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TWO alumni of the University who had each subscribed \$100 annually to the Alumni Fund have endowed their subscriptions permanently by sending each his check to the Treasurer for \$2,000. These endowments were made in response to a suggestion from the Cornellian Council inviting such action by subscribers of \$50 or \$100 or more a year. One of these benefactors, in sending his check for the principal sum, wrote: "On account of the war conditions and the fact that so many young men are being drafted into the national service, I feel that now is the time that all alumni and former students should loyally support the University."

THE COUNCIL set as its goal for the present fiscal year the collection of \$60,000 for the Alumni Fund. The year will end on the 30th of the present month and the Secretary of the Council is making every effort to reach the goal. Remittances are coming in at such a rate as to give him hope of doing so. If the goal is attained the sum then in hand will be double the amount, \$30,000, which was collected in the preceding fiscal year. The amount in hand on June 5, this week, was about \$46,000, net, after all expenses of the Fund to date had been paid and all special subscriptions, such as those for the Women's Dormitory Fund, had been deducted. The Secretary hopes that remittances will continue through the present month to make as good a showing as they have made throughout the spring.

SINCE the Alumni Fund, or the most of it, can be used for any University need, it is doubly welcome in the present emergency. Nobody knows how much of a deficit the University must face next year, but every dollar of the Alumni Fund will help to ease the burden. Nobody ventures to say how much the University's income may be reduced by the loss of tuition-paying students during the period of the war. All the endowed universities and colleges in the east are making earnest appeals to their alumni for support during the crisis which they foresee. The treasurer of Yale University has estimated that a reduction of one-half in the enrollment

of students next year would cause a deficit of \$400,000 in Yale's income. The editor of *Old Penn*, while admitting that it is possible only to guess at the amount of the University of Pennsylvania's impending deficit, says there is reason to fear that it will not be less than \$300,000 and that it may be more. The Cornell business administration is facing not only a greatly diminished income but also an increase in the cost of operation because the prices of necessities such as fuel seem likely to advance.

WORD has been received from the headquarters of the American Field Service in France that the term of enlistment for those enrolling in the corps has been changed, and that hereafter no men will be received in this branch of the service who are not willing to enlist for the period of the war. In addition, notice is given that owing to a shortage of workmen in France, the shops there cannot for the present guarantee the date of delivery of any ambulance bodies, and therefore men now going over may be transferred temporarily into the transport service for the carrying of food, munitions and equipment to the front.

THE foregoing announcement created a problem for committees at Cornell and other universities which have been collecting funds to send ambulance drivers to France. Most of the fund of which the Cornell committee has had the custody has already been devoted to the purpose for which the money was sought, namely, the purchase of ambulances and the financing of ambulance drivers in whole or in part. There is now in the fund about \$3,000 unexpended most of which had been pledged to fifteen Cornell volunteers. The committee has found itself to be unanimously of the opinion that the pledge should not be withdrawn. In the committee's reasoning, the expression of the French Government's desire is paramount. The essential purpose of this fund has been the assistance of France, an ally of America. In view of the French Government's decision that volunteers can render the common cause a greater service for the present in the transport than in the ambulance division, the primary purpose of this fund, which is

to enable Cornell University to give the most effective immediate aid to our French allies, will continue to be served.

THE VOLUNTEERS who receive help from the fund will be told of the new condition. The committee does not expect that any of them will withdraw because of the possibility that they will be asked to drive motor trucks instead of ambulances. Some boys who have wished to go for six months may find it difficult to plan for an indefinite service. However, the French Government offers to accept all American volunteers who go with their own provision for the expense of six months service, and it is not at all likely that such men will thereafter be left to shift for themselves. It is said to be quite possible that the American Government will soon arrange to take over this whole service in France.

AMONG the subscriptions made to the fund through the Cornell Club of New York is one of \$2,100 from Miss Emma C. Larson of New York to cover the cost of an ambulance and its maintenance and the expense of its driver for a year. Miss Larson is not a Cornellian. She explained that she had seen a copy of the circular which the club sent out and that she was interested and wanted to help. The committee will inform her of the new ruling which may prevent the use of her generous gift. The total sum contributed to the American Field Service in France through the Cornell committee, including the contributions of \$350 each by volunteers who pay their own expenses, promises to be about \$50,000. Most of the men in Captain Tinkham's convoy, which had the honor to be the first unit to carry the Stars and Stripes to the front, are self-supporting. There are sixteen more men now ready to go and pay their own expenses. These are in addition to the fifteen mentioned above who are to be assisted. Altogether the number of Cornell men who have entered this service this year or who are prepared to enter it is about one hundred.

THE last number of the *Sun* for this year was published June 6.

School of Military Aeronautics Will Turn Out Twenty-five Men a Week at Cornell—Army Flyer in Command

Cornell University is now co-operating with the War Department in the training of aviators for the army. Work is in progress in the cadet school of military aeronautics which has been established here. There are six of these schools. The other five are at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Ohio State University, and the state universities of Illinois, Texas, and California.

Captain Howard Calhoun Davidson of the aviation section, Signal Corps, U. S. A., has been detailed to the command of the school at Cornell. He is a graduate of West Point, class of 1913. He attended the military aviation school at San Diego, Cal., in 1916, and was on active service as a member of the flying corps attached to the Pershing expedition in Mexico.

These six schools will give candidates for the army flying corps all the preliminary instruction needed to qualify them except teaching them to fly. The six schools are organized to turn out a hundred and fifty men a week for assignment to the flying schools. The candidates are coming to Cornell in weekly batches until two hundred are enrolled. As each class of twenty-five graduates another draft will take its place. A special faculty for this instruction has been organized, composed of members of the staffs of several departments of the University. The course of instruction will take eight weeks. The men are under military discipline. They are receiving military instruction under W. L. Saunders '17, colonel of the Cornell R. O. T. C. this year; W. F. Bull '16, who was a captain in the corps last year, and G. A. Benton, jr., '19, another cadet officer. Most of the pupils here are college men, some of them from Cornell. It is said to be the plan of the War Department that six hundred men shall be trained at Cornell alone.

A large part of Schoellkopf Hall has been turned over by the Cornell University Athletic Association to the school of aeronautics. The men mess at the Cascadilla cafeteria. Three "ships" without motors have been sent here by the War Department for the use of the school, and these dummies have been set up in the baseball cage.

Applications for admission to a school of aeronautics should be sent to the Aviation Section, Chief Signal Officer, War Department, Washington. In a recent interview Howard E. Coffin, head

of the aircraft production board of the Council of National Defense, said: "We have had to start at the beginning. In a few days several universities will be hard at work training aerial cadet corps, from which our aviators will be recruited. It has been the rule of the British service that no man who has ever flown an airplane shall be taken into the service as a beginner. They desire to take new men—men with engineering and military training, if possible, take them in the beginning and train them in accordance with the dictates of a policy which has been established through the bitter service of actual warfare. This is exactly the basis upon which we are proceeding."

Cornell Detail is Terminated

Army Officers Here Have Been Assigned to Other Posts

The army officers who had been detailed as professors of military science and tactics at Cornell University were both assigned to other duties in army orders of May 31. The work of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps here has been concluded for this year. What the policy of the War Department with regard to military instruction in the colleges will be next fall is not yet known. The University will do all it can to maintain the efficiency of the corps. It is possible that a retired officer may be detailed for instruction here.

Captain Charles F. Thompson, the commandant of the corps, has been assigned to the 38th Infantry, a new regiment which has been organized with a part of the 30th Infantry as a nucleus. Captain Thompson, then a first lieutenant of the 16th Infantry, came to Cornell in November, 1915, succeeding Captain Henry T. Bull of the cavalry as professor of military science and tactics here. Captain Thompson has been thoroughly in sympathy with the spirit of efficiency which he found in his department and he has succeeded in raising the standard even higher. His job has been a hard one because of the faculty rule requiring sophomores as well as freshmen to receive military training. The rule was put into effect last fall in anticipation of the completion of the new drill hall. The building is not yet completed, and the difficulty of instructing the large corps through the year has not been small. But Captain Thompson has done his work with enthusiasm in spite of the difficulty. He has enjoyed the respect of his subordi-

ates and of the rank and file. The corps under his command has maintained a high standard.

Captain Thompson has added to the equipment of the military department an excellent rifle range. The range was constructed on University land north of Fall Creek and east of the village of Forest Home. It has 200, 300, and 500 yard ranges, twelve regulation targets, and a telephone system of communication. All members of the training corps have been required to take target practice and a high grade of marksmanship has been developed.

The chief event of Captain Thompson's detail here has been the conversion of the old cadet corps into the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Captain Thompson took the initiative in this after the passage by Congress of the national defense act, and the University Faculty promptly authorized the organization of the new corps. Other recent legislation by the Faculty is the adoption of one three-hour drill period a week in place of the three one-hour periods. This change was recommended by Captain Thompson and will take effect next fall.

Captain George R. Harrison, assistant professor of military science and tactics, has been assigned to the 45th Infantry, a new regiment formed from a battalion of the old 10th Infantry and now stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. He has been on the Cornell detail since last fall, when he was a first lieutenant of the 11th Infantry. He was promoted to the grade of captain in January.

A TABLET in memory of Professor James Morgan Hart, in Sage Chapel, was presented to the University last Sunday afternoon, June 3. The address of presentation was made by Professor Sampson and the gift was accepted for the University by Professor Hammond. Dean Thilly delivered a eulogy of Professor Hart, who was his teacher at the University of Cincinnati. The tablet was erected by Professor Hart's friends and pupils.

THE SOPHOMORES of the College of Civil Engineering went into camp this week for the annual survey. Their tents are pitched at Kidders, on the west shore of Cayuga Lake. Last year the camp was at Lake Ridge, on the east side of the lake. The work is a continuation of the survey of Cayuga Lake and its shores which was begun in 1912 and is expected to occupy successive sophomore classes until about 1924. The work of the present camp will end July 14.

Students Urged to Return

The following announcement by the President of the University was published in the *Sun* of June 6, the issue with which the daily concluded publication for the year:

To the Students of Cornell University:

As you are already aware, Cornell University, besides carrying on the regular Summer Session in July and August, will open as usual in September. The rumor to the contrary I have already contradicted. And I repeat now that our University work next year will all go on as usual.

Of course there will be a diminution in the number of men students in the University over 21 years of age. Some of them are now training in the officers' training camps and others by September may be enrolled in the first contingent of the new National Army. But probably not more than half the students over 21 years of age will be able to satisfy the requirements for admission to military service, and of the students not accepted for military service every single one should make a supreme effort to continue his college education next year.

As regards students of other ages there is no reason why attendance next year should not be as large as usual. The young men and women themselves will realize not less vividly than heretofore the importance of a higher education, and parents are likely to be as keen as heretofore in seeing that they secure that education.

From the point of view of the Republic there is a special reason why every young man and woman who is qualified to enter college next year should not fail if possible to do so. The nation is now engaged in war. It is more important, therefore, than ever before for its vitality that its intellectual and spiritual life should be maintained. If in addition to the horrors of war we permitted ignorance to prevail among the rising generation the result would be their degeneration or even brutalization. More even than in times of peace is the maintenance of higher education in all its varied forms essential to American civilization.

I look for increasing earnestness on the part of American students as a result of the war. I believe that they will concentrate more unreservedly on their studies than they have done in the past; athletics, social distractions, sideshows of all kinds will count for less. It will be felt that education is a serious business and that those who have the opportunity

to secure it enjoy an inestimable privilege.

It is, therefore, with great confidence that I urge every student in the University who has not completed his course to come back next year and continue it. If the total attendance is less than last year the students who do come will have a chance of securing better instruction and more personal attention from their teachers. And this advantage, coupled with serious intellectual interests and devotion to work on their own part, should be productive of the best results.

The views I am presenting represent the sentiments of all our professors and teachers. They also express the views of our Government. I was talking with the Secretary of War in his office in Washington on Saturday, and he said to me that in his opinion nothing was more important in the present war than that our colleges and universities should maintain themselves on an even keel and continue their work as usual. Just as a higher education was a good thing before the declaration of war, so it will continue to be a good thing throughout the war and at the close of the war.

I am not, however, forgetting the war itself, and I feel the greatest sympathy and affection for our boys who have already enrolled in the army and navy, and I recall with the greatest pride the large quota who have gone from Cornell University. But young men who enter the University next year will not be excluded from a taste of military atmosphere. Cornell University has always maintained as a regular part of its work a military department and that department has in recent years attained a high pitch of excellence. And the work in military training like all other courses in the University will also be given next year as usual.

JACOB GOULD SCHURMAN.

ENGINEER RESERVISTS

The following officers of the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps have been relieved from their obligations in connection with their enlistments at the citizens' training camp at Madison Barracks and are assigned to active duty at the same camp: Captain O. M. Leland of the College of Civil Engineering, Captain Thomas H. Farrington '11, First Lieutenant Robert L. Tate '12, and First Lieutenant H. L. Hock '16.

THE final lecture of the citizenship course was canceled because the lecturer, Mr. V. Everit Macy, was called to Washington on government business.

Recruiting the National Guard

A College Committee at Work—Friends May Serve Together

The News has been asked to call the attention of Cornell men to the work which the Citizens Preparedness Association of New York State is doing to assist in the recruiting of the National Guard.

The college division has its headquarters in Room 721, No. 20 Broad Street, New York. This division is organized as follows: Chairman, George T. Adey, Yale, 38 Broad Street; secretary, Paul B. Williams, Hamilton, 20 Broad Street; Langdon P. Marvin, Harvard; Edgar A. Hamilton, Cornell; S. Hinman Bird, Princeton; G. Brokaw Compton, Columbia; J. Robert Rubin, Syracuse; Henry M. Sage, Yale; Lewis Henry, Cornell; Albert Newell, Williams; Richard U. Sherman, Hamilton, and Chauncey J. Hamlin, Yale.

Edgar A. Hamilton '11 has written the following letter to the News:

"At the request of Governor Whitman, Colonel Charles H. Sherrill has formed an organization to render such assistance to the Governor during the period of the war as he may call for. The first work of the organization is to aid in recruiting the National Guard of the State of New York to a war footing. This requires the enlistment of 10,000 men. The above committee has been appointed to call the attention of the college men of the State to the advantages of the Guard.

"The outstanding advantages of the Guard are:

"1. Those who enlist have an opportunity to select the branch of the service they favor.

"2. Arrangements have been made to accommodate friends, in squads of eight or more, desiring to serve together. These squads will be enrolled in the same company and kept intact.

"Enlistment is, of course, voluntary. The age limit is from 18 to 45, whereas the conscription age is from 21 to 31 and for this reason many undergraduates can serve, on land, only with the National Guard. Many of the regiments have but few vacancies and we therefore urge immediate action. We will be glad to serve those who wish to enlist in particular units, or those who wish to form squads.

"The War Department has given assurances that the Guard regiments will be promptly mustered out of service at the close of the emergency.

"All information may be obtained from the undersigned, or from the Secretary."

Cornellians at Fort Sheridan

Below is a list of the Cornell men who are enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Fort Sheridan, Ill. The list was sent to the NEWS by Jessel S. Whyte '13.

Companies E and No. 1 are engineer companies and will go to Fort Leavenworth before the end of this month. All the companies designated by letters are composed of men from Wisconsin or Michigan, and the members of those designated by numbers are from Illinois.

Company E.—Thomas W. Blinn '12, P. H. Birkhead '16, Scott Lehmann '11, Thomas S. Towle '14, Laurens Hammond '16, Jessel S. Whyte '13.

Company 1.—C. F. Clarke '16, R. I. Randolph '07, W. J. Snively '16, J. E. Hayden '10, R. S. Barber '17, Edward J. Blair '05, Joseph A. Cook '15, B. W. Waters, jr., '15, A. V. S. Lindsley '09, E. B. Johnson, jr., '15.

Company A.—B. W. Brodt '14, B. A. Lum '13, L. G. Grinnell '16, W. H. Crampton '18, J. Earl Seiter '20.

Company C.—B. S. Loney, jr., '14, Henry F. Stanton '16.

Company D.—John S. Burrell '14, L. R. Farr '16.

Company F.—K. H. Kolpein '15.

Company H.—E. M. Shepard '13, R. T. McLaughlin '16.

Company K.—Charles R. McCallum '18

Company L.—John C. Davis '00.

Company M.—F. B. Wipperman '13.

Company N.—M. C. Miller '99, M. W. Carmel '12, S. A. Mulhauser '96.

Company P.—B. G. Davidson '16, Arthur Sauve '12.

Company 3.—F. Pincoffs '19, David G. Nethercott '18, George N. Hammond '18, L. G. Lorenzen '16, Leon R. Allen '13, R. F. Fowler '08, A. Tom Knight '12.

Company 4.—D. S. Johnson '15, F. A. Gerould '15, Spencer E. Young '14, Philip O. Houston '15, Hugh K. Snively '19, Lloyd H. Brown '09, J. L. Barr '15.

Company 5.—H. L. Zimmerman '19, C. B. Beck '19, Kellogg Logsdon '13.

Company 6.—E. T. McCarthy '10, Charles S. Gilbert '15.

Company 7.—E. C. Mayer '09, Hamilton Allport '12, L. E. Dallenbach '13.

Company 9.—John Weatherson '95.

Company 10.—F. T. Shiverick '18, H. K. Rulison '15, John L. Dole '18, C. Carry '18.

Company 11.—C. V. Burger '12.

Company 14.—H. A. Lincoln '11, John H. McIlvaine '14, F. L. Nussbaum '06.

Company 15.—Henry C. Power '11, C. D. Albright '12, C. C. Ingersoll '18.

Reunion and Commencement

Friday, June 22—Alumni Day

9 a. m. Registration of all classes at Reunion Headquarters, Goldwin Smith Hall.

1 p. m. The Cascadilla and Home Economics cafeterias will be open to alumni for luncheon.

2 p. m. Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni, Goldwin Smith Hall 134.

2 p. m. Business meeting of the Federation of Cornell Women's Clubs, Barnes Hall.

4-6 p. m. Alumnae Tea, Sage College.

10 p. m. Fraternity and club reunions.

Saturday, June 23—Alumni Day

8:30 a. m. Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumni, Goldwin Smith Hall 134.

9 a. m. Meeting of the Association of Class Secretaries, Goldwin Smith Hall 142.

9 a. m. Meeting of the Cornellian Council, Goldwin Smith Hall.

11 a. m. Annual meeting of the Associate Alumni of Cornell University, Goldwin Smith Hall, Room A.

1:30 p. m. Luncheon, to which all alumni and former students are invited, Prudence Risley.

6 p. m. Class dinners.

Sunday, June 24

4 p. m. Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Charles Whitney Gilkey, Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. Members of the senior class will meet in front of Goldwin Smith Hall at 3:15 p. m. Ticket holders will be admitted to Bailey Hall after 3:15 p. m.

Monday, June 25

11 a. m. Organ recital, Sage Chapel, James T. Quarles, organist.

3:30 p. m. "King René's Daughter," Cornell Women's Dramatic Club, Risley Court, for Senior Week and faculty guests.

4:30-6 p. m. Reception to the women of the senior class and their guests by the Warden, Prudence Risley Hall.

Tuesday, June 26

9 a. m. Meeting of the Committee on General Administration of the Board of Trustees, President's Office, Morrill Hall.

10 a. m. Commencement meeting of the Board of Trustees, President's Office, Morrill Hall.

Wednesday, June 27

11 a. m. Forty-ninth Annual Commencement, Bailey Hall. Procession forms in front of Goldwin Smith Hall at 10:30 a. m.

Questions for Teachers

EDITOR, CORNELL ALUMNI NEWS:

These are questions that at various times I should have enjoyed putting to various members of the faculty:

1. Do you welcome or at least respect criticism from your students? Do you try to get it?

2. Do you consciously consider the student at least as important a factor as the subject and your mature reaction to it?

3. Do you ever consider whether your public discourse is clear, orderly, interesting?

4. Do you know why you teach by the method of lectures rather than by recitations or some other method?

5. Have you any real interest in the men you teach?

6. Have you any real interest in the things you teach?

7. Do you try to give students a vivid idea of the intellectual life—of Dean Creighton's "adventure of learning"?

8. Do you put men on their mettle by expecting a great deal of them?

9. Did you ever reflect on the sad tale of the man who took his son out of college—not Cornell—because the boy did not admire any professor at his institution?

10. If there is any hope of bettering the world, do you habitually stir things up in your particular sphere? (Since the declaration of war, "blessed are the peace-makers who wield the sword.")

It is true that more deadly questions could be put to the average student, and to his parents too, but they do not, I think, sin against light as much as the teachers.

H. A. WICHELS.

Ithaca, 28 May, 1917.

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS

At a national conference in Chicago last month, on "the human factor in industrial preparedness," under the auspices of the Western Efficiency Society, a new national organization was formed to be known as The Society of Industrial Engineers. Of this society three Cornellians were elected to the board of directors—Professor D. S. Kimball of Sibley College, Dean Willard E. Hotchkiss '97, of Northwestern University, and H. F. Porter '05, of Detroit. Others elected were Harrington Emerson, Frank B. Gilbreth, C. E. Knoeppel, Morris L. Cooke, George D. Babcock, Charles Piez, E. C. Shaw, I. A. Berndt, Charles Buxton Going, and H. Thorp Kessler. Mr. Going is provisional president.

OBITUARY

Rufus Anderson '73

Rufus Anderson, M.E., '73, died on May 10 at his home in Southampton, Mass. He was a native of Ohio, but his parents moved to Peekskill, N. Y., when he was ten years old. He entered Cornell from the Peekskill Military Academy in 1869. He was bow oar in 1873 of the first Cornell crew that rowed in an intercollegiate regatta.

After his graduation Mr. Anderson was a teacher at Alfred University. In 1886-89 he was an instructor in Sibley College. From here he went to the University of Illinois and was a member of that faculty for several years. He gave up teaching and built a home at Southampton, Mass., where he spent the rest of his life, engaged chiefly in machine design and construction. Among his inventions was a machine for grinding balls for ball bearings. His wife, two daughters, and a son survive him.

Roland B. Gelatt '79

Roland Bernard Gelatt (1875-78, Lit.) died on May 11 at his home in La Crosse, Wis. He was the proprietor of the *La Crosse Tribune* and *Leader-Press*. Mr. Gelatt was born at Bonaparte, Iowa, April 7, 1856. When he entered Cornell in 1875 he had worked for two years as a printer's apprentice, and during his residence here he worked in the composing rooms and on the news staffs of Ithaca newspapers, and he also held the office of business manager of the *Era*. He left college in the midst of his senior year and went to Washington to work in the office of the Secretary of War, George W. McCrary, who was his uncle. In subsequent years he was managing editor or editor-in-chief of the *Dubuque Times*, the *Minneapolis Tribune* and *Journal*, the *Detroit Tribune*, the *Washington News*, and the *Louisville Commercial*. In 1901 he purchased the *Press*, an evening newspaper at La Crosse. Subsequently he bought a morning and another evening paper and merged them in his property. He was at one time president of the board of trade of La Crosse.

Norton T. Horr '82

Norton Townsend Horr died at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 13, 1917, in his 55th year. He was the eldest son of Charles William and Esther A. Horr. Two brothers survive him, Charles W. Horr '87, and Alfred Horr '95. All the brothers were members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Mr. Horr was born in Huntington, Ohio, but spent his boyhood in Welling-

ton. After his graduation from Cornell with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1882 he graduated from the Columbia Law School with the class of 1884 and entered the law office of Boynton & Hale in Cleveland. For the rest of his life he practiced in that city, where he was regarded as one of the most scholarly men at the bar and had a host of friends. At the time of his death he was vice-president and general manager of the Cleveland Realization Company. His wife, three daughters, and one son survive him.

In his senior year Mr. Horr was one of the editors of the *Sun*. From 1879 till 1882 he held the university championship in the 100-yard dash. He founded the Cleveland Whist Club and was the author of "A Bibliography of Playing Cards" (1891). For many years he had been the very efficient secretary of the Class of 1882.

S. G. Beckett '92

Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Gustavus Beckett, who left Toronto a year ago in command of the 75th Canadian Battalion, was killed in action on the Somme front in March. Beckett was born at Toronto on December 2, 1869, and was educated at the Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute of that city. In 1889 he entered Cornell for the study of architecture. Three years afterward he completed the course and received his degree. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and a player on the university lacrosse team. He returned to Toronto after his graduation and formed a partnership with Vaux Chadwick for the practice of architecture. The partnership lasted till his death. He leaves a wife and four children.

Beckett's hobby was the study of military history and strategy. He had visited many of the battlefields of the American Civil War, and he had written a book on the campaigns of Stonewall Jackson which was almost ready for publication when the present war broke out. At that time Colonel Beckett was regarded as one of the best soldiers in the Canadian militia. He had started his military career as a private in the Queen's Own. In 1904 he had taken command of a squadron of the 9th Mississauga Horse, then known as the Toronto Light Horse—a regiment commanded by his partner, Colonel Chadwick—and had made a reputation as an organizer. When he enlisted at the outbreak of war, therefore, the authorities held him in reserve for a command. In the fall of 1915 he was requested by Sir

Sam Hughes to raise an infantry battalion, and he enlisted 1,200 men in thirty days. This battalion, the 75th, he made so efficient that when, in April, 1916, it sailed for overseas service it had the distinction of going to France as a unit instead of in drafts. It was while leading his men in a raid on the German line, and at the moment when his command reached its objective, that Beckett fell.

"There was no slackness in his make-up," a friend of Colonel Beckett said of him in *The Star Weekly* of Toronto. "He did well whatever he took in hand. He was assiduous in his professional work as an architect. He was a brave soldier and a fine officer. He was a good shot and a first-rate horseman. He had a genius for organizing. He was a clear thinker and a man with a peculiarly sane and steady outlook on life—one who believed that to see your duty in front of you should be the same thing as to do it. Quiet, courteous and unassuming, he was sterling metal all through—he rang absolutely true all the time."

Cora Sechrist '93

Dr. Cora Sechrist Fletcher, B.S., '93, died on May 13 at Cleveland, Ohio. She was a graduate of the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia and at the time of her death was on the staff of the Women's Hospital in Cleveland. Her husband, Dr. H. M. Fletcher, survives her.

R. K. Baker '13

Royal Knapp Baker, A.B., '13, died on May 3 at the home of his aunt, Miss Mary W. Knapp, in Rochester, N. Y., after a long illness. In his senior year in college Baker was business manager of the *ALUMNI NEWS*. He was married in 1914 to Miss Mary Sutherland of Rochester, who survives him, with a daughter. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

D. Y. Key '14

Da Yong Key, C.E., '14, died of typhoid fever at Nanking University Hospital on December 21, 1916. He is survived by his mother, wife, one brother and two sisters. He was connected with the Waterways Engineering College, Nanking.

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN delivered a Memorial Day address before the members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Madison Barracks, N. Y. He spoke on the principles at stake in the war.



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THE TEACHER IN THE COLLEGE

In the NEWS of May 17 the editor ventured, in commenting on a letter by Professor Lane Cooper, to express an opinion based upon doubt whether "productive scholarship" should, as Professor Cooper had asserted, be demanded of every candidate for appointment or promotion in an undergraduate college of arts. Our doubt sprang from a feeling that the college of arts is more concerned with the student than it is with research of the subject. Professor Cooper defended his position in a letter published in the next number of the paper, and Professor Northup supported him. Nevertheless there remained in the editor's mind a feeling that what he had himself attempted to say was worth saying; that while there is no place in the college faculty for the unripe mind or the dilettante, and although none but a live

scholar can be a competent teacher, yet the purpose of the college faculty as a body is teaching rather than research. In seeking to formulate this idea by a course of reading, we have found it expressed by Professor Edward Asahel Birge of the University of Wisconsin in an article published in *The Atlantic Monthly* and republished, under the title "A Change of Educational Emphasis," in a useful volume called *Essays for College Men* (Henry Holt & Co., 1913). Professor Birge hails the "mighty intellectual uplift" which the spirit of research has brought to the college of arts and sciences. But, he says, the college has paid a price for it. And he tells what he hopes for the college of the future.

"On the side of the faculties I look," he says, "for the more complete recognition of the spirit of culture along with that of research. This process is already advanced in the departments of language. We rarely see to-day those extremes of science to which our language teaching tended a decade, or more, ago. Even candidates for the doctorate of philosophy are not set to work to count and tabulate the particles in an author's works, and throughout the ranks the students are more humanely treated. Yet such change comes readily in these departments, because the region of the known is so large and that is so small which is at once unknown and unknowable. In the sciences it will long be difficult to secure courses for culture. The unknown world of science is so vast, so close, that it beckons the student with an irresistible attraction. When the fields of knowledge are white to the harvest, it is not easy for the teacher to avoid recruiting laborers for them and setting them to work. Yet here, too, we shall find ways and methods for making the truths of science more available that they now are for training the average unscientific student, who does not expect to be a scientist, but who does need such a turn to his mind that he can orient himself in a world whose movement comes to depend more and more on science.

"Progress toward shaping the college course for its proper work will be hastened by that revival of the ethical spirit in college which has already begun, and which will go on with increasing rapidity. The spirit of research, like any new ideal, has so filled our minds as to belittle older ideals and make them seem old-fashioned and inadequate. Time will give us a better perspective, and we shall learn

that the art of adjusting the subject to the mind of the college student is as difficult and as worthy of study as is the enlargement of the subject itself. The student will take his due place in the teacher's mind, not to the obscuring of the importance of the study, as was the case in the past; not hidden and dwarfed behind the subject, as is too often the case at present. They will stand side by side, and the teacher's main problem will be how to adjust one to the other, so that the study may enlarge the student's life and the student may come to share—though it may well be in small degree—the life of the study.

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SOME CHANGES IN THE FACULTY

[In a letter addressed to the editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun* and published on May 31, a writer who signed his communication "1915" mentioned by name a number of men who had left or who he thought were about to leave the Cornell Faculty; he said that the Alumni Fund should be used to prevent the loss of such men. The next morning the *Sun* published a reply by Professor W. F. Willcox, who had written the subjoined letter to the editor of the *Sun*.]

Editor, *Cornell Daily Sun*:

The letter from an alumnus in your Thursday's issue, beginning "What's the matter with Cornell?" and complaining about the large number of able teachers who have left or are about to leave us, invites a word of reply. The complaint hits the Departments of Economics and Political Science especially, for since 1911 they have lost Professors Jenks, Fetter, Kemmerer, Johnson, Turner and Bauer by resignation. This is a formidable list and, were there little or nothing to be said on the other side, the claim that something is the matter with these departments and with Cornell might be deemed established.

Each man left because he was offered a higher salary elsewhere and Cornell was unable to meet the offer. Doubtless there were other elements in the question but in each case I believe that was the decisive consideration. Such resignations have occurred from time to time ever since the University was founded and sometimes they have come in bunches, as when Laughlin, Miller,

Caldwell and Veblen left Cornell in the same year to establish a department of economics at the newly organized University of Chicago. Until Cornell is able to pay as high salaries as any university in the country some such changes are inevitable.

Alumni who learn that favorite teachers have resigned naturally grieve at their departure and assume that the University is deteriorating. But to my thinking the real question is this: Are the new appointees keeping up or raising the standards set by their predecessors?

Professor Orth is younger than Professor Jenks and naturally his reputation is not yet so wide. But in consequence his time is less invaded by calls from without and his services to the University at present I believe to be as great as were those of Professor Jenks at the time of his departure. When Professor Fetter withdrew we felt that there were only two men in the country in the same field and class who were not already in better positions. One of them, Professor Johnson, came to us, and, when he withdrew, the other, Professor Davenport, succeeded him. We are sure the standards are fully as high as before. That this is the view of those who know is shown by two sentences in a private letter from his predecessor: "I gave you good service after all in resigning. You have in Professor Davenport the best and most stimulating teacher of economic theory in the whole country." Professor Kemmerer was succeeded by Professor A. A. Young and those who most admire the former must admit, if they look into the facts, that he has been succeeded by a man of equal ability. Younger men in subordinate positions are constantly growing faster than the University's budget can expand to provide for them. This was true of Professors Bauer and Turner, but we are confident that their successors are doing the work fully as well.

In brief, the faculty members who have entered these departments are fully equal in quality to those whose departure we deplored and in this field at least nothing is the matter with Cornell. Probably in other fields, about which I have no special information, the same is true. From the time when Genesis was written to the time when 1915 graduated men have believed "There were giants in the earth in those days." But those who looked into the facts have seldom found that the evidence for the legend was convincing.

WALTER F. WILLCOX.

ALUMNI NOTES

'94—William A. Larned, former national lawn tennis champion, has received a commission as captain in the aviation section, Signal Officers' Reserve Corps, and been assigned to active duty and ordered to report to the Chief Signal Officer of the army.

'96, Med. Prep.—Dr. Henry H. M. Lyle, of New York, has received a commission as major in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps.

'96, M.E.—In army orders of June 2 Captain L. D. Miller, Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps, was directed to go to Brooklyn, N. Y., for duty in connection with the inspection of searchlights being manufactured by the Sperry Gyroscope Company.

'97, B.S.—Captain C. G. Edgar, Quartermaster Officers' Reserve Corps, is directed by army orders of June 1st to make two trips a month during June, July and August from Washington to Detroit, Dayton, Chicago, Rantoul, Ill., and St. Louis, for temporary duty in regard to the aviation service of the army.

'00, B.S.A.—Carl F. Pilat, landscape architect of the park board of the City of New York, is the author of an article entitled "A summary of the work of federal and state agencies" in the June number of *The Architectural Record*. The article is the result of original research undertaken at the suggestion of the *Record*. It shows that, besides six bureaus of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, no fewer than thirty-four state colleges and universities are doing "extension work" in architecture or landscape gardening or both. The article will be followed by a second giving a bibliography of the publications of these public agencies.

'00, B.S.; '12, Ph.D.—Harry W. Redfield is bacteriologist in charge of inspection microbiology, bureau of chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington. In the enforcement of the Food and Drugs Act of 1906, any foods which consist in whole or in part of filthy, putrid, or decomposed animal or vegetable substances are liable to be seized and destroyed and the manufacturers thereof prosecuted. Dr. Redfield has charge of the laboratory in which the bacteriological examinations are made to detect filth, putridity or decomposition. He has to interpret these examinations, make recommendations for seizure or prosecution when necessary, build up cases for trial and see them

through the courts. His laboratory staff must carry on research continuously to develop new lines of attack and he must supervise this work. He says it is an interesting job, and not so "rotten" as the character of the work might indicate.

'00, A.B.—Kelton Ewing White of St. Louis is to be married to Miss Blanche Turner, daughter of Mrs. John W. Turner, at Arcadia, Mo., on June 9.

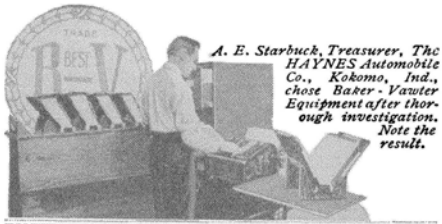
'02, LL.B.—Godfrey Goldmark of 243 West Ninety-eighth Street, New York, has been appointed an assistant counsel of the New York State Public Service Commission for the First District. The counsel of the commission is ex-Justice William L. Ransom '05. Mr. Goldmark has served since January 1, 1916, as secretary to Chairman Oscar S. Straus of the commission. He becomes a member of the commission's law department at a salary of \$4,800 a year. After his graduation from the law school Mr. Goldmark was employed by the firm of Steele, De Fries & Frothingham in New York until 1908. From that year till 1916 he was a member of the firm. He collaborated in the preparation of the seventh and eighth editions of "White on Corporations" and is one of the authors of "White and Goldmark on Non-Stock Corporations."

'03, LL.B.—The office of George H. Turner, counselor at law, is now at 3 West Forty-second Street, New York.

'04, A.B.; '05, A.M.—Dr. R. E. Sheldon of the University of Pittsburgh is spending the summer on Cayuga Heights, Ithaca.

'05, C.E.—H. F. ("High Jump") Porter has received a commission as captain in the Quartermaster Officers' Reserve Corps. He has not yet been called to service and remains with the Detroit board of commerce.

'05, M.S.A.; '09, Ph.D.—Arthur W. Gilbert, recently of the department of plant breeding in the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, has been appointed secretary of the agricultural committee of the Boston chamber of commerce. The chamber is seeking to correlate the activities of all the agricultural organizations in New England in a general forward movement and to effect a further expansion of the New England federation for rural progress, which has been in existence for some time. The chamber of commerce is just now devoting particular attention to the milk situation, which is critical in view of the very high price of feed and the fact that farmers are selling their cows because



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'05—Edward A. Fisher is the city engineer of Lakewood, Ohio. His address is 1205 St. Charles Street.

'05, A.B.—A. D. Camp's address is Beach Cliff, Rocky River, Ohio. He is chemist in charge of the testing laboratory of the National Carbon Company at Cleveland.

'06, M.E.—H. C. Herpel is now with the Cohoes Rolling Mill Company, Cohoes, N. Y.

'09, M.E.—Lieutenant A. C. Sullivan of the Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., has returned from Manila and is at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, Cal.

'09, M.E.—Carl Hawley ("Tip") Watson was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Dunston Nicholas, daughter of Mr. John Dunston, of New York, at Garden City, L. I., on May 29. The wedding had been planned to take place several weeks hence and the ceremony was hastened because Watson expects to enter active service soon with the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps.

'10, M.E.—Gilbert H. Crawford, of New York, has received a commission as captain in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps.

'10, A.B.—Noland Blass is in Battery 3 of the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas. In the same battery is Robert A. Doyle '14. Blass writes that the twenty-five hundred men in that camp are a serious lot, all really trying for commissions in the army and fully recognizing that many who go to the front will never come back; each feels that he is offering himself for whatever his government thinks best. Most of the men are college graduates; many are experienced business men. There is no loafing in the camp.

'10, A.B.—A daughter was born on May 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. St. John, of 732 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

'11, M.E.; '15, LL.B.—A United States patent has been granted to Robert V. Morse of Ithaca on a device of his invention for the mounting of turbo-generators for the electric propulsion of ships. The device is subsidiary to the general development of electric propulsion systems. It consists in mounting the rotating parts of turbo-

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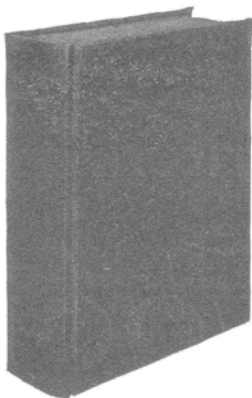
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generators in such a way that their gyroscopic action will counteract the rolling of the ship. Mr. Morse has received English patents on electric ship propulsion systems and English and French patents on dynamo electric machines. His new device will not be manufactured until these other inventions have been patented in this country.

'11, M.E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Amy Grace Dessar, daughter of ex-Judge Leo C. Dessar of New York, and Charles Arnold Rohr '11, of New York. Miss Dessar is a graduate of Barnard College.

'11, A.B.—After serving nine months on the border with the 1st New York Cavalry, Henry G. Seipp has been found unqualified for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps on account of defective eyesight. He is now practicing law with Worcester, Williams & Saxe at 30 Broad Street, New York.

'12, B.S.A.—James L. Kraker is now with the Harry Bentz Engineering Company, 90 West Street, New York, as manager of the company's agricultural service department. The company is making a dryer which is extensively used for the dehydration of fruits and vegetables in the present food conservation campaign.

'12, LL.B.—L. M. Cohn of Little Rock is in the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas.

'12, M.E.—Lai Yang Chang was married to Miss Li Chi-chu in Tientsin, China, on March 24, 1917. E. F. Wei '11, Frank Sze '13, and Y. S. Djang '15 were among the Cornellians present at the ceremony.

'12, LL.B.—W. Mynderse Rice, of Auburn, N. Y., has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Infantry Officers' Reserve Corps.

'12, M.E.—Clinton Brooks Ferguson was married to Miss Lillian Edna Lynch of Brooklyn on May 12. They will make their home in Boston.

'12, C.E.—Jesse C. Johnston of Lamar, Colorado, has received a commission in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps.

'12, C.E.—Edward H. Taylor has received a commission as first lieutenant in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps. His address is in care of the Austin Company, 14,230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland.

'12, B.S.—Jacobus C. Faure, whose address is Box 502, Bloemfontein, O.F.S., South Africa, and who is entomologist of the Orange Free State, writes to the



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'12, LL.B.—Edward C. Kerr is in Company 4, R. O. T. C., Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'12, M.E.—Gilbert C. Molleson is with the Thomas-Morse Aircraft Corporation, Ithaca, N. Y.

'12, C.E.—Matthew M. Bird is at Stevenson, Conn., being employed by the Birkinbine Engineering Offices of

Philadelphia and in charge of surveys for a hydro-electric development of the Housatonic River.

'12, M.E.—C. D. McLaughlin is inspector of aeroplanes and motors in the aviation section, signal corps, U. S. A. His address is 3135 Highland Avenue, Washington, D. C.

'12—Paul W. Jones has received a commission as captain in the Ordnance Officers' Reserve Corps. His address is 1239 Guardian Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

'12, M.E.—Lieutenant William A. Borden, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., has changed his address from Sandy Hook, N. J., to 2306 Tracy Place, Washington, D. C.

'12, M.E.—Edward N. Hay has received a commission as first lieutenant in the Ordnance Officers' Reserve Corps.

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"For the first time in my life, I heard the reviewers applaud throughout the showing of a picture."

This was the statement made by Adam Hull Shirk, editor of the Dramatic Mirror, following the first showing of "The Great White Trail," the new super-feature by The Whartons of Ithaca, given at the Broadway Theater in New York, June 1. And the reviews which followed the showing of the picture showed that Mr. Shirk was right.

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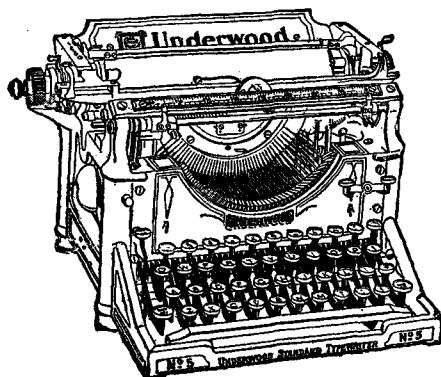
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"The Great White Trail" is to be released on the states rights plan, and if Cornell alumni will ask their exhibitors regarding the showing of the picture, it will do much to bring it into their territory. Incidentally, "The Great White Trail" was made by The Whartons, who also have produced "Patria" and other big features. A letter to Dept. A, Wharton Inc., Ithaca, N. Y., will gain more information concerning Ithaca-made pictures.—*Adv.*

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'12—Clift Andrus, first lieutenant, field artillery, U. S. A., is at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

'12, B.S.—Lloyd I. Snodgrass is in the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

'12—John S. Nichols is in the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Snelling, Minn.

'12, LL.B.—Matthew W. Carmel is in Company N, R. O. T. C., Fort Sheridan, Ill.

'12, M.E.—William E. Munk is in the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

'12, M.E.—Eugene H. Coleman served eight months on the Mexican border as a corporal in the Washington artillery. He is now a first lieutenant in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps and is temporarily in the training camp at Fort Logan H. Roots, Arkansas.

'13, M.E.—Louis du B. Rees, of Wilkesburg, Pa., has received a commission as first lieutenant in the Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps.

'13, LL.B.—Leslie H. Groser has left the firm of Bowers & Sands and is now associated with De Forest Brothers, attorneys, at 30 Broad Street, New York.

'14, A.B.; '15, B.Chem.—C. F. Nagel is in Troop 2, R. O. T. C., Fort Niagara, N. Y.

'14, C.E.—Paul L. Heslop's address is now in care of the Fargo Engineering Company, Jackson, Michigan. He is in the home office of the company after working for seven months on the Wisconsin Development in Wisconsin and three months on another hydro-electric development on the Au Sable River in northern Michigan.

'14, M.E.—John H. McIlvaine is in the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

'14—Samuel Miller Callahan of Chicago is in the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

'14, A.B.—F. M. Frederiksen is in Company No. 5, R. O. T. C., Madison Barracks, N. Y.

'14, A.B.—H. L. Hall is in the 5th New York company, R. O. T. C., Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.

'14, LL.B.—Elmer E. Finck, of Buffalo, has received a commission as second lieutenant in the Cavalry Officers' Reserve Corps.

'15, M.E.—Allan I. Davis is now at 30 Quincy Street, North Adams, Mass.

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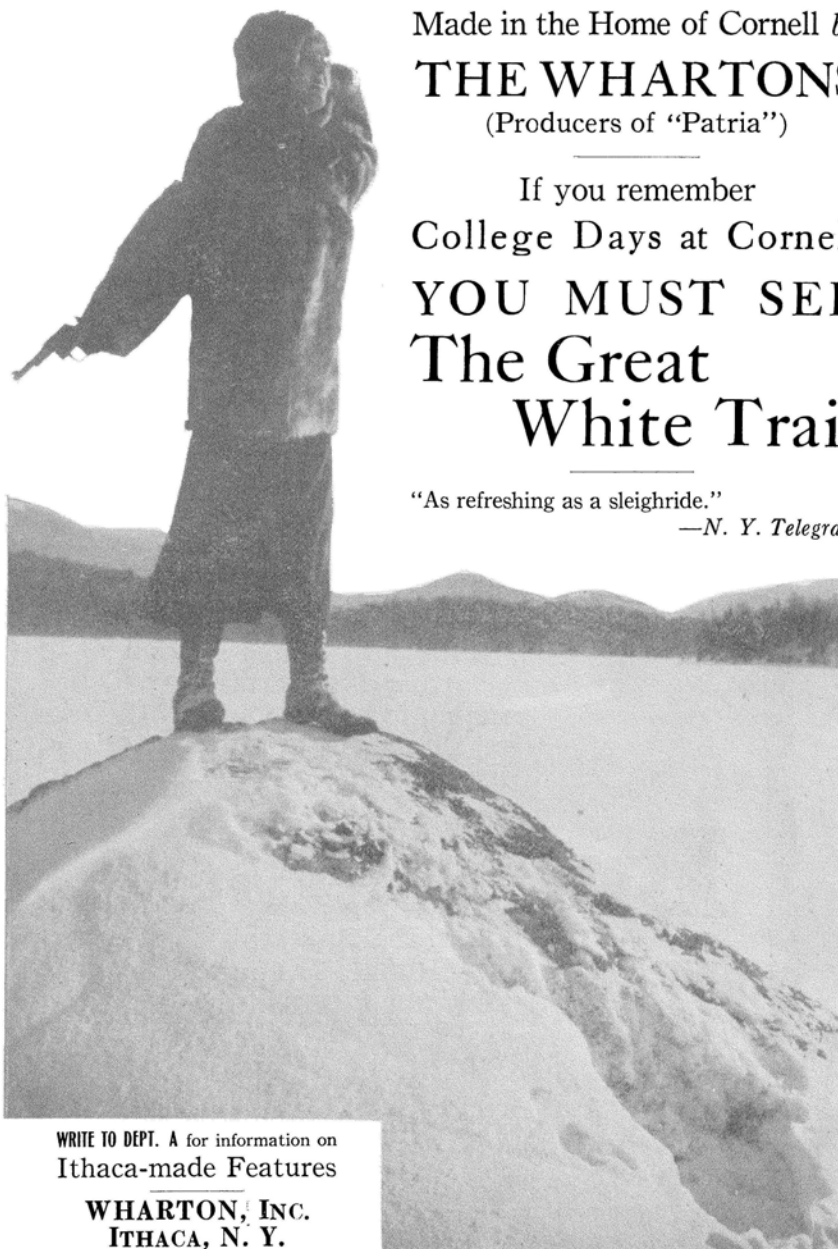
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'15, A.B.—Y. S. Djang is chemist of the Pei Yang Sanitary Department and engineering secretary of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs at Tientsin, China. He was recently elected English secretary of the American Returned Students' Club, Tientsin.

'16—Charles Mosher Sailor was married to Miss Gladys Price Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Allan Stewart of Chicago, on April 21. Sailor's best man was P. S. Hill '17. Mr. and Mrs. Sailor will make their home at 154 North Humphrey Avenue, Oak Park, Ill. Sailor is with Heywood Brothers & Wakefield Company, 1415 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

'17, M.E.—Harolde N. Searles is with the Midvale Steel Company at Philadelphia. His address is 3105 West Penn Street, Germantown.

'17, M.E.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Inez Foster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Seward Foster of East Orange, N. J., to Frank Gifford Tallman '17, of Wilmington, Del. Tallman is a radio operator in the naval reserve force. He is the son of F. G. Tallman '80.

'17, M.E.—R. K. Reynolds is in Company 15, Engineers, New England Division, R. O. T. C., Plattsburg, N. Y.

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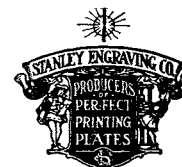
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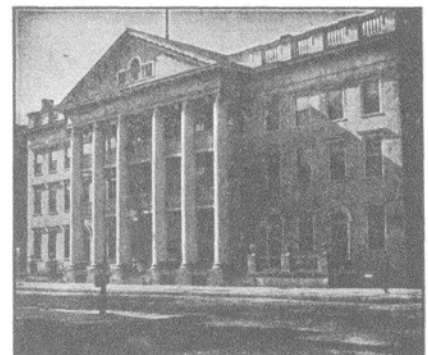
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