RHODODENDRONS

EDITOR, CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS:

The University's superintendent of grounds has, I believe, complete charge of the landscaping of the campus, including of course the planting of shrubs. The College of Agriculture has a department of landscape art, but rhododendrons were planted in front of Goldwin Smith Hall a year or so ago—only to die of too much sunlight—without getting the opinion of experts who were at hand and ready to advise. This incident, if I have stated it correctly, might suggest that there is some co-ordination of authority still to be made in University administration.

Very truly yours,

H. A. WICHELS '16.

28 Goldwin Smith Hall,
20 January, 1918.

OLD PENN CHANGES ITS NAME

Our contemporary *Old Penn* on February 1 became *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, thus reviving the paper which was published by Benjamin Franklin from 1729 to 1748 and which "illuminated the field of colonial journalism and laid the foundation for much that is best in the modern newspaper and magazine. It is not often that a newspaper revives after sleeping

peacefully for one hundred and seventy years, and we beg to extend to the venerable *Pennsylvania Gazette* our congratulations and best wishes.

LITERARY REVIEW

A Tree Book for Nature-Lovers

Trees Worth Knowing. By Julia Ellen Rogers (M.S. in Agr. '02). Garden City, N. Y. Doubleday, Page & Company. 1917. 8vo, pp. xxiv, 291. Little Nature Library. Price, \$1.60 net.

As the author of "The Tree Book," "The Tree Guide," "Trees Every Child Should Know," and other similar books Miss Rogers has already become well known to the world of nature-lovers. The present work will add to her reputation as a careful observer of facts who possesses the power to present them easily and effectively.

Part I gives us, in twenty-five pages, a good description of "The Life of the Trees." The language is simple and untechnical. One inconsistency may be noted. She says that Latin is dead and that Latin scientific names remain unchanged; yet on p. xxi she speaks of the change of *Ulmus racemosa* to *Ulmus Thomasi*, etc. The truth is, that neither is Latin wholly dead nor do scientific names carry any guarantee of permanency. The writer has exchanged Latin letters with European scholars simply because this was the only possible medium of communication.

The remaining chapters deal systematically but not drily with "The Nut Trees," "Water-loving Trees," "Trees with Showy Flowers and Fruits," "Wild Relatives of Our Orchard Trees," "The Pod-bearing Trees," "Deciduous Trees with Winged Seeds," "The Cone-bearing Evergreens," and "The Palms." The last might well have been longer. Due attention is paid to geographical distribution and commercial use; and even mythology is not neglected, as in the case of the ash.

There are forty-eight illustrations, of which sixteen are in color. Some of the latter are beautiful, but we should hardly say that they are uniformly successful. There is a good index, which lacks only a few entries like Pepperwood and Lotus. One or two misspellings, e. g. *Diospyros*. In general, however, this is a book to be recommended.

Books and Magazine Articles

In *The Ohio State University Monthly* for January, John R. Knipfing '10, now instructor in European history in Ohio State University, writes on "The Case

Against the Peace Discussers." He contends that spreading the notion that Germany cannot be beaten is pernicious and that such a notion is fundamentally false. This he backs up with statements based on personal observation in Germany last year. He contends further that the German people as well as the government is full of a ruthless spirit of political aggressiveness. "Our end," he says, "is the moral regeneration of the German people in their international dealings. The only means at present promising a due measure of success is that of carrying the fight to them until they shall be compelled by consulting their 'Kriegskarte' to renounce the fight as a losing game, and in consequence to pledge themselves to reform their evil international ways. The stakes are big, but the reward is great, for we are struggling to safeguard the most precious contribution to progress of modern history. It was Ernst Renan, I believe, who once wrote (in his 'Souvenirs d' Enfance et de Jeunesse') that the evolution of the human spirit is the best indication of modern progress, and that the recognition of the individual's rights to religious, civic, and political liberty is precisely the most singular manifestation of this spiritual development. Without national and international liberty, however, the rights of the individual cannot be safeguarded. The deduction follows that the United States in entering the war with such ideals has thereby announced to the world its disinterested concern for the security of human liberty and modern civilization."

Ruth Putnam '78 is the author of an article on "California: the Name," published in the December number of the *University of California Publications in History*.

A recent number of *Studies in the Social Sciences*, published by the State University of Iowa, is made up of an interesting summary of "Social Surveys of Three Rural Townships in Iowa," by Professor Paul S. Peirce '97, in which are discussed such topics as geographical features, population, economic conditions, housing, education, religious conditions, and recreation.

In *Mind and Body* for January Professor Charles V. P. Young '99 writes on "Fundamentals of Physical Education and Their Attainment." As important needs of the present he mentions these: "to agree among ourselves as to just what constitutes a rational system of physical education," not only for sec-

ondary schools but also for colleges; and "to carry on a campaign of education not only among the general public, but much more among school and educational authorities, where change is notoriously difficult to bring about."

In *The American Journal of Mathematics* for January Joseph V. De Porte, instructor in mathematics, writes on "Irrational Functions on Algebraic Curves."

Professor George W. Stewart (Ph.D. '01) is the author of a monograph on the question, "Shall Colleges Have a Definite Plan for the Selection of Graduate Students?" published recently by the State University of Iowa.

TWO ORGAN RECITALS FOR FARMERS' WEEK

Two special organ recitals will be given by Professor J. T. Quarles for the guests in the city Farmers' Week. Both recitals will be given in Bailey Hall, one on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and the other Friday at the same hour. The organ in Bailey Hall is one of the largest and most distinctive in America, and these recitals will give visitors an opportunity to hear this notable instrument to good advantage. The programme for Wednesday's recital follows:

Sonata I, in A minor *Borowsky*
I Allegro ma non troppo
II Andante
III Allegro con fuoco
Meditation (employing chimes)

. *Federlein*
The Tragedy of a Tin Soldier . . . *Nevin*

I The Return from War
II His Jealousy
III His Farewell Serenade
IV The Tin Soldier's Funeral March
Pan *Godard*
Andantino in D flat *Lemare*
March and Chorus from "Tann-

häuser" *Wagner*
The programme for Friday's recital:
Concert Overture in C minor . . . *Hollins*
Angelus du Soir (employing
chimes) *Bonnet*
Sketches of the City *Nevin*

I The City from Afar
II On the Avenue
III An Old Lady on a Porch
IV Urchin Whistling in the Streets
V The Blind Man
VI In the Busy Hills
VII Evening

Toccata *de Mereaux*
Largo, from "Xerxes" *Handel*
Farandole, from "L'Arlesienne
Suite" *Bizet*

ALUMNI NOTES

'74—Captain William A. Borden, C. A. C., has been detailed for service in the Ordnance Department, and is awaiting assignment.

'76—George L. Lovell is president of the Lovell State Bank of Monticello, Iowa.

'80 BS—Professor William Trelease, of the University of Illinois, who was the first president of the Botanical Society of America in 1894, has been elected president for the current year.

'84 BCE, '89 CE—Walter Loring Webb is a major in the Engineer Reserve Corps, and is on active duty with the American Expeditionary Forces.

'88 ME—Lieut. Col. Bion J. Arnold, S. C., has been assigned to duty at Washington, D. C.

'89—Edward G. Wyckoff has been appointed Deputy Food Administrator for Tompkins County. Mr. Wyckoff is also chairman of the Food Conservation Committee of the county.

'91 AB—Colonel Ervin L. Phillips, Infantry, N. A., is commanding the 307th Cavalry, N. A., at Del Rio, Texas.

'91 AB—Major Harry A. Lozier, O.R.C., has been assigned to duty at Washington, D. C.

'91-'92 G—Edwin F. Northrup is president and technical adviser of the Pyrolectric Instrument Company, makers of pyrometric and electrical precision instruments, with offices at 148 East State Street, Trenton, N. J.

'92—Theodore R. Tuthill is a member of the Committee on Law Reform of the New York State Bar Association.

'93 BS—Lester M. Hubby is assigned to the American Red Cross Hospital, 4 Rue Piccini, Paris.

'94 PhB, '96 DSc—Professor Bertha Stoneman, of the Huguenot College, Wellington, Cape Town, South Africa, after several years is once more in America on leave of absence and is visiting at the home of Professor Gilbert D. Harris, Cornell Heights, Ithaca.

'95 ME, '96 MME, '97 DSc—Lieut. Col. Frederick W. Phisterer, C.A.C., was assigned as colonel to the 63d Coast Artillery Regiment, on December 24, 1917.

'95—Franklin S. Edmonds should be addressed in care of the Y. M. C. A., 12 Rue d'Aguesseau, Paris.

'95—Lieut. Col. James B. Mitchell has been transferred from Washington to

Governor's Island, New York Harbor, New York.

'96 AB, '01 PhD—Benton S. Monroe was elected secretary of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Cornell University in November, to succeed the late Professor H. A. Sill.

'97—Major Henry Sheldon, Q.M.C., N. A., has been assigned to duty at Washington, D. C., in connection with the establishment of an Ordnance Depot at Metuchen, N. J.

'00 PhD—At the University of North Carolina Professor Edwin Mims of Vanderbilt University recently conducted a seminar of a week in length, two hours each day, on "National Ideals in American Literature," dealing with the following topics: Sectionalism and Provincialism in American Literature; The Achievement of Nationality; American Ideals of Culture; Interpreters of Freedom and Democracy; and American Contributions to Thought.

'01 BSA—First Lieut. Delos L. Van Dine, Sanitary Corps, N. A., is on duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

'02-'04 G—At the last annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society a War Emergency Board of seven members was created which is to put forth a more concerted effort than ever before to stop in crop production the enormous leakage due to plant diseases. Of this committee Professor H. H. Whetzel is chairman, representing the Northeast, and having as his special province college and extension education.

'02 AM, '04 PhD—Dr. Fred W. Foxworthy has retired from the Philippine service and is now forest research officer, stationed at Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States.

'02 ME—John G. Utz is supervisor of engineering and inspection in the Transportation Division, Motor Transport Section, Quartermaster Corps. His address is 205 Union Station, Washington, D. C.

'04 AB—Ernest G. Atkin is an associate professor of Romance languages at the State University of Iowa.

'05—Donald F. Stevens is superintendent of the Newark division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He lives at 64 North Fifth Street, Newark.

'05 MSA, '09 PhD—Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert, a former member of the Faculty of the College of Agriculture and now with the Boston Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the regional Federal Milk Commission for New England. Dr.

Gilbert recently spent several days in Ithaca conducting an investigation for the Massachusetts Legislature.

'05 AB—First Lieut. Gorrell R. White, Engineer R.C., is in the 510th Service Battalion, Petersburg, Va.

'05 PhD—Hendrik Willem van Loon, who has been in Holland for several months as correspondent for the Associated Press, returned last Thursday on the Nieuw Amsterdam and reached Ithaca on Monday.

'05—First Lieut. Henry B. Close, Aviation Section Signal Corps, is on duty with the American Expeditionary Forces.

'06 ME—Allan H. Candee was married to Miss Anna Belle Willis on January 12, 1918. Their home is at 1055 Thirty-sixth Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Candee is chief draftsman in the helical gear department of the Falk Company of Milwaukee.

'06 LLB—Harry C. Baldwin is police commissioner and acting city judge of Ithaca under the administration which came into office at the beginning of the year.

'06 ME—Lieut. and Mrs. Harvey F. Johnson announce the birth of a son, Harvey Fletcher, jr., on December 22, 1917, at Baltimore, Md. Lieut. Johnson is in the U. S. Coast Guard.

'07 ME—Capt. Ralph Knapp, Engineer R.C., was assigned to the 30th Engineers, Gas and Flame Regiment, and sailed for France about December 1.

'07—Clarence D. Tarbell has been named as chairman for Tompkins County for the Government War Savings Stamp campaign.

'07 ME—Major George Ruhlen, jr., C.A.C. is material officer of the South Pacific Coast Artillery District.

'07 BArch—Carl C. Tallman of Auburn, N. Y., is treasurer of the Central New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

'07 ME—Captain Arthur Knapp, Engineer R.C., is with the 24th Engineers, at Camp Dix, N. J.

'08 CE—The address of Albert B. Cudebec is 149 Boulevard Haussman, Paris.

'08 ME—Lieut. Clarence E. Chatfield, Engineer R.C., is with the American Expeditionary Forces, unassigned.

'09 CE—Rev. Hiram G. Conger, who has been minister of the Methodist Episcopal churches at Sparta and Ogdensburg, New Jersey, for the past four years, has been transferred from this post to the

office of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions in New York, where he will be assistant director of the lecture department,—one of the largest departments of the Board. *The New Jersey Herald* in a recent issue spoke in terms of the highest praise of his pulpit and parochial work at Sparta.

'09 LLB—Clarence J. Hand was married to Miss Mary Constance Wilson on December 24, 1917, at Grace Church, New York.

'09 CE—George F. Wiegardt is principal assistant engineer in the Water Department, Construction and Maintenance Division, for the city of Baltimore.

'10 ME—Captain Thomas H. Farrington, Engineer R.C., is on the staff of General I. W. Littell, in charge of cantonment construction. He assisted in the construction of the National Guard camp at Waco, Texas, was in complete charge of the construction work at Peoria, Ill., and Kenosha, Wis., and is now engaged in construction work at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

'10—E. Kay Ford entered the School of Military Aeronautics at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., on January 26. He is in the flying division, Aviation Section, Signal Corps.

'10 LLB—George D. Webster is attending the third officers' training camp at Yaphank, L.I.

'10 BSA—Captain Philip H. Elwood has been transferred from the Field Artillery Reserve Corps to the Aviation Section of the Signal Reserve Corps, and assigned to duty at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

'11—Robert Q. Keasbey is in the War Risk Insurance Department of the American Expeditionary Forces.

'11 CE—Clarence H. Davidson is leaving the Fred T. Ley Company to accept a position as sales manager for the Interstate Electric Construction Company, of Springfield, Mass., which specializes in General Electric Company small motors and electrical fixtures, as well as general electrical installations. Mr. Crowley, the manager, had charge of the electrical installation work in the new State Armory at Cornell. Davidson's address is 84 Monmouth Street, Springfield, Mass.

'11 BS—Stanley G. Judd is a corporal in the 8th Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, Camp Wheeler, Ga.

'11 ME—Ralph W. Wiggins is assistant manager of the Haskell, N. J., Smokeless

Powder Mill of the DuPont Powder Company. He has a daughter, eight months old.

'12 AB, '14 LLB—Second Lieut. Clarence A. Hoornbeek, Signal R.C., is in the First Training Brigade, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas.

'12 CE—R. Russell Graham has been granted a leave of absence by the American Bridge Company, and is engaged in government ship building at Camden, N. J. He was married in June, 1917, and is living at 13 East Walnut Ave., Merchantville, N. J.

'12 LLB—James I. Clarke, who was in charge of the News Bureau of the First Liberty Loan, and the Advertising Bureau in the Second Loan, will be Assistant Director of Publicity in charge of the Advertising Bureau in the next Loan.

'12 ME—Lieut. Harold C. Strohm, U.S.R., is on duty at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

'12 AB—Miss Marjorie L. Barstow has left Connecticut College for Women, where she was instructor in English, and has entered the employ of Harper and Brothers.

'13 BArch—Franklin Pettit, jr., of New York, was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy on February 1, with a commission as ensign in the U. S. Navy for temporary service.

'13 AB—The address of Mrs. Floyd R. Newman (Ruby P. Ames) is 3023 Q Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

'13 LLB—Joseph H. O'Connell has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Aviation Section, S.O.R.C., and is assigned to the School of Military Aeronautics at Cornell University.

'13 CE—First Lieut. Harvey T. Munn, Engineer R.C., is assigned to the 26th Engineers, Camp Dix, N. J.

'13 LLB—Captain George Theodore Houston, jr., was married on January 17 to Miss Phyllis Harding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Maury Harding, at the home of the bride's parents in Vicksburg, Miss. George B. Bell, jr., '13 acted as best man. The couple are at Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, Texas, where Captain Houston is an instructor in artillery in the Officers' Training Camp.

'13 LLB—Ezra J. Feinberg is serving in the coast artillery, and is stationed at Fort Wetherall, R. I.

'13 AB—Julian D. Corrington, who has been, for the past year, museum assistant in the Department of Zoology, has entered the Adjutants' School, Avia-

tion Section, S.O.R.C., at Columbus, Ohio, where he will be in training for two months, with the view of receiving a commission at the completion of his course. Mr. Corrington was colonel of the Cadet Corps during his senior year. His address for the present is General Delivery, Columbus, Ohio.

'14 ME—Eugene M. Pinney is assistant secretary of the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities.

'14 ME—Capt. Clarence W. Vogt, Ordnance, N.A., has been assigned to the Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, in charge of the artillery primer shop.

'14 BS—Richard T. Cotton was married on December 18, 1917, to Miss Emily Willey, of Glendale, Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Willey, who is the daughter of A. J. Willey, superintendent of the Boys' Opportunity Farm, Glendale, and a widely known sociologist, was formerly a teacher in Porto Rico. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton have returned to Porto Rico, where Cotton is U. S. Chief Entomologist in the Insular Experiment Station at Rio Piedras.

'15 BS—Milo L. Frank, who has been mess sergeant in Company 6, 152d Depot Brigade, at Camp Upton, has been appointed first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps, N.A., and assigned to Camp Sheridan, Ala., for duty.

'15 CE—Second Lieut. James R. Rosenfeld, Engineer R.C., has been transferred from Camp Lee, Va., to Camp Dix, N. J., where he is attached to the 26th Engineers.

'15—Mrs. Samuel C. Kellogg of Plainfield, N. J., has announced the marriage of her daughter, Martha Easton, to Sloane E. Miller of New York. Mr. Miller is treasurer of the Miller-Reed Company, Building Contractors, 103 Park Ave., New York.

'15 DVM—Harold C. Vestal has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps, N.A., and is stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

'16 BS—Frederick G. Behrends of Albany, N. Y., was married on January 5 to Miss Vida M. Milks, at Candor, N. Y. Mr. Behrends was formerly an assistant professor in the Department of Rural Engineering of the State College of Agriculture.

'16 AB—Frank J. Towar, jr., is in Hospital Unit No. 5, American Expeditionary Forces.

'16 CE—Second Lieut. Warner Harwood, Engineers, U.S.R., was married to Miss Jeannette Leavitt of Rochester,

N. Y., on October 12, 1917, at Louisville, Ky. Lieut. Harwood is with the 309th Engineer Regiment at Camp Zachary Taylor, Ky.

'16 AB—First Lieut. Abram G. Stratton is attached to the 335th Field Artillery, Camp Pike, Ark. He is at present instructing in the officers' school.

'16 BS—Monroe G. Cheney is a private in Company B, 111th Engineers, engaged in topographic work at Camp Bowie, Texas.

'17 CE—Charles A. Hoffman has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Signal Reserve Corps, Aviation Section, and has been assigned to active duty in the executive office of the Equipment Division, Inspection Department, Signal Corps, Washington. He resides at 1431 L Street, N. W.

'17 BArch—John C. Eakle is with the G. C. Fuller Company of Washington, D. C. He resides at 1108 Capitol Street.

'17—Orders issued by the War Department assigning Second Lieut. John W. Upp, jr., Q.M.C., N.A., to duty with the motor supply train of the 78th Division have been revoked.

'17 BArch—Revalo F. Fuller is with Otis & Clark, 6 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago. His home address is 419 Sheridan Drive, Winnetka, Ill.

'17—Alfred V. Jannotta has received a commission as first lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, and expects soon to be assigned to foreign service.

UNDERGRADUATE WAR NOTES

'18—Eugene B. Sullivan is a candidate in the First Battery, Training School for Officers, Camp Dix, N. J.

'18—Jo H. Cable has enlisted in the Coast Artillery, and is stationed at Fort Slocum.

'18—John T. Eilenberger has been commissioned a first lieutenant and assigned to the 156th Infantry, Camp Dix, N. J.

'19—Norman G. Snyder, son of Professor Virgil Snyder '91 of Ithaca, is a private in the Medical Corps, U. S.A. He is at present on duty at Newport News.

'19—Daniel A. Dargue and Aquila N. Volkhardt have received commissions as first lieutenants in the Aviation Section, Signal Reserve Corps, and are instructing in the School of Military Aeronautics at Cornell.

'20—Allen L. Welch has received a commission as ensign in the United States Navy.

'20—Thomas K. Hendryx is a private in the Medical Corps, stationed at Fort Slocum.

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